Baylham Neighbourhood Plan 2024 - 2037 Referendum Information Statement



A local referendum on the Baylham Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 28 August 2025

The Baylham Neighbourhood Plan 2024 - 2037 contains planning policies for the use and development of land within the designated area (the parish). There is a statutory process which must be followed before this Plan can be 'made' (adopted). This involves holding a referendum which will be conducted in accordance with procedures similar to those used at local government elections.

Those entitled to vote will be asked the following question:

'Do you want Mid Suffolk District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Baylham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

If more than 50% vote 'yes', Mid Suffolk District Council will be legally obliged to 'make' (adopt) this neighbourhood plan as part of its development plan.

A person will be entitled to vote in this referendum if;

- He or She is entitled to vote in a local government election in the referendum area; and
- He or She has an address at which they are registered to vote within the Referendum area and are over the age of 18 years on the date of poll.

The referendum area is identical to that designated as the Neighbourhood Plan Area. It follows the parish boundary and is shown on a map within the referendum version plan (see links further below).

An individual or body wishing to register to campaign for a 'yes' or 'no' vote during the referendum period will be subject to an expenses limit which is calculated to be £2,375.69

The number of persons entitled to vote in this referendum by which the above expenses limit has been calculated is 232 (*figure correct at time of publication*).

Copies of the specified documents (listed below) can be accessed by following the appropriate links, or by going to: https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/BaylhamNP

- A Statement (this document) setting out general information relating to the referendum
- The referendum version of the <u>Baylham Neighbourhood Plan</u>
- The Independent Examiner's Report on the submission draft version of this Plan
- The <u>Written Representations</u> on the submission draft plan. See also the <u>Examination</u> <u>Correspondence</u> document, and the <u>Local Green Space</u> consultation documents
- A <u>Decision Statement</u> (published on 12 June 2025) which confirms that, subject to modification, the submission draft Plan met the basic conditions and other legislative requirements, and that it could proceed to referendum.

A small number of printed copies of the referendum version Plan have also been deposited at St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Baylham, IP6 8JT, for viewing or short-term loan.