

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

Belford Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Belford neighbourhood area

1. A Referendum will be held on Thursday, 14th March 2024 to decide on the question below:

"Do you want Northumberland County Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Belford Parish to help decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

2. Poll cards will be sent out to all residents of the Parish of Belford who currently feature upon Northumberland County Council's Electoral Register. Residents who are currently registered to vote by post will be sent a postal vote pack.

3. Any residents of Belford who are unsure as to whether they are registered or not or wish to register to vote by post or proxy should contact Electoral Services Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2EF or ring on 01670 624844 based on the deadlines set out below:

Application	Deadline for receipt
New applications to register to vote	Tuesday 27 February 2024
New applications to vote by post or to cancel or amend an existing postal/proxy vote	5 pm on Wednesday, 28th February 2024
Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate or an Anonymous Elector's Document valid for this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer.	5 pm on Wednesday, 6th March 2024
New applications to vote by proxy	5 pm on Wednesday, 6th March 2024
Applications for an emergency proxy vote on the grounds of physical incapacity or work/service reasons - The physical incapacity must have occurred after 5 pm on Wednesday, 6th March 2024. To apply on the grounds of work/service, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after 5 pm on Wednesday, 6th March 2024.	5 pm on Thursday, 14th March 2024

Dated Thursday 8 February 2024

Dr Helen Paterson
Counting Officer