



Date set for Neighbourhood Plan Vote!

As many of you will already be aware, the Wellesbourne and Walton Neighbourhood Plan was supported by Stratford District Council at a recent Cabinet Meeting. This means that the Neighbourhood Plan can now progress to a referendum at which residents will have the chance to vote on whether to approve the land-use related policies being proposed for our Parish.

The date fixed for the referendum is Thurs 11th October and will be organised in exactly the same way as if this was a local or general election. As such, those registered to vote within our Parish will receive a voting card a few weeks ahead of the day which will inform you of your voting options and advise that the polling station will be in the Village Hall. There will be a lot of publicity aimed at raising awareness of the referendum starting in early September. This will include several leaflet drops to all homes, posters and banners displayed around the Parish along with presentations and 'drop-in' sessions where you can come along and ask questions about what is being proposed. Details of dates and locations for these contact sessions are shown in a separate article within this newsletter. You can see a copy of the full Referendum Report and supporting documentation by logging onto our website at www.w-w-w.org.uk.

We are aware that there are many newcomers to our Parish who may not be registered to vote here yet. Could we urge you to register so that you can take part in the referendum? You can do this direct on line at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or by calling 01789 260208 or e-mail to elections@stratford-dc.gov.uk for more details. Alternatively you can request a form from 'The Electoral Registration Officer, Stratford District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, CV37 6HX'. Whatever route you choose, this needs to be completed by Tuesday 25th September. More information on postal and proxy voting options will be contained in publicity material that will be circulated later.

In order to keep residents up to date with developments, a Neighbourhood Plan e-mail network has now been created which already has over 250 members. If you are not already signed up and would like to join this group and receive the latest information, then please send an e-mail to info@w-w-w.org.uk just stating the word YES.

