Balsall Heath Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Balsall Heath Neighbourhood Plan will be held on 8th October 2015.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

“Do you want Birmingham City Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Balsall Heath to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area.”

The Referendum area is identified on the map which is included with this information statement.

The Referendum area is identical to the area which has been designated as the Balsall Heath Neighbourhood area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on 8 October 2015

- 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 registered.

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £3,126.81. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 12,963.

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 on line:

http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/balsallheathndp

Paper copies of the specified documents are also available to view at:

- 1 Lancaster Circus, Queensway, Birmingham, B4 7DJ Monday – Friday during office hours

- Balsall Heath Library, Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays 9.00am -5.00pm, Thursdays 11.00am -7.00pm and Saturdays 9.00am – 5.00pm
The specified documents are:

- The Balsall Heath Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- Report of the independent examiner;
- Summary of the representations submitted to the independent examiner;
- Statement by the local planning authority that the draft plan meets the basic conditions and complies with the relevant legislation;
- This information statement;
- A statement that sets out general information about town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum.

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