



## **Cheddar Neighbourhood Development Plan Information Statement**

A referendum on the Cheddar Neighbourhood Development Plan will be held on **Thursday 30 August 2018**.

The referendum asks you to vote 'yes' or 'no' to a question. The ballot paper will ask the following question:

**'Do you want Sedgemoor District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Cheddar to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'**

A person is entitled to vote in the referendum if:

- They are entitled to vote in a local government election in the referendum area; and
- Their 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 will be conducted in accordance with procedures similar to those used at local government elections.

If more than 50% of individuals vote 'yes' in the referendum, then Sedgemoor District Council will 'make' the Cheddar Neighbourhood Development Plan. If the Plan is made it will form part of the statutory development plan and will help determine planning applications in the Cheddar neighbourhood area.

The referendum area is the extent of the parish of Cheddar, and is shown on the map included within this Information Statement. The referendum area is identical to the area designated as the Cheddar neighbourhood area.

The referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the referendum is £2,643. The number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum by reference to which the limit has been calculated is 4779.

There are a number of referendum documents that are available to view. These are:

- The referendum version of the Cheddar Neighbourhood Development Plan
- The Independent Examiners Report on the Cheddar Neighbourhood Development Plan

- A summary of representations submitted to the independent examiner following consultation on the plan
- A Decision Statement from the Local Planning Authority which confirms the draft Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions and other legislative requirements
- A statement that sets out general information in respect of Town and Country Planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum (information for voters)

These documents can be viewed at:

Online at <https://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/1294>

In person at Sedgemoor District Council offices, Bridgwater House, King Square, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 3AR