

Information for voters

On 6 December 2018, there will be a referendum on the Croxley Green Neighbourhood Plan for the Croxley Green Neighbourhood Area. This document explains more about the referendum that is going to take place and how you can take part in it. You can find out about:

- The referendum and how you can take part
- The neighbourhood area
- The neighbourhood plan
- The development plan [of which neighbourhood plans are part]

Referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan

A referendum asks you to vote 'yes' or 'no' to a question. For this referendum you will receive a ballot paper with this question:

'Do you want Three Rivers District Council to use the Croxley Green Neighbourhood Plan to help decide planning applications in the Croxley Green Neighbourhood Area?'

How do I vote in the referendum?

You vote by putting a cross (X) in the 'Yes' or 'No' box on your ballot paper. Put a cross in only **one** box or your vote will not be counted.

If more people vote 'yes' than 'no' in this referendum, then Three Rivers District Council will use the Neighbourhood Development Plan to help it decide planning applications in Croxley Green.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan once adopted will then become part of the Development Plan. In the Three Rivers District Council Local Planning Authority area the development plan currently consists of the adopted Core Strategy (2011), the Development Management Policies Local Development Document (2013) and the Site Allocations Local Development Document (2014) as well as the Hertfordshire Mineral Local Plan Review 2002-2016 (2007), and the Hertfordshire Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies document (2012) and Waste Site Allocations document (2014). If more people vote 'no' than 'yes', then planning applications will be decided without using the Neighbourhood Development Plan as part of the Development Plan for the local area.

What is Neighbourhood Planning?

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.

What is a Neighbourhood 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 Croxley Green the boundary of the neighbourhood area was determined by Three Rivers District Council and is identical to the parish area of Croxley Green.

Who can prepare a Neighbourhood Plan?

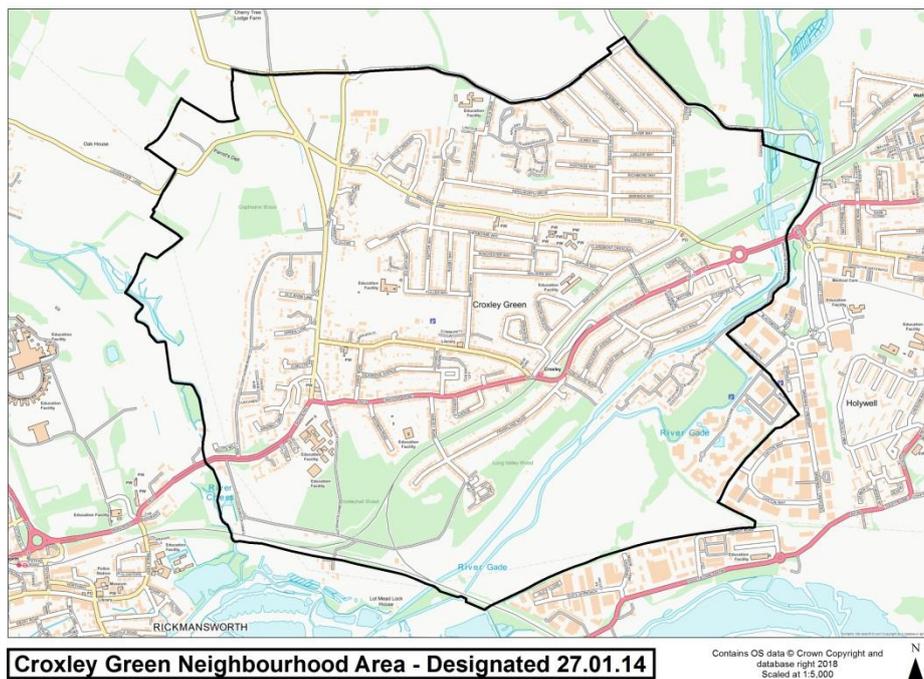
Neighbourhood plans are prepared by town or parish councils, or neighbourhood forums. In this case, the Croxley green Neighbourhood Development Plan was prepared by Croxley Green Parish Council.

What Is a Development Plan?

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. Within the Three Rivers District, the local planning authority is Three Rivers District Council.

Neighbourhood Planning in Croxley Green

The Referendum area is identified on the map below as the parish area of Croxley Green and is identical to the area which has been designated as the Croxley Green Neighbourhood Area.



Croxley Green Neighbourhood Area - Designated 27.01.14

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Referendum expenses

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to this Referendum is £2960.08. Expenses can be incurred by an individual or body during the period of the referendum for referendum purposes. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which the limit has been calculated is 10,137.

Specified documents

A copy of the specified documents may be viewed on the Council's website at www.threerivers.gov.uk and are also available for inspection during normal opening hours at:

- Three Rivers District Council, Three Rivers House, Northway, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, WD3 1RL
- Croxley Green Parish Council, Community Way, Croxley Green, Hertfordshire, WD3 3SU

The specified documents are the:

- The Croxley Green Neighbourhood Development Plan Referendum Version
- Report of the Independent Examiner
- Summary of the representations submitted to the Independent Examiner
- Statement by the local planning authority that the draft Plan meets the Basic Conditions (Decision Statement)
- Statement that sets out general information as to town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum (Information for Voters)

Can I vote?

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on the 6 December 2018:

- He or she is entitled to vote in a local election in the Referendum area: and
- His or her address for the election is in the Referendum Area. A person 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 will be conducted based on procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.

Ways of voting?

There are three ways of voting:

- In person
- By post
- By proxy

Further details will be available on the Notice of Referendum.