



# Clyst St Mary and Sowton (Bishops Clyst) Neighbourhood Development Plan INFORMATION STATEMENT Referendum: Thursday 2 October 2025

## Information Statement

A neighbourhood planning referendum will be held for the Clyst St Mary and Sowton (Bishops Clyst) Neighbourhood Development Plan (First Review) on Thursday 2 October 2025.

The question asked in the referendum will be:

- **Do you want East Devon District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Bishops Clyst to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"**

The referendum area for the Neighbourhood Plan is the combined civil parishes of Clyst St Mary and Sowton (known collectively as Bishops Clyst). This is also the area covered by the reviewed Neighbourhood Plan and is shown on the map overleaf.

A person is entitled to vote in the referendum if, on Thursday 2 October 2025,

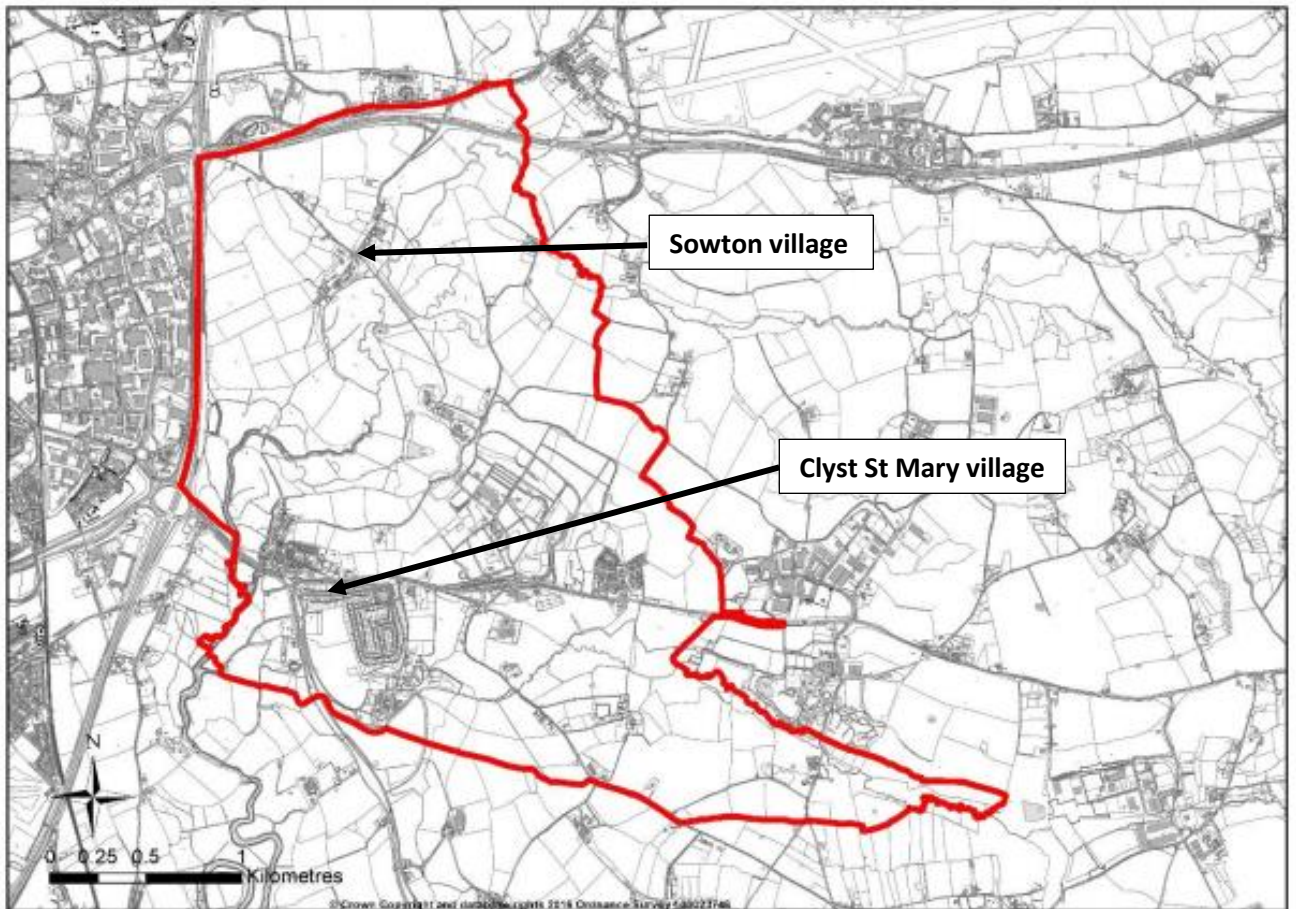
- they are entitled to vote in a local government election in the referendum area; and
- their qualifying address for the election is in the referendum area. (A person's qualifying address, in relation to a person registered in the register of electors, is the address in respect of which they are entitled to be registered.)

The referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the referendum is £2434.51.

The number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum by reference to which the limit has been calculated is 1229.

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

## Referendum Area (Clyst St Mary and Sowton (Bishops Clyst) Neighbourhood Area):



## Referendum Documents (the 'specified documents')

- Clyst St Mary and Sowton (Bishops Clyst) Neighbourhood Plan (**First Review**) (Referendum Version)
- Report of the independent Examiner
- Summary of the representations submitted to the independent Examiner
- Statement by the local planning authority that the draft plan meets the Basic Conditions (Decision Statement)
- Statement that sets out general information as to town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum (Information for Voters)

These documents can be viewed in the following ways:

1. On the [election pages](#) of the East Devon District Council website (<http://eastdevon.gov.uk/elections-and-registering-to-vote/election-documents>)
2. East Devon District Council Offices, Blackdown House, Border Road, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, EX14 1EJ **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** between the hours of 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday. Please call 01404 515616 to arrange.
3. Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ, Tel. 01392 407027 / email: [exeter.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:exeter.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk).
4. Parish Council office at the Village Hall, Clyst St Mary, EX5 1AA (Mon to Weds 9am - 12.30pm). Enquiries relating to this should be directed to Bishops Clyst Parish Council Tel. 01392 874405 / [clerk@bishopsclyst.org.uk](mailto:clerk@bishopsclyst.org.uk)
5. Paper copies can also be provided by post if necessary. To request a hard copy please contact Angela King, Neighbourhood Planning Officer by calling 01395 571740 or emailing: [Angela.King@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:Angela.King@eastdevon.gov.uk).

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