

Somerford Neighbourhood PLAN

Somerford
2015-2030



Planning for our future

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WE HAVE MADE IT TO THE END! NOW YOU CAN HAVE YOUR SAY.

The Neighbourhood Plan has now reached its final stage and has been approved by the H M Planning Inspector Mary O'Rourke BA (Hons) Dip TP MRTPI

Our referendum date, which is the day you get to answer **yes** or **no** to the question:

“ Do you want Cheshire East Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Somerford to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area*?”

is set as **THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2018** and voting will take place at **Somerford Business Court from 7am to 10pm.**

You will be sent a polling card (as per council elections) if you are registered as a resident of Somerford. If you are not registered, your application to be included on the register, must be received by CEC by **MIDNIGHT ON 30TH JANUARY**, either online or by post, otherwise **YOU WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.**

After 3 years of trial and tribulation we finally have a Neighbourhood Plan to be proud of. The Plan has undergone external examination and following some minor amendments was deemed to be ready to proceed to Referendum, where you, the residents of Somerford, get to have your say as to whether the plan is adopted into planning law or not.

On behalf of everyone who has worked on the Plan during the last 3 years, can I urge you all to ensure that

- a) You are eligible to vote
- b) You actually DO vote

We have spent literally hundreds of hours getting to this point and all we are asking of you is 5 minutes of your time to pop into the polling station and place your vote.

This Plan is the principal voice Somerford Parish Council has to influence future planning decisions and it has been created using concerns raised by you, in order to protect, in whatever small way we can, the integrity of the Parish.

The Referendum Version of the Plan can be viewed on our website: www.somerfordplan.co.uk under the tab marked Referendum.

Or on the CEC website: <http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-plans/neighbourhood-plans-n-z/somerford-neighbourhood-plan.aspx>

It can also be viewed on computer screens at:

Macclesfield Town Hall, Market Place, Macclesfield, SK10 1EA – Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

Delamere House, Delamere Street, Crewe, CW1 2JZ – Monday to Friday 8.45am to 5pm – except Tuesdays – 8.45am to 4pm

All Cheshire East libraries – for opening hours please contact the libraries directly

Paper copies of the specified documents are also available to view during normal office hours at:

Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach, CW11 1HZ and shortly also at

Hoofers Cafe, within Somerford Park Farm, Holmes Chapel Road, Somerford, CW12 4SW

Julie Mason, Parish Clerk, 2 Field View Road, Congleton, CW12 4UG

If anyone has any questions prior to the referendum please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk who will forward your query to me and I will endeavour to reply as soon as possible.

Thank you to anyone who has participated in getting our Plan to this stage, either by helping on the committee, or filling in surveys, or attending events connected with the Plan. It is all very much appreciated.

Sandy Kenyon

Chairman – Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee

*The Neighbourhood Area for Somerford is the whole Parish so the Plan policies would be used in any planning application submitted anywhere in Somerford