



## **Referendum Information Statement for West Monkton & Cheddon Fitzpaine Neighbourhood Development Plan (WM&CF NDP)**

A neighbourhood planning referendum will be held for the West Monkton & Cheddon Fitzpaine Neighbourhood Development Plan on Thursday 22 September 2022.

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

The Referendum area is identical to the area which has been designated as the West Monkton & Cheddon Fitzpaine Neighbourhood Plan Area. That is, the West Monkton & Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish boundaries excluding the area within that which falls within the Staplegrove Urban Extension (also known as the North Taunton Development), 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: 6,199

For queries about election procedures please contact the electoral services team on [elections@westsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:elections@westsomerset.gov.uk) or 01984 635272

The referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the West Monkton & Cheddon Fitzpaine Neighbourhood Development Plan has been calculated at £2,362 plus 0.059p for each person entitled to vote, making the limit: £2,727.74. 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 on SWT's website at:

West Monkton and Cheddon Fitzpaine revised neighbourhood plan ([somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk](http://somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk))

Hard copies are also available to view at:

**Somerset West and Taunton Council Offices:**

- Deane House, Belvedere Road Taunton, Somerset, TA1 1HE; reception hours Mon-Thurs 08:30-17:00, Fri 09:30-16:30.

**West Monkton Parish:**

- West Monkton Village Hall, Monkton Heathfield, TA2 8NE;
- Brittons Ash Community Hall, Bridgwater Road, Bathpool, TAUNTON, TA2 8FT;
- The Clerk of West Monkton Parish Council.

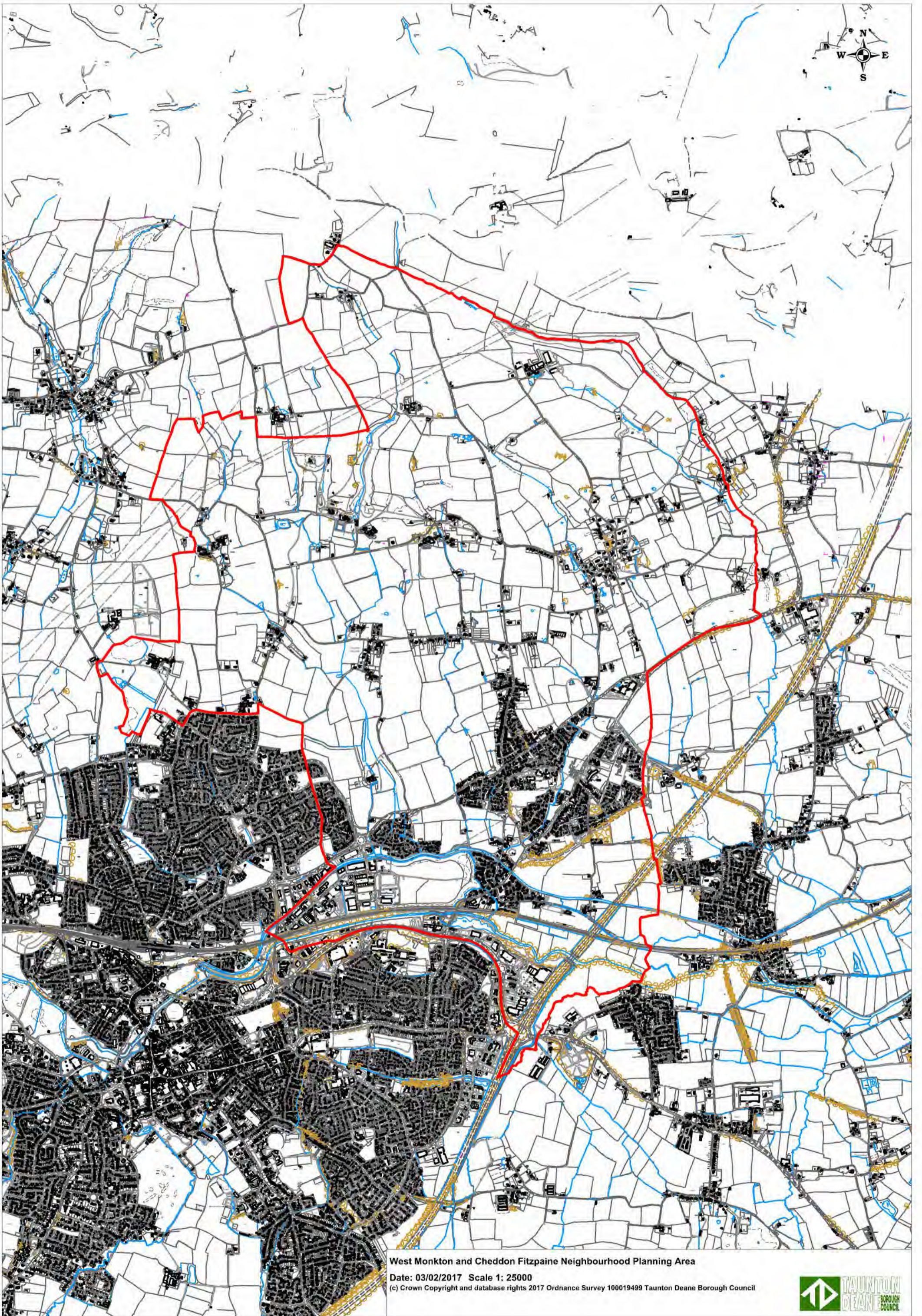
**Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish and environs:**

- Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall, Rowford, Cheddon Fitzpaine, Taunton, TA2 8JY;
- The Clerk of Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Council.

The referendum specified documents are:

- Referendum Information Sheet (including map of the Neighborhood Area);
- Revised West Monkton & Cheddon Fitzpaine Neighborhood Development Plan;
- Independent Examiners Report;
- Summary of Representations at Regulation 16;
- Statement of Compliance with the Basic Conditions: Statement that LPA are satisfied the draft plan meets those basic conditions and complies with the provision made by or under sections 61E (2), 61J and 61L of the 1990 Act and sections 38A and 38B of the 2004 Act;
- Statement setting out general information as to the Town and Country Planning Act (including neighbourhood planning) and the referendum, which is prepared having regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State;
- Obligations Statement: This includes the effects of the Plan on the environment and European sites, ether alone or in combination with other plans or projects. The Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment;
- Notice of the Referendum;

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West Monkton and Cheddon Fitzpaine Neighbourhood Planning Area

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