



Cottenham Neighbourhood Plan

Referendum Information Statement

17 February 2020

Referendum on the Cottenham Neighbourhood Plan

A referendum on the 'making' (adoption) of the Cottenham Neighbourhood Plan will be held on **Thursday 26 March 2020** at the **Community Building, 45 Franklin Gardens, Cottenham, CB24 8QW**.

The question that will be asked in the referendum is: **“Do you want South Cambridgeshire District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for the parish of Cottenham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”**

The referendum area is identified on the map in figure 1 included at the end of this Information Statement. The referendum area is identical to the neighbourhood area designated in November 2015 for the Cottenham Neighbourhood Plan.

A person is entitled to vote in the referendum if on 26 March 2020:

- he or she is registered and entitled to vote in local council elections;
- he or she is over 18 years old; and
- his or her qualifying address is in the referendum area (shown at figure 1).

The referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the referendum is **£2,642.37**. This figure has been calculated based on the electorate for the specified neighbourhood area as at 17 February 2020.

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 listed below, may be inspected during normal opening hours at:

- South Cambridgeshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA

The documents are also available for public viewing on South Cambridgeshire District Council's website: www.scambs.gov.uk/CottenhamNP

The specified documents are:

- the 'For Referendum' version of the Cottenham Neighbourhood Plan, which includes a map of Cottenham Neighbourhood Plan area;
- the Examiner's Report on the Cottenham Neighbourhood Plan;
- the written representations on the submission version of the Cottenham Neighbourhood Plan, that were submitted to the independent examiner;
- South Cambridgeshire District Council's decision statement on the receipt of the Examiner's Report and its decision to proceed to referendum, including a statement of satisfaction that the 'For Referendum' version of the Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions and is legally compliant; and
- a statement that sets out general information as to town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum.

Figure 1: Map of the Cottenham Neighbourhood Plan area and referendum area

