



Witcham Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Notice of Referendum: Thursday 12th February 2026

Neighbourhood Plan Referendum for the Witcham Neighbourhood Area

1. A referendum will be held on Thursday 12th February to decide on the question below:

“Do you want East Cambridgeshire District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Witcham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

2. Applications to register to vote must reach The Electoral Registration Officer at The Grange Nutholt Lane Ely Cambs CB7 4EE by 12 midnight on 27th January 2026.
3. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes, or amendments to proxy votes, or asking for a postal proxy vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at The Grange Nutholt Lane Ely Cambs CB7 4EE by 5pm on 28th January 2026.
4. New Applications to vote by proxy at this referendum must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at The Grange Nutholt Lane Ely Cambs CB7 4EE by 5pm on 4th February 2026.
5. New Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate to enable you to vote at this referendum must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at The Grange Nutholt Lane Ely Cambs CB7 4EE by 5pm on 4th February 2026.
6. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this referendum on the grounds of physical incapacity, for work/service reasons or you do not have a valid photographic identity document must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at The Grange Nutholt Lane Ely Cambs CB7 4EE by 5pm on Thursday 12th February 2026. To apply on the grounds of work/service the person must have become aware that they cannot go to a polling station in person after 5pm on 4th February 2026.

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Dated: 5th January 2026



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Referendum Timetable

Description	Date	Final Time Deadline
Publication of notice of referendum	05/01/2026	
Publish Information Statement and Map	05/01/2026	
Publication of first interim election notice of alteration	16/01/2026	
Last day to register to vote	27/01/2026	
Last day to apply for a postal vote	28/01/2026	5:00pm
Publication of second interim election notice of alteration	28/01/2026	
Voter Authentication Certificate Deadline	04/02/2026	5:00pm
Deadline for Voter Authority Certificate applications	04/02/2026	5:00pm
Last day to apply for a proxy vote	04/02/2026	
Notice of poll	04/02/2026	
Publication of the final register amendment notices	05/02/2026	
First day to re-issue lost postal votes	06/02/2026	
Start of Poll	12/02/2026	7:00am
Close of Poll	12/02/2026	10:00pm



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Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the Witcham Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 12th February 2026.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is '**Do you want East Cambridgeshire District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Witcham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?**'

The Referendum area is identified on the map which is included with this information statement. The Referendum area is identical to the designated Witcham Neighbourhood Area and covers the Witcham Parish that falls within the District of East Cambridgeshire.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if:-

- He or she is entitled to vote in an election of any Councillor of East Cambridgeshire District Council whose area is in the Referendum area; 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 aspect of which he or she is entitled to be so registered.

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is **£2384.25**

The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is **377**.

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

A copy of the specified documents, that is those documents listed below, may be inspected during normal office hours at:

- East Cambridgeshire District Council Electoral Services, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, Cambs CB7 4EE

The documents are also available for public viewing on the Council's website at www.eastcambs.gov.uk

The specified documents are:

- The draft Witcham Neighbourhood Plan
- The report of the independent examiner into the draft Witcham Neighbourhood Plan;
- A summary of representations submitted to the independent examiner;
- A Decision Statement of the Local Planning Authority's satisfaction that the draft Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions specified by statute and complies with the provision made by or under Section 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;
- A statement that sets out general information as to town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum;
- Map of the Witcham Neighbourhood Plan area.

The Specified documents are available from the Witcham neighbourhood-plan page here:

<https://eastcambs.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-guidance/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-10>

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