

Referendum Information Statement: Edenfield Neighbourhood Development Plan

Rosendale Borough Council accepted the recommendations of the Independent Examiner for the Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan on 11 December 2024. This decision enables a Referendum to take place for the Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan.

A Neighbourhood Planning Referendum for the Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan will be held on **Thursday 20 February 2025**.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

“Do you want Rosendale Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for the Edenfield Neighbourhood Area to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

The Referendum area is identified on the map in Appendix 1 below.

The Referendum area is identical to the area which has been designated as the Edenfield Neighbourhood Area.

Who is entitled to vote?

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on Thursday 20 February 2025:

- he or she is entitled to vote in a local government election in the Referendum area (is registered to vote and is 18 years of age or over on Thursday 20 February 2025); 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 registered.

You must be registered to vote by Tuesday 4 February 2025 to vote in this referendum

There are three ways of voting:

- In person
- By post
- By proxy



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

More information about voting in the Referendum including who can vote and how is available on the website [Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan Referendum | Elections | Rossendale Borough Council](#)

Referendum expenses

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2,460.

The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 1,668.

The specified documents

The specified documents are listed below:

- The Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan with modifications (Referendum Draft)
- 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 and complies with the relevant legislation (the Regulation 18 Decision Statement)
- A statement that sets out general information about town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum (General Information Statement)

A copy of the specified documents, that is those documents listed above, may be inspected at: [Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum | Neighbourhood Plans | Rossendale Borough Council](#)

Paper copies are available to view during opening hours at:

The Business Centre,
Futures Park,
Bacup,
OL13 0BB

If you have difficulty accessing these documents please phone the Forward Planning team on 01706 252412 / 252415 or 252418.



Appendix 1 – Map of Edenfield Neighbourhood Area

