

Audley Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan will be held on 25 September 2025.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

“Do you want Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Audley 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 area which has been designated as the Audley Neighbourhood area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on 9 September 2025:

- he or she is entitled to vote in a local government election in the Referendum area; and
- his or her qualifying address for the election is in the Referendum area. A persons 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 registered.

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2,362 + (£0.059 per elector). The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 6488.

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 online:

<https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning-policy/referendum/>

Paper copies of the specified documents are also available to view at:

- Castle House, Barracks Road, Newcastle-under-Lyme ST5 1BL
Monday – Friday during office hours
- Audley Library, Hall St, Audley, ST7 8DB (during normal opening hours)

The specified documents are:

- Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan 2024-2042 Referendum Version
- The report of the independent examiner into the draft Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan
- Copies of the written representations received at Regulations 16 stage and submitted to the independent examiner
- A Decision Statement by Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council that the Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions and complies with the relevant legislation
- Statement that sets out general information about town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum
- Map of the Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan Area; and
- This Information Statement.

Dated: 15 August 2025

Gordon Mole
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