



WEST OXFORDSHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Milton under Wychwood Neighbourhood Plan Referendum: Information Statement

This information statement is published by West Oxfordshire District Council, as required by Regulation 4(1) of The Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012.

A Referendum in relation to the Milton under Wychwood Neighbourhood Plan will be held on **Thursday 22nd June 2023** between the hours of **7 am** and **10 pm**.

The question to be asked at the Referendum is:

“Do you want West Oxfordshire District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Milton under Wychwood to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

A map of the referendum area is included on [page 3](#) of this document.

The persons entitled to vote in the referendum are those persons registered to vote in local council elections in Milton under Wychwood, and are aged 18 years of age or over on the day of the poll, i.e. on Thursday 22nd June 2023.

The referendum expenses limit which will apply in relation to the referendum is £2450.68. This has been calculated by adding 5.9p for each of the 1,503 local government electors for the referendum area, at the date of publication of the notice of referendum, to the base amount of £2,362.00.

The referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures similar to those used at local government (council) elections.

Copies of the following documents may be inspected at the addresses and at the times specified overleaf. The documents may also be viewed at www.westoxon.gov.uk/miltonunderwychwood

- The draft neighbourhood plan
- The report made by the independent examiner
- The representations submitted to the independent examiner
- A statement that West Oxfordshire District Council, as local planning authority, are satisfied that the draft plan meets those basic conditions and complies with the provision made by or under sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (also included at [page 4](#) of this document)
- A statement setting out general information as to town and country planning (including neighbourhood planning) and the referendum (also included at [page 5](#) of this document)

The documents listed on the previous page may be inspected at:

Wychwood Library
29 High Street
Milton-under-Wychwood
OX7 6LD

Tel: 01993 830281

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Monday: 2pm – 7pm

Wednesday: 9.30am – 1pm
and 2pm – 5pm

Friday: 2pm – 7pm

Saturday: 9.30am – 1pm

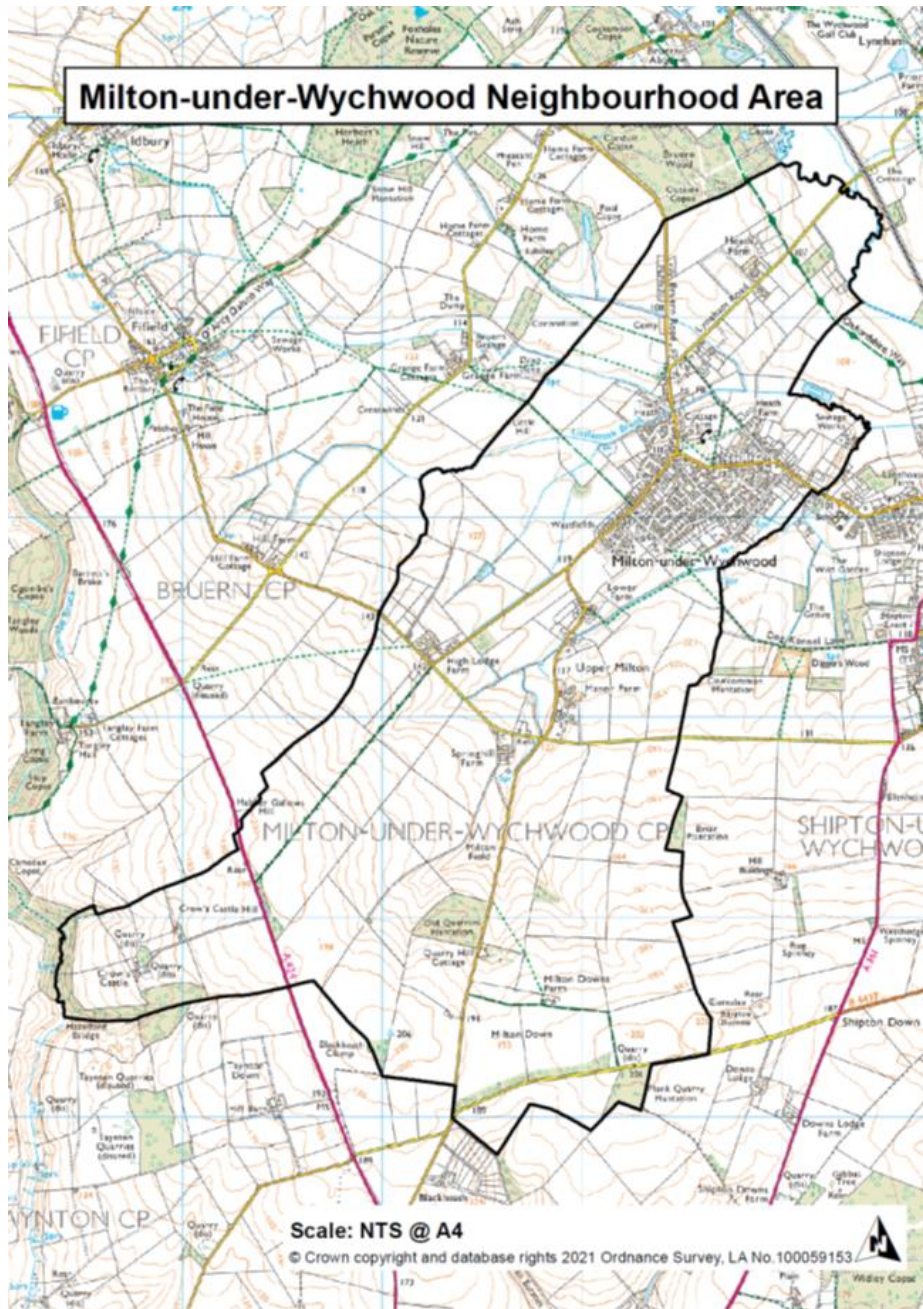
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Giles Hughes
Chief Executive
West Oxfordshire District Council

16th May 2023

Milton-under-Wychwood Neighbourhood Plan

Approved Designated Area Map



Statement by West Oxfordshire District Council pursuant to the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012

In accordance with regulation 4(3)(b)(iv)(bb) of the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012, this statement is to confirm that West Oxfordshire District Council is satisfied the draft Milton-under-Wychwood Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions mentioned in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and complies with the provision made by or under sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

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Giles Hughes
Chief Executive
West Oxfordshire District Council

16th May 2023

Milton-under-Wychwood Neighbourhood Plan

Statement by West Oxfordshire District Council pursuant to the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012

This statement is produced and published as required by regulation 4(3)(b)(v) of the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012.

Neighbourhood planning aims to help local communities play a direct role in planning the areas in which they live and work.

A community can prepare a neighbourhood plan. This plan can show how the community wants land to be used and developed in its area.

A neighbourhood area can cover single streets or large urban or rural areas. The boundaries of a neighbourhood area are put forward by:

- Town or parish councils
- A neighbourhood forum (a group of at least 21 people in areas without town or parish councils)

In Milton-under-Wychwood, the boundary of the neighbourhood area was determined by West Oxfordshire District Council and is identical to the area of the parish of Milton-under-Wychwood.

Neighbourhood plans are prepared by town or parish councils, or neighbourhood forums. Normally, planning is the responsibility of the local planning authority.

In this case, the Milton-under-Wychwood Neighbourhood Plan was prepared by Milton-under-Wychwood Parish Council as the relevant 'qualifying body'.

In England, planning applications are determined by local planning authorities in accordance with the development plan.

A development plan is a set of documents that set out the policies for the development and use of land across the entire local authority area.

If more people vote 'yes' than 'no' in the referendum taking place on Thursday 22nd June 2023, then West Oxfordshire District Council will use the Milton-under-Wychwood Neighbourhood Plan to help it decide planning applications in Milton-under-Wychwood.

The Neighbourhood Plan will then become part of the Development Plan. In West Oxfordshire District Council's area the current development plan consists of the West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031 (adopted September 2018).

If more people vote 'no' than 'yes', then planning applications will be decided without using the Neighbourhood Plan as part of the Development Plan for the local area.