



Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan

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After nearly six years of intensive work, by a team of dedicated community volunteers, staff at Marlborough Town Council and a variety of specialist consultants, the Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan is finished and ready to go to a Community Referendum on 23RD March 2023.

The Neighbourhood Plan is a document, with legal status, that would be used as part of the planning application process for building new buildings or altering existing ones. It contains nineteen policies, covering all aspects of community need, which would have to be adhered to. These policies have been formulated by extensive public consultation and survey, with the technical help of specialised consultants. The policies support the provision of more affordable housing, protect our environment, landscapes, and open spaces, protect against speculative and unwanted developments, preserve, or improve our community infrastructure and protect our heritage of historical sites and buildings.

The Neighbourhood Plan covers Marlborough and Manton and the adjoining parishes of Savernake and Mildenhall. It covers the years up to 2036 but would be subject to regular reviews and updates. For the plan to be adopted it requires a majority vote in favour. If this is not achieved our community will have less control about how land is used and be more at risk from unwanted development.

If you would like to read the plan and its supporting evidence, it is available at:

1. The Plan documents are available at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-neighbourhood-latest-news/>
2. More information about the Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan is available at www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan

Issued by the Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Notes to editors

1. Public engagement

Saturday, 11 March in person at the Town Hall. Meet Steering Group Members, find out more and ask questions
Drop-in and informal Q&A 10:30-12:30
Presentation: MANP explained + Q&A 13:30-14:30
Tuesday, 21 March – Online at 7pm
Zoom : MANP Referendum presentation¹

2. Steering Group

Steering Group members are listed at <https://www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/manp-meet-the-team>.

The Chairman is Councillor Mervyn Hall, and the Secretary is Richard Spencer-Williams.

3. Referendum timetable

All will be issued by Wiltshire Council:
Publication of Information Statement and Specified Documents 13 February
Notice of Referendum published 16 February
Day of Poll 7am to 10pm 23 March

4. Press Enquiries

For press enquiries, please contact Richard Spencer-Williams, Town Clerk at Marlborough Town Council, on 01672 512487 or email townclerk@marlborough-tc.gov.uk

5. Attachments

Information statement
Information leaflet

¹ For the Zoom link please go to www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan

Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan Information Statement

A referendum relating to the Marlborough will be held on 23rd March 2023.

The question which will be asked in the referendum is **‘Do you want Wiltshire Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Marlborough 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 reflects the area that has been designated as the Marlborough Neighbourhood Area.

A person is entitled to vote in the referendum if:-

- He or she is entitled to vote in an election of any Councillor of Wiltshire Council whose area is 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 so registered.

The referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the referendum is £2,779.60. The number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 6,960.

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 during normal opening hours at:

- The Library, 91 High St, Marlborough SN8 1HD

The documents are also available for public viewing on Wiltshire Council's website at:
<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-neighbourhood-latest-news>

The specified documents are:-

- The referendum version of the Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan;
- Referendum Information Statement;
- The report of the independent examiner into the draft Neighbourhood Plan;
- Copies of the written representations submitted to the independent examiner;
- A Decision Statement of the Local Planning Authority's satisfaction that the draft Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions specified by statute and complies with the provision made by or under Sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;
- A statement that sets out general information as to town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum;
- Map of the Marlborough referendum area.

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Monday 13 February 2023

REFERENDUM

Thursday 23 March

Look out for your polling card



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Marlborough and Manton
Mildenhall Parish
Savernake Parish

A Neighbourhood Plan is a planning document with legal status that is used as part of the planning application process for new developments or changes to existing buildings. The Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan has been put together over the past 6 years following consultation with local people, and has been developed and refined to reflect local views. It aims to offer a balance between the needs of our community and of the environment we live in by including policies to:

Support the provision of more affordable housing
Protect our natural environment, landscapes in the surrounding area, open spaces within our communities
Protect against speculative and unwanted developments
Preserve or improve community infrastructure:
| parking | medical centre |
| cemetery capacity | sports pitches |
Protect our heritage: listed buildings, historical sites, buildings of special interest

Public consultation: Marlborough Town Hall on Saturday 11 March
Drop-in Q&A 10.30-12.30 | Presentation+Q&A 1.30-2.30
Zoom public meeting: Tuesday 21 March at 7pm

The Plan has had a long process of consultation, drafting and refining, following the stages required by law

**It is now in its final form
and Wiltshire Council is ready
to put it to a REFERENDUM on
THURSDAY 23 MARCH**

**This is your chance to have your say,
and to approve the document which
will help to make
YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD
the place you want to live in**

For the Plan to be adopted it requires a majority vote in favour.

If this is not achieved the community will have less control about how land is used, and be more at risk from unwanted development: it covers the years up to 2036

You can read the full Plan, supporting documents, FAQs, other information and find out about attending in-person or online meetings at marlborough-tc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan

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