



City of
BRADFORD
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan will be held on **Thursday, 27 March 2025**. This statement provides information on the Referendum that is taking place, and the Neighbourhood Development Plan it relates to.

This statement provides information about:

- The Referendum Question and date:
- Who Can Vote
- The Specified Documents
- The Neighbourhood Plan Area and Referendum Area
- Referendum Expenses
- Further information

The Referendum Question

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is **“Do you want City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Wilsden to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”**

The Neighbourhood Area

The Referendum area is identified on the map which is included with this information statement. The Referendum area is identical to the area which has been designated as the Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan Area.

Who Can Vote

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if:

- They are entitled to vote in an election of any Councillor of City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council whose area is in the Referendum area; and
- Their 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.

If more than 50% of individuals vote “yes” in the Referendum, then City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council will formally “make” the Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan. If the Neighbourhood Plan is “made” it will form part of the Statutory Development Plan for Bradford District and help to determine planning applications with the Neighbourhood Plan Area.

If more people vote “no” than “yes” then the Neighbourhood Plan will not be “made” and will not be part of the statutory Development Plan for Bradford District.

The Referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.

Legislation requires electors to show an accepted form of photographic identification at the polling station when voting in person. Further details of accepted forms of identification can be found by visiting: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/your-council/elections-and-voting/voter-id/>

Referendum Expenses

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is **£2,581.13**

The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 3,714.

The Specified Documents

A copy of the specified documents, that is those documents listed below, are available for public viewing on the Council's website at: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/neighbourhood-areas/?Folder=Wilsden>

They may also be inspected during normal opening hours at:

- [City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, Customer Service Centre, Britannia House, Broadway, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD1 1HX](#)
- [City Library, Centenary Square, Bradford, BD1 1SD](#)
- [Bingley Library, 5 Rise Shopping Centre, Bingley, BD16 1AW](#)
- [Wilsden Post Office, 112 Main Street, Wilsden, BD15 0AB](#)

For those who are unable access digital material, please contact the Local Plans Team on 01274 433679 or e-mail: planning.policy@bradford.gov.uk

The specified documents are:

- The Draft Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan & Policies Map;
- The Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan Design Code
- The report of the independent examiner into the draft Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- A summary of representations submitted to the independent examiner;
- A Decision Statement of the Local Planning Authority's satisfaction that the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the basic conditions specified by statute and complies with the provision made by or under Section 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 Wilsden Neighbourhood Plan area.

Further Information

- Further general information on neighbourhood planning, documents relating to the Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan and other made and emerging

Neighbourhood Plans can be found at: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/neighbourhood-areas/?Folder=>

- For queries about planning policy and neighbourhood planning in general, please contact the Local Plans team (E-mail: planning.policy@bradford.gov.uk; Telephone: 01274 433679).
- For queries about the voting and the Referendum arrangements, please contact the Electoral Services Team (E-mail: electoralservices@bradford.gov.uk; Telephone: 01274 432287)

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