

INFORMATION STATEMENT

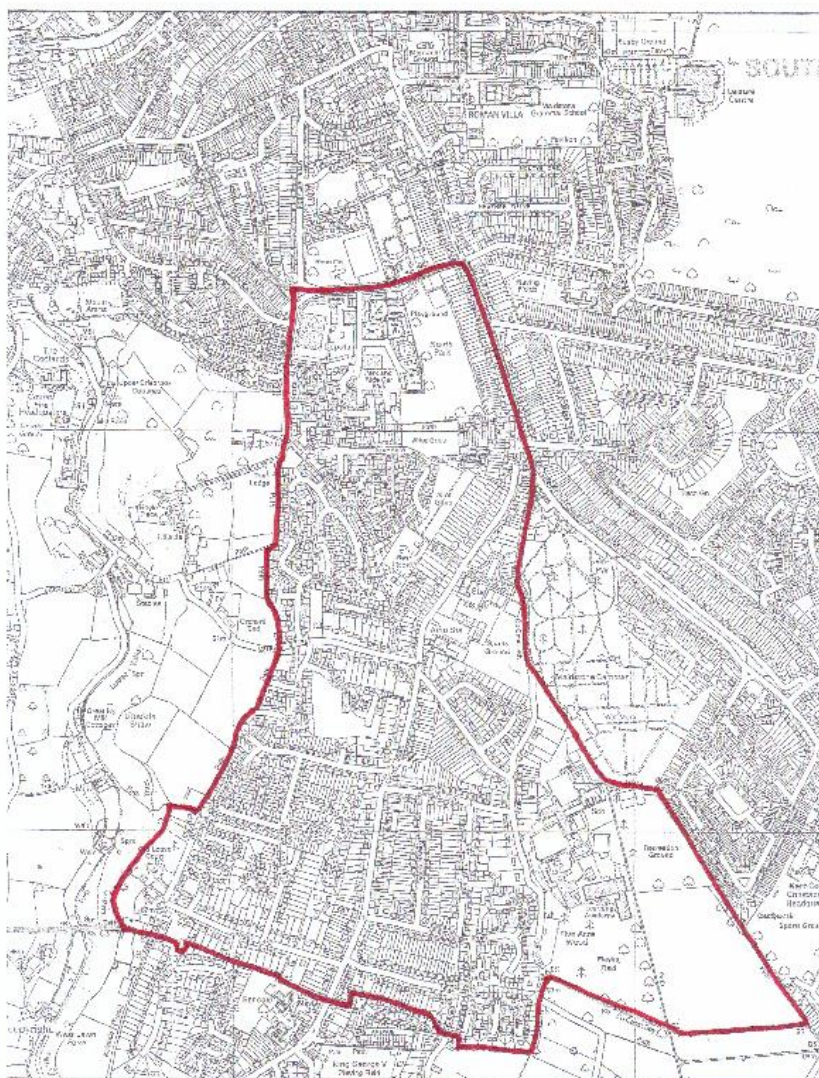
Referendum: 3 March 2016

Information Statement

A neighbourhood planning referendum will be held for the North Loose Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015 – 2031 on 3 March 2016. The question in the referendum will be:

Do you want Maidstone Borough Council to use the neighbourhood plan for North Loose to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

The referendum area and the area covered by the neighbourhood plan is in the area of North Loose (see map below)



A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on 3 March 2016

- he or she is entitled to vote in a local government election in the Referendum area; and
- his or her qualifying address for the election is in the Referendum area. A person 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.

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2601.25.

The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which the limit has been calculated is 4055.

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

The specified documents are the:

- North Loose Neighbourhood Development Plan
- 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 (Decision statement)
- Statement that sets out general information as to town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum (Information for voters)

These documents can be viewed at:

- www.maidstone.gov.uk/residents/planning/local-plan/neighbourhood-plans2
- Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ between the hours of 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday; and 9.00am to 4.30pm on Friday

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