Creech St Michael Neighbourhood Development Plan
Referendum Information Statement

A neighbourhood planning referendum will be held for the Creech St Michael Neighbourhood Development Plan on Thursday 10 October 2019.

The question to be asked in the referendum is “Do you want Somerset West and Taunton Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Creech St Michael to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

The Referendum area is identical to the area which has been designated as the Creech St Michael Neighbourhood Plan Area. That is, the Creech St Michael Parish (see attached map).

A person is entitled to vote if at the time of the referendum if they meet the eligibility criteria to vote in a local election for the area, and if they live in the referendum area.

To vote in a local government election you must:

- be registered to vote
- be 18 or over on the day of the election (‘polling day’)
- be a British, Commonwealth or EU citizen
- be resident at an address in the area you wish to vote in
- not be legally excluded from voting

Number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum is: 2,206

For queries about election procedures please contact the electoral services team via the website at elections@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk or 01823 358692

The referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Creech St Michael Neighbourhood Development Plan has been calculated at £2,362 plus 0.059p for each person entitled to vote, making the limit: £2,492.15. The total referendum expenses incurred or, treated as incurred, must not exceed the referendum expenses limit. The relevant statutes and guidance must be adhered to by all (individual or body by whom, or on whose behalf, are)
connected with a campaign conducted with a view to promoting or procuring a particular outcome in relation to the question to be asked in a referendum.

**The referendum will be conducted** in accordance with procedures similar to those used at local government elections.

**The referendum documents** can be viewed at: https://www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/creech-st-michael-neighbourhood-development-plan/

Hard copies are also available to view at:

**Somerset West and Taunton Council Office:**
- Deane House, Belvedere Road Taunton, Somerset, TA1 1HE; reception hours Mon-Fri 08:30-17:00.

**Taunton Library:**
- Taunton Library, Paul St, Taunton TA1 3XZ;

**Creech St Michael Parish:**
- Village Hall, Ryesland Way, Creech St Michael, Taunton TA3 5QQ;
- Parish Councillors and the Clerk of West Monkton Parish Council.

**The referendum specified documents are:**

- Neighborhood Development Plan;
- Independent Examiners Report;
- Summary of representations submitted to the independent examiner;
- Statement that LPA are satisfied the draft plan meets those basic conditions and complies with the provision made by or under sections 38A and 38B of the 2004 Act;
- Statement setting out general information as to town and country planning (including neighbourhood planning) and the referendum, which is prepared having regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State;
- LPA determination of effect on a European site (as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010) or a European offshore marine site (as defined in the Offshore Marine Conservation...
(Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 2007) (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects;

- Notice of the Referendum;
- Referendum Information Statement (incl: Map of the referendum area)

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