Referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan for West Dean and West Tytherley 17 March 2022

The Parish Councils have received a number of questions on the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum. In response, we've decided to put together this Q&A sheet.

What is the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum about?

Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area.

The West Dean and West Tytherley Neighbourhood Plan contains community derived planning policies developed specifically for the Referendum Area (shown on the map on the last page of this Q&A sheet).

The Referendum asks: 'Do you want Test Valley Borough Council and Wiltshire Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for West Dean and West Tytherley to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood area?'

If more than half of those voting in the Referendum vote 'Yes' in response to this question, the Neighbourhood Plan attains the equivalent legal status as a local plan.

The West Dean and West Tytherley Neighbourhood Plan goes to Referendum on Thursday 17 March 2022.

How do I get hold of a copy of the West Dean and West Tytherley Neighbourhood Plan? A number of ways:-

<u>Online</u>: copy these links to take you directly to an electronic copy of the Neighbourhood Plan published on the TVBC and Wiltshire Council websites:-

https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/assets/attach/15777/WDWT-Referendum-Plan.pdf

https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/media/8359/WDWT-Referendum-

Plan/pdf/WDWT Referendum Plan.pdf?m=637794998849970000

Physical copy: available for public viewing at the following premises during normal opening times:

- Test Valley Borough Council, Former Magistrates' Court, Church Street, Romsey, SO51 8AQ
- Wiltshire Council The Council House, Bourne Hill, Salisbury SP1 3UZ
- West Tytherley Village Shop, North Lane, West Tytherley, SP5 1NF

For members of the community who have limited internet access, restricted mobility, or no transport, a small number of physical copies are available for inspection on temporary loan. Requests to borrow one must be made to:-

Cllr Fiona Collier <u>cllr.fiona.collier@gmail.com</u> or 07488 363489 OR

Cllr Andy Francis wdpc.af@gmail.com or 07721 885758

Do I need to register to vote in the Referendum?

No – provided you are already on the electoral register you should have received a polling card by now.

On 17 March 2022 polling stations will be open between the hours of 7am and 10pm. Situation of Polling Stations:-

<u>Hampshire County Council residents</u>: King Edward Hall, West Tytherley <u>Wiltshire Council residents</u>: King George Hall, West Dean

If you are registered to vote by post, you will receive a postal vote for this Referendum before 11 March 2022.

The Referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.

Dated: 09 March 2022

West Dean Parish Council
West Tytherley, Frenchmoor & Buckholt Parish Council

West Dean and West Tytherley Neighbourhood Plan Designated Area (The Referendum Area)

