**Introduction**

A referendum on the Plumpton Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday, 8\(^{th}\) March 2018. The referendum will be conducted based on procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.

The question to be asked in the referendum is:

‘Do you want Lewes District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority to use the neighbourhood plan for Plumpton Parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?’

The neighbourhood area is the entire parish of Plumpton and is marked on the map below (outlined in red):
Can I vote?

You can vote in the referendum if you live in Plumpton Parish and:

- you are registered to vote in local council elections; and
- you are 18 years of age or over on Thursday, 8th March 2018.

You have to be registered to vote by 20th February 2018, to vote in the referendum. You can check if you are registered to vote by calling our Helpline on 01273 471600.

Referendum Expenses

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2431.80. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which the limit has been calculated is 1183.

Specified Documents

The relevant regulations state that we must make available the following documents:

- The referendum version of the Plumpton Neighbourhood Plan
- The independent examiner’s report on the draft Plumpton Neighbourhood Plan
- A summary of the representations submitted to the independent examiner
- A statement setting out that Lewes District Council and the South Downs National Park believe that the Plumpton Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions and relevant Regulations (included within the document known as the Decision Statement)
- A statement setting out general information as to town and country planning (including neighbourhood planning) and the referendum (included within the ‘Plumpton Neighbourhood Development Plan: Voting Information for Referendum on 8th March 2018, document)

These documents have been made available online at [http://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/](http://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/), a webpage that contains additional information about the Plumpton Neighbourhood Plan.

Copies of the documents can also be viewed at the District Council’s offices at Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes, BN7 1AB. The offices are open between 9am and 5pm during weekdays.