

# **Berry Hill, Christchurch and Edge End Neighbourhood Development Plan Information Statement**

A Referendum relating to the Berry Hill, Christchurch and Edge End Neighbourhood Development Plan will be held on Thursday 15 February 2018.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is

**‘Do you want Forest of Dean District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Berry Hill, Christchurch and Edge End to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?’**

The Referendum area is identified on the map which accompanies this information statement. The Referendum area is identical to the area which has been designated as the Berry Hill, Christchurch and Edge End Neighbourhood Plan Area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if:-

- he or she is entitled to vote in a local government election in the Referendum area; and
- his or her qualifying address for the election is in the Referendum area. A person’s qualifying address is, in relation to a person registered in the register of electors, the address in respect of which he or she is entitled to be so registered.

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2478.35. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 1972.

The Referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.

A copy of the specified documents, that is those documents listed below, may be inspected during normal opening hours at:

- Forest of Dean District Council, High Street, Coleford GL16 8HG

The documents are also available for public viewing on the Council’s website at: [www.fdean.gov.uk](http://www.fdean.gov.uk)

The specified documents are:

- The Berry Hill, Christchurch and Edge End Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- The report of the independent examiner into the submission draft Berry Hill, Christchurch and Edge End Neighbourhood Development Plan
- A summary of representations submitted to the independent examiner;
- A Decision Statement of the Local Planning Authority’s satisfaction that the draft neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions specified by statute and complies with the provision made by or under Section 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;
- A statement that sets out general information as to town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum;
- Map of the Berry Hill, Christchurch and Edge End Neighbourhood Plan area.