

LEIGH AND BRANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
REFERENDUM



YOUR TIME TO CHOOSE!
THERE WILL BE A REFERENDUM ON
THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
PLEASE VOTE!

On Thursday 3rd November a Referendum will be held for Leigh and Bransford Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood plans are a key part of the Government's localism agenda to give local people more of a say on the type, quality and location of new development. They also allow local communities to identify environmental areas of local importance that should be protected from inappropriate development.

Our Neighbourhood Plan has evolved over many years. If the Neighbourhood Plan passes the referendum it becomes part of the Development Plan (South Worcestershire Development Plan: SWDP) and must be used when making decisions on planning applications. It has been prepared specifically to represent views of the parishioners on that issues that matter to them, particularly in relation to the rural character of our area. The Leigh and Bransford Neighbourhood Plan includes 28 planning policies. To ensure that a sufficient number and range of homes are provided to meet the needs of the parishes up to 2041 the Neighbourhood Plan includes a site allocation for 52 dwellings, together with 5.5 hectares of land for sports and recreation, off the A4103 at Leigh Sinton.

The Neighbourhood Plan also seeks to protect the natural and historic environments and ensure that any future development is appropriately located and designed. To achieve this the Neighbourhood Plan includes policies which:

- Retain the open character of the Significant Gap between Leigh Sinton and Malvern
- Protect key views
- Designate a new Local Green Space
- Protect valued heritage assets
- Protect existing wildlife sites
- Protect valued community facilities
- Ensure that any development proposals would lead to a net biodiversity gain
- Encourage renewable energy generation to be incorporated into any new development and require any new development to include electric charging points
- Ensure that any new development does not increase the risk of flooding
- Ensure that any new development is served by full fibre broadband

A copy of the specified documents, may be inspected on the District Council's website at <https://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/leigh-bransford-neighbourhood-plan> A copy of the documents will also be available for inspection by appointment with Customer Services at The Council House, Avenue Road, Malvern, WR14 3AF. Please call 01684 862413 to make an appointment

Your Vote is Important!

The referendum will ask: "Do you want Malvern Hills District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Leigh and Bransford to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area?"

The vote will be decided by a majority vote. if the majority (50% or more) of those voting vote "Yes" then the Neighbourhood Plan will become a legal planning document tailored to our area and will be used to support planning decisions in our parish. A "No" vote means that the Neighbourhood Plan is not adopted and will not be used to support planning decisions in our parish.