

Brinklow Parish Council

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Referendum Rules

This referendum is being organised to ask residents who reside in the Parish of Brinklow whether they support or don't support the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.

The referendum will be governed in the following way:

- Residents on the electoral roll within the Parish of Brinklow will be entitled to vote on this matter.
- Numbered voting slips will be delivered to each property within the Parish. The number of voting slips made available to each property will correspond with the number of eligible voters as determined by the electoral roll assigned to that address.
- Completed voting slips will be collected at Brinklow Post Office from 7.00am on the 14 May until 18.30pm on the 31 May when the vote will close.
- Brinklow Parish Council will appoint an independent person to verify that the ballot box is sealed prior to votes being cast and remains sealed until the point it is opened for counting.
- Counting will take place on the 31 May at 19.00 in the Community Hall.
- The appointed independent person will verify the count.
- Only the voting papers sent out will be counted.
- Any photocopied ballot papers will be discounted.
- Any ballot papers which are spoiled i.e. the counter cannot determine which way the voter has voted will be discounted.
- The vote will record those in favour of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, those who are not in favour of the plan and number of spoiled slips.
- The referendum result will be made available via Brinklow Parish Council web site.

Electronic voting

To encourage residents to take part in the referendum we are making available an online vote.

- Details of the online vote will be made available via the voting slips that will be delivered to each property.
- The vote will open on the 14 May and close on the 30 of May.
- We ask that residents entitled to vote place one vote, either electronically or via a voting slip.