

West Wittering Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Update

WEST WITTERING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM VOTING ON 22nd NOVEMBER 2023

At long last, the West Wittering Neighbourhood Plan is going to public referendum. The date for your diary is Wednesday 22nd November. Polling cards will be sent to you in the normal way.

All residents of West Wittering are encouraged to vote in this important referendum where you will be asked ‘Do you want Chichester District Council to use the neighbourhood development plan for West Wittering Parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?’ The Neighbourhood Plan, if supported, will:

- **Lay down criteria for new development to stop speculative inappropriate building.**
- **Give the Village Design Statement more weight to ensure good quality development.**
- **Protect the Green Gap between the east and west of the village.**
- **Prevent the loss of small dwellings.**
- **Ensure any new additional housing cannot be used for second homes or short lets.**
- **Ensure that visitor accommodation is good quality and not a nuisance to residents.**
- **Encourage small economic and retail development and avoid loss of facilities.**
- **Protect Public Rights of Way and Quiet Lanes for informal enjoyment.**
- **Protect our coast from further damage.**
- **Ensure respect for biodiversity and mitigate the impacts of climate change.**
- **Encourage new community facilities and open space.**

All the policies in the Plan have been developed by the Steering Group after extensive consultation with residents and reflect the aspirations of the community. It has been scrutinised and passed by a Planning Inspector. Once adopted it will in law carry considerable weight with Chichester District Council planning department and Planning Inspectors when looking at development in the village. Without it the village remains vulnerable.

If you are not around on 22nd November please arrange to get a postal vote from Chichester District Council. The West Wittering Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have called for a clear message from the village that it will no longer tolerate further inappropriate development. It is important that as many residents as possible vote in this referendum.

Voting in person on 22nd November with Photo ID required for all residents.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE IN THIS IMPORTANT REFERENDUM ON THE
WEST WITTERING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
22nd NOVEMBER

AT THE POLLING STATION NAMED ON YOUR POLLING CARD

This will be either The Pavilion on Rookwood Road (opposite Tessiers Butchers shop) or St Peter's Church Hall, 13 Church Road **depending on where you live**. THE DETAILS OF WHERE YOU SHOULD VOTE ARE ON YOUR POLLING CARD. The polling station is open from 7am – 10pm. OR YOU CAN REGISTER FOR A POSTAL VOTE WHICH MUST BE DONE BY 7th NOVEMBER (if you do not already have a postal vote).

Also, if you do not have the **required photo ID**, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate by 14th November, please contact Chichester District Council on 01243 521010 to do this.

If you wish to vote in this Referendum but are not registered to vote at all then you can register to vote via Chichester District Council by 5pm on 7th November.

If you wish to view the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents, they are available on the Parish Council website www.westwitteringparishcouncil.gov.uk and the following venues and also at the Chichester District Council offices: -

West Wittering Parish Council Office

The Pavilion, Rookwood Road, West Wittering PO20 8LT

Hours open for the consultation - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10am - 3pm.

Telephone number 07493312378

Witterings Library

38 Oakfield Avenue, East Wittering PO20 8BT

Opening hours

Monday - Wednesday 1pm-5pm; Thursday - Saturday 9am-1pm.

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