



25 June 2022

## **Ingatestone & Fryerning Neighbourhood Plan Referendum**

Dear Resident,

Ingatestone & Fryerning Parish Council has prepared a Neighbourhood Development Plan. Neighbourhood Plans give communities direct power to guide and shape future development and are a tool that people can use to ensure that future development meets the needs and requirements of the local community.

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2021 (as amended), requires the local planning authority (Brentwood Borough Council) to undertake a public consultation (referred to as Regulation 16), submit the Plan to an independent Inspector to review and determine if the Plan meets the planning requirements, and if permitted by the Inspector undertake the Referendum process. The Ingatestone & Fryerning Neighbourhood Plan has successfully completed the examination stage, and the Inspector, Mr. Derek Stebbing BA (Hons) DipEP MRTPI, has concluded the Neighbourhood Plan can proceed to Referendum.

### **What is a Referendum and who can vote?**

Residents who are eligible and registered to vote who live within the Parish boundary will be receiving a polling card to vote on whether the Neighbourhood Plan should be 'made'. The polling card will consist of a 'yes / no' question, which reads:

*"Do you want Brentwood Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Ingatestone & Fryerning to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"*

Voting yes to the above question means you want the Neighbourhood Plan to form part of Brentwood Borough Council's development plan, meaning its policies would be considered when determining planning applications in the Parish. Voting no to the above question means you do not want the Neighbourhood Plan to be adopted by Brentwood Borough Council, therefore it would not be used when determining planning applications within the Parish. A majority vote from local residents in favour of the Plan is required in order for the Neighbourhood Plan to be made.

The vote on the Ingatestone & Fryerning Neighbourhood Plan will be taking place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Details of where to vote will be found on your polling card. If you are unable to vote in person, you are able to apply for either a postal or proxy vote. The deadline to apply for alternative voting arrangements are:

**Postal vote:** applications received by Brentwood Borough Council by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 5pm

**Proxy vote:** applications received by Brentwood Borough Council by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 5pm

### **Where can I view the Neighbourhood Plan?**

Details about the Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed online on the Council's website at: <https://www.brentwood.gov.uk/-/ingatestone-and-fryerning-np>

Hard copies of the Neighbourhood Plan are on deposit at the following locations:

1. Brentwood Borough Council, Town Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AY
2. Ingatestone Library, High Street, Ingatestone CM4 9EU
3. Ingatestone & Fryerning Parish Council, Suite 2, 4 The Limes, Ingatestone, CM4 0BE

### **Further Information**

For further information or advice, about the consultation documents and/or process, please contact the Planning Policy Team by email at [planning.policy@brentwood.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@brentwood.gov.uk) or by telephone on 01277 312 500.

Yours faithfully



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