

Houghton Neighbourhood Plan Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Houghton Neighbourhood Plan will be held on **19 May 2022**.

A Neighbourhood Development Plan contains policies for the use of land in a designated neighbourhood area. In 2017 Houghton Parish Council decided to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and public consultation has taken place on the draft Neighbourhood Plan. The Houghton Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared for the designated Houghton Neighbourhood Area, shown below and on the Councils website at: [Houghton Neighbourhood Plan | Test Valley Borough Council](#)

There is a statutory process which must be followed for the making of a Neighbourhood Plan. The process involves the holding of a Referendum. The question, which is specified in the Regulations, which will be asked for the Referendum is:

‘Do you want Test Valley Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Houghton 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 the question above, then the Neighbourhood Plan must be ‘made’ (adopted) by Test Valley Borough Council and the Neighbourhood Plan will be part of the Development Plan for the Council. This means that the Plan will be used in the determination of planning applications for the designated area of Houghton Parish.

The Referendum area is identical to the area which has been designated as the Houghton Neighbourhood Plan area and is shown on the map below.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on 19 May 2022:

- He or she is entitled to vote in an election of any Councillor of Test Valley Borough Council whose area is in the Referendum area; and
- His or her qualifying address for the election is in the Referendum area. A person’s 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 so registered.

The referendum expenses limit which will apply in relation to the referendum is £2382.24. This has been calculated by adding 5.9p for each of the 343 local government electors for the referendum area, at the date of publication of the notice of referendum, to the base amount of £2,362.

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

In accordance with the regulations the specified documents must be accessible online for the Referendum. The council have also made the documents available for public viewing during the premises normal opening times and may be inspected at:

- Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, SP10 3AJ.
- Andover Library, The Chantry Centre, 53 Chantry St, Andover SP10 1LT

The documents are:

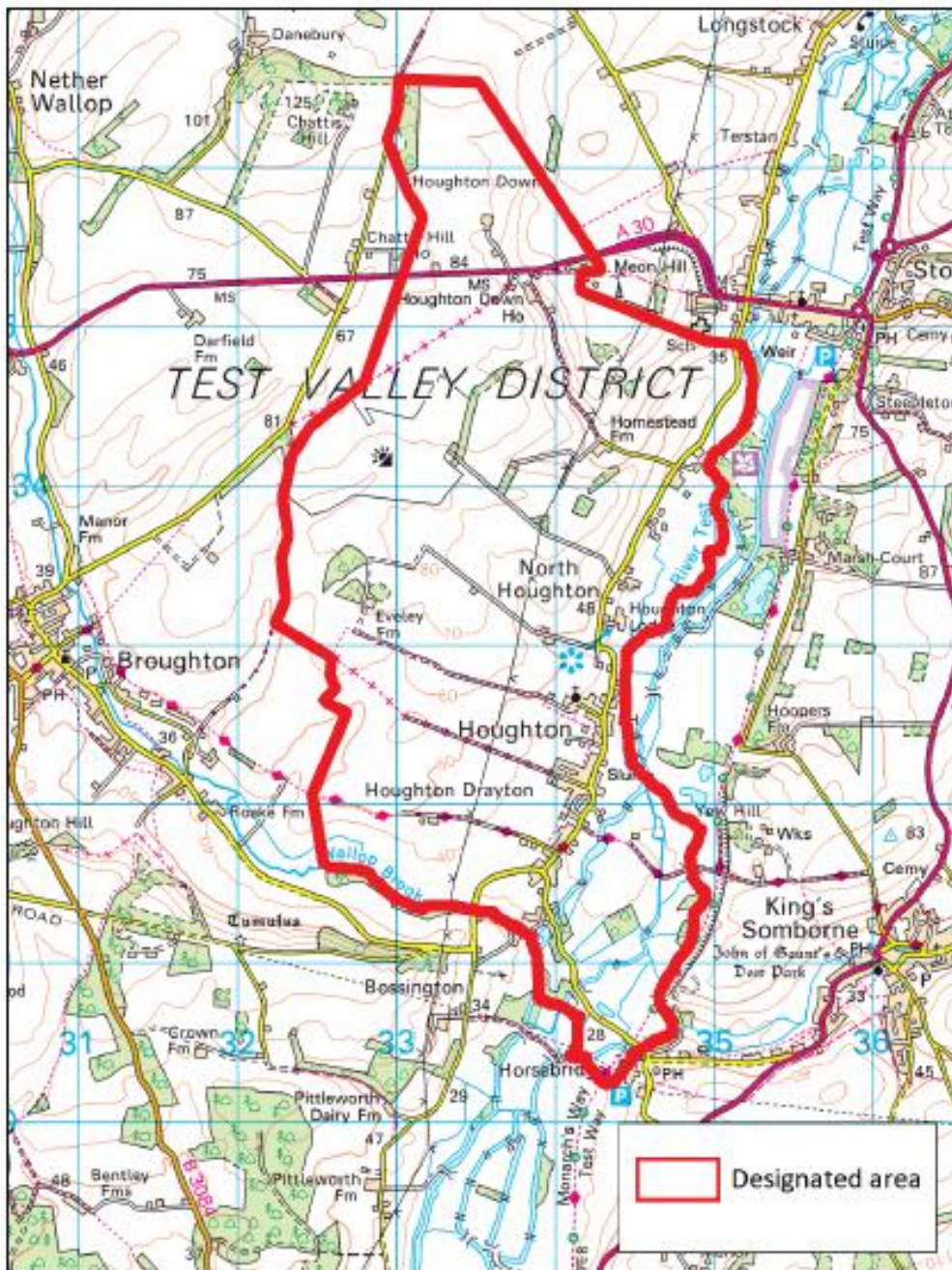
- This Information Statement, which provides general information about neighbourhood planning, the referendum and a map of the referendum area;
- The Draft Houghton Neighbourhood Plan (the referendum version);
- The report of the independent examiner into the Neighbourhood Plan;
- A Decision Statement of the Local Planning Authority's satisfaction that the Houghton Neighbourhood Plan as recommended for modification by the Examiner meets the necessary legal and procedural requirements, and background information;
- Summaries of the written representations submitted to the independent examiner.
- Statement setting out the general information on Town and Country Planning, neighbourhood planning and the referendum.

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Dated: Wednesday 6 April 2022

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Houghton Neighbourhood Plan Designated Area (The Referendum Area)



Plan 1: Houghton Designated Neighbourhood Area