## Pontesbury Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

## Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Pontesbury Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 7 September 2023.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

"Do you want Shropshire Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Pontesbury 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 is identical to the area which has been designated as the Pontesbury neighbourhood area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on Monday 21 August 2023:

- he or she is entitled to vote in a local government election in the Referendum area; and
- his or her qualifying address for the election is in the Referendum area. A
  persons 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
  registered.

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2,519.00. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum, by reference to which that limit has been calculated, is 2,661.

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 online:

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Paper copies of the specified documents are also available to view at:

- Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND Monday – Friday during office hours
- Pontesbury Library, The Pavillion, Hall Bank, Pontesbury SY5 0RF
   Opening times –
   Mon 10am -1pm, Tues 10am 5pm, Thurs 2pm 5pm and Sat 10am -1pm

The specified documents are:

- The Pontesbury Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- The report of the independent examiner into the Neighbourhood Plan;
- A summary of the representations submitted to the independent examiner;
- A statement by the local planning authority that the draft Neighbourhood 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 about town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum.

Dated: Friday 28 July 2023

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