

The Neighbourhood Plan Referendum – how to vote

You can vote in the referendum if you are 18 or over, live in the Parish of Haydon and are registered to vote in local council elections. You must be registered to vote by 14 June 2022.

If you are not registered to vote, you will need to submit an application to register. You can do this online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. Or you can contact Electoral Services on the County Council helpline to apply by telephone or to be sent a paper application form: 01670 624844.

You can vote in one of the following ways.

In person on Thursday 30 June 2022:

At your local polling station:

- Haydon Bridge Community Centre, Ratcliffe Road, Haydon Bridge, NE47 6ET;
- Langley Village Hall, Langley on Tyne, Hexham, NE47 5LA.

Polling stations are open from 0700 to 2200 (7am-10pm). You will receive a poll card in advance. If you do not receive it, contact the County Council Helpline, or email them on elections@northumberland.gov.uk.

By post:

If you have a postal vote already, you will receive a poll card confirming this. If you don't yet have a postal vote, you need to complete an application form and send it to the Electoral Registration Officer to arrive by 5pm on 15 June 2022 at this address:

Northumberland County Council
County Hall
Morpeth
Northumberland
NE61 2EF

You should receive your postal vote about a week before polling day. If it doesn't arrive in time, you can ask for a replacement up to 1700 (5pm) on 30 June 2022 by contacting the Helpline.

Postal vote application details can be found at:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/apply-vote-post>

By proxy:

If you can't get to the polling station and don't wish to vote by post you may be able to vote by proxy. This means allowing somebody you trust to vote on your behalf.

To vote by proxy, you will need to complete an application form and send it to the Electoral Registration Officer to arrive by 1700 (5pm) on 22 June 2022 at the same address as for postal voting above.

When you apply for a proxy vote, you must say why you cannot vote in person. Anyone can be your proxy as long as they are eligible to vote and are willing to vote on your

behalf. You will have to tell them how you want to vote. If you have a proxy vote already you will receive a poll card confirming this.

Postal and proxy vote application forms are available from the Helpline or by emailing elections@northumberland.gov.uk. You can also download forms from Northumberland County Council's website.

Proxy vote application details can be found at:

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You will need to give your National Insurance Number on either application form.

For more information on any aspect of the referendum, please contact the County Council Helpline on 01670 624844.