



Wickham Market Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Information Statement

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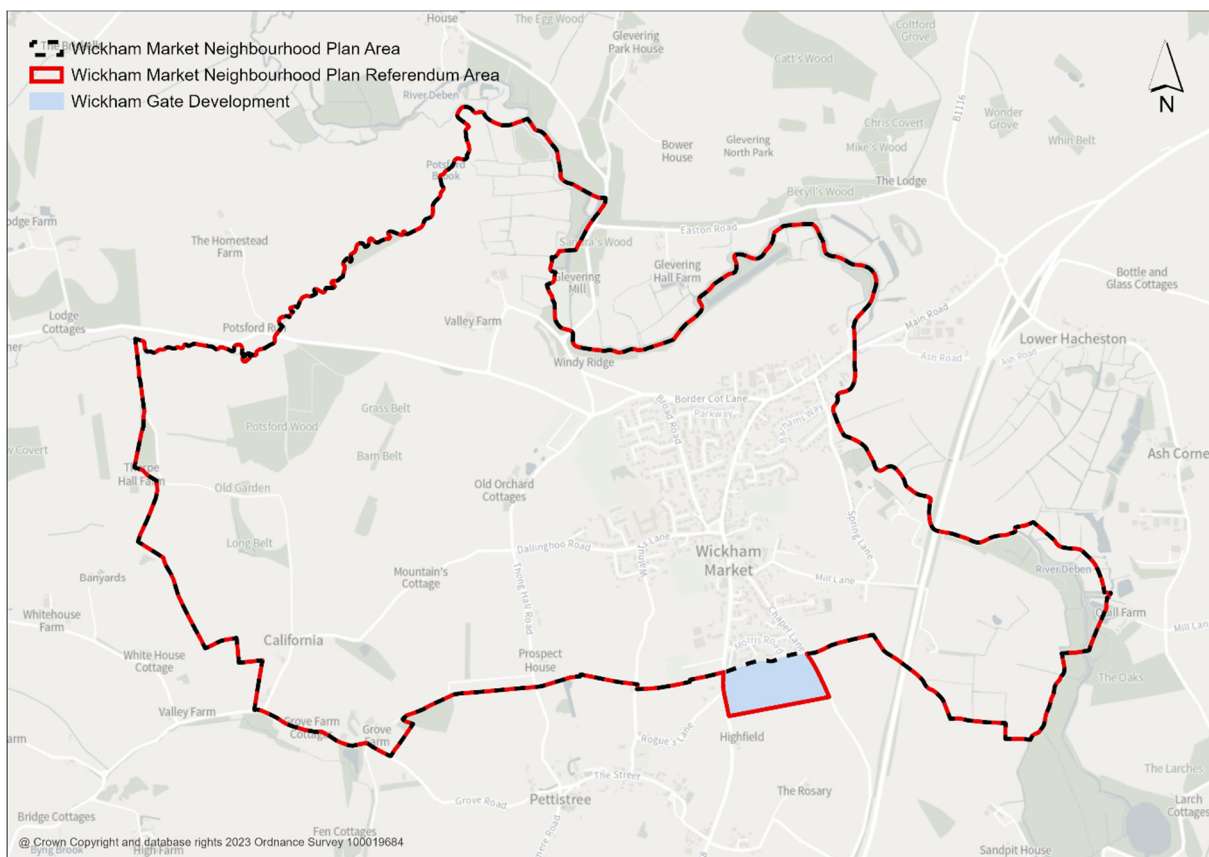
Referendum Date: Thursday 12th October 2023

A Neighbourhood Planning Referendum will be held for the Wickham Market Neighbourhood Plan on **12th October 2023**. The question asked in the referendum will be:

Do you want East Suffolk Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Wickham Market to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

The Referendum Area

The referendum area is the same as the current Wickham Market parish area. This comprises the neighbourhood plan area, which was designated by East Suffolk Council on 12th January 2016 (and represented the parish area at the time), plus the 'Wickham Gate' development which is now included in Wickham Market parish following a recent boundary review. This follows the recommendation of the Neighbourhood Plan Examiner and subsequent agreement by East Suffolk Council. The referendum area is indicated on the map below. Residents within the referendum area, including residents of Wickham Gate, will be entitled to vote in the Neighbourhood Plan referendum (subject to the criteria below).



A person is entitled to vote in the referendum on Thursday 12th October 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.

The referendum expenses limit for this referendum is £2475.44 This limit has been calculated based on the number of people entitled to vote in the referendum being 1,804.

The referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures similar to those used at local Government Elections.

The Specified Documents, which are required to be made available through the referendum period, are:

- The Wickham Market Neighbourhood Plan 2018-2036 (Referendum Plan, August 2023);
- Examiner's Report (June 2023) - the report of the independent examiner;
- A summary of representations submitted to the independent examiner;
- East Suffolk Council Decision Statement: A statement by East Suffolk Council that the draft plan meets the basic conditions and Convention rights;
- Information for Voters which is a statement that sets out general information as to town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum; and,
- Information Statement: A statement containing basic information about the referendum.

These documents can be viewed online at:

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-plans-in-the-area/wickham-market-neighbourhood-area/>

The Specified Documents are also available to view at:

Wickham Market Library
Resource Centre
Chapel Lane
Wickham Market
IP13 0SD

East Suffolk Council Customer Services
Woodbridge Library
New Street
Woodbridge
IP12 1TD

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