

Forest of Dean District Council

Parish of Lydney Neighbourhood Planning Referendum

Information Sheet

Referendum: Thursday 18 February 2016

On Thursday 18 February 2016, there will be a referendum on a neighbourhood development plan for the parish of Lydney. This information sheet explains more about the referendum that will be taking place and how you can participate.

For further information on the plan you can find relevant detailed documents and a copy of the plan via Forest of Dean District Council's website here: [Neighbourhood Planning - Lydney](#)

What is a referendum?

A referendum asks you to vote "yes" or "no" to a question. For this referendum you will receive a ballot paper with this question:

"Do you want Forest of Dean District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for the parish of Lydney to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

You vote by putting a cross (X) in the box next to your choice on the ballot paper. Do not mark the ballot paper in any other way or your vote may not count.

If more people vote "yes" than "no" in the referendum, then Forest of Dean District Council will use the Neighbourhood Development Plan to help it decide planning applications in the parish of Lydney.

The Neighbourhood Plan once adopted will then become part of the Development Plan used by Forest of Dean District Council to approve or reject planning applications within the area.

If more people vote "no" than "yes", planning applications will be decided without reference to the Neighbourhood Plan as part of the Development Plan for the Forest of Dean District.

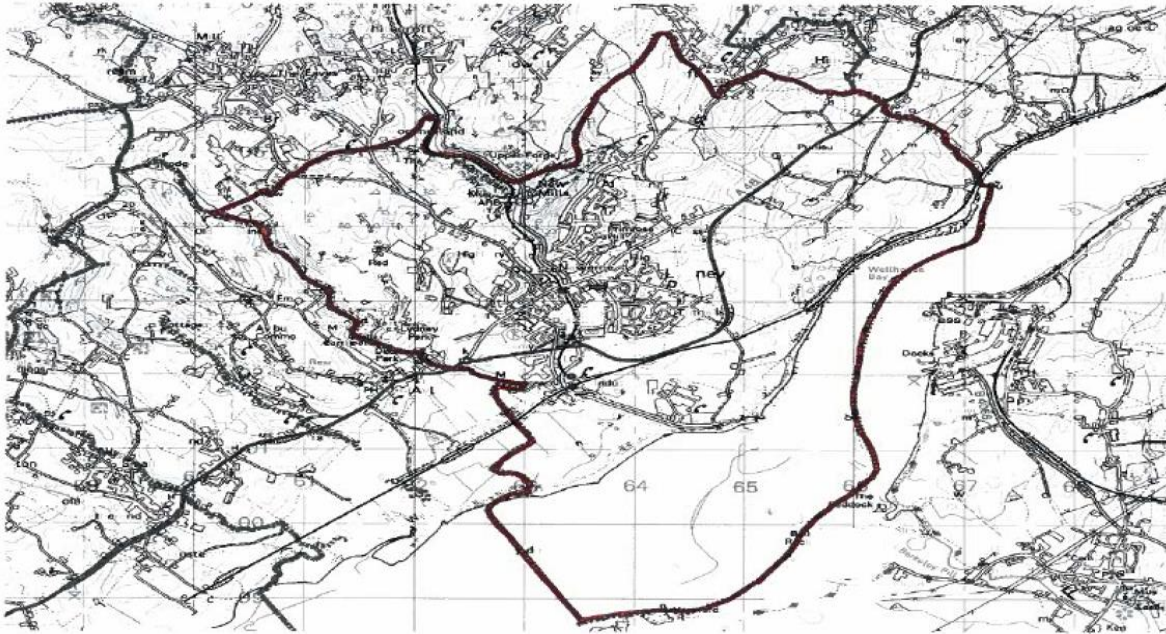
What is Neighbourhood Planning?

Neighbourhood planning aims to help local communities play a direct role in planning the areas in which they live and work.

A community can prepare a neighbourhood plan. The plan can show how the community wants land to be used and developed in its area.

What is a neighbourhood area?

Neighbourhood area can cover single street or large urban or rural areas. The boundaries of a neighbourhood area are put forward by a parish or town council. In Lydney, the boundary of the neighbourhood area is the same as the parish of Lydney.



Who can prepare a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood plans are prepared by or on behalf of town or parish councils. In this case the Lydney Neighbourhood Development Plan was prepared by Lydney Town Council.

What is a Development Plan?

In England, planning applications are determined by local planning authorities in accordance with the Development Plan and any other material considerations. In Forest of Dean District Council the current Development Plan is made up of the Core Strategy (adopted 2012), Cinderford Northern Quarter Strategy (adopted 2012), the emerging Allocations Plan and the County adopted minerals and waste planning documents. The documents that make up the Development Plan set out the policies for the development and use of land across the entire local authority area. If the Lydney Neighbourhood Development Plan passes the referendum and is then made it will form part of the Development Plan when deciding planning applications within the parish of Lydney.

Who is the Planning Authority?

Within Forest of Dean District, the local planning authority is Forest of Dean District Council. Where a Neighbourhood plan has passed its examination it is the District Council who is responsible for undertaking the referendum.