



Barton Neighbourhood Plan (BNP)

INFORMATION STATEMENT

A referendum relating to the 'making' (adoption) of the Barton Neighbourhood Plan will be held on **Thursday 9 November 2023**.

A Neighbourhood Plan contains policies for the use of land in a designated neighbourhood area. There is a statutory process which must be followed for the making of a Neighbourhood Plan. The process involves holding a Referendum.

The question that will be asked in the Referendum is:

“Do you want Preston City Council and Wyre Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Barton to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

You are asked to vote either 'yes' or 'no' to this question.

If more than half of those voting in the referendum vote 'Yes' in response to the question above then the Neighbourhood Plan must be 'made' (adopted) by Preston City Council and Wyre Borough Council and the Neighbourhood Plan will be part of both planning authorities' Development Plans.

This means that the Plan will be used in the determination of planning applications for the designated area of the Barton Neighbourhood Plan.

The referendum area is identified on the map included at the end of this Information Statement. The Referendum area is the same as the area which has been designated as the Barton Neighbourhood Area which covers the entire parish of Barton, and also part of Myerscough and Bilsborrow Parish.

Who is entitled to vote?

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if, on 9 November 2023:

- They are entitled to vote in a local government election in the Referendum Area
- Their qualifying address for the election is in the Referendum Area. A person's qualifying address is the one they are registered at, and are entitled to be registered at, on the register of electors.

You have to be registered to vote by Tuesday 24 October 2023 in order to vote in the referendum. You can check if you are registered to vote by contacting Electoral Services on (01253) 887236. If you are not on the electoral register, you will need to go online to [Register to vote - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) and complete an online application. **If you are not registered, then you won't be able to vote.**

The deadline to apply for a postal vote for the Referendum is 5.00pm Wednesday 25 October 2023.

The deadline to apply for a proxy vote is 5.00pm Wednesday 1 November 2023.

For more information please contact Wyre Council Electoral Services by telephone on (01253) 887236 or by email to electoral.services@wyre.gov.uk

Photographic ID: New legislation requires electors to show an accepted form of photographic identification at the polling station when voting in person. Further details of accepted forms of identification can be found by visiting <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id/accepted-forms-photo-id> or call the elections helpline on (01253) 887236. If you do not have one of the acceptable forms of photographic identification, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate online at www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate or contact our election helpline on (01253) 887236 for assistance. The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate is 5pm on Wednesday 1 November 2023.

Referendum Expenses:

Section 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012 specifies a limit on the amount that can be spent on campaigning for the referendum. This is calculated via the formula $£2362 + (0.059 \times N)$, where N is a number of electors in the relevant register. By reference to this, the limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2443. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which the limit has been calculated is 1373. (Wyre Council and Preston City Council eligible electorate).

Referendum Procedure:

The referendum will be conducted based on procedures similar to those used in local government elections.

Specified Documents:

You are reading one of a number of different documents (referred to in the Regulations as 'specified documents') that will provide you with information which will help you make a decision on the referendum. The specified documents are as follows:

- The Barton Neighbourhood Plan (The Referendum Version)
- The report of the Independent Examiner
- Copies of the written representations submitted to the Independent examiner
- Decision Statement's undertaken respectively by Preston City Council and Wyre Borough Council of both the local planning authorities satisfaction that the Barton Neighbourhood Plan as recommended for modification by the Independent Examiner meets the 'basic conditions' and complies with the relevant legislation
- General Information Statement on Town and Country Planning and Neighbourhood Planning
- This 'Information Statement'

A copy of these 'specified documents' can be viewed at the following location:

- Wyre Borough Council Offices at Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire, FY6 7PU

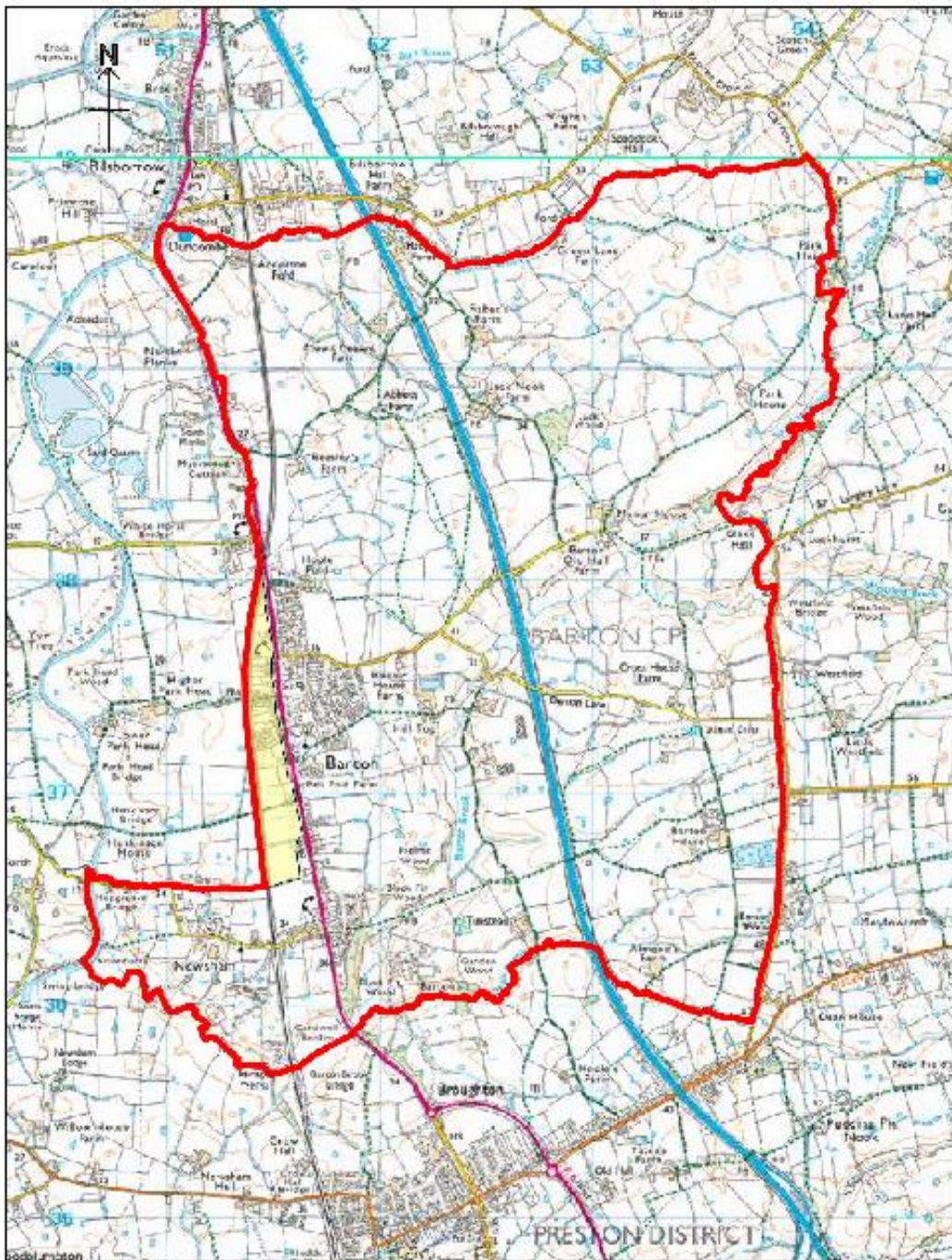
Office opening hours are 9.00am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays)

The specified documents can also be viewed online at www.wyre.gov.uk/local-plan/neighbourhood-plans/3

Map of Barton Neighbourhood Plan Referendum area

The Barton Neighbourhood Plan referendum area is defined by the red line boundary on the map below.

Within this boundary the yellow shaded area is Wyre Borough Council's administrative area. The remainder of the area within the red line falls within Preston City Council's administrative area.



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