



DARLINGTON
Borough Council

Information Statement

Middleton St George Neighbourhood Development
Plan Referendum

11 August 2022

Referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Middleton St George Neighbourhood Development Plan will be held on **Thursday 11 August 2022**.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:-

“Do you want Darlington Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Middleton St George 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 Middleton St George Neighbourhood Development Plan Area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on 11 August 2022:-

- He or she is entitled to vote in an election of any Councillor of Darlington Borough Council whose area is in the Referendum area; and
- His or her qualifying address for the election is in the Referendum area. A person's 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 so registered.

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2,592.16. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum, by reference to which that limit has been calculated, is 3,901.

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 at:

- The Hub, Dolphin Centre, Horsemarket, Darlington, DL1 5RP
- Londis Convenience Store, 5 The Square, Middleton St George, Darlington, DL2 1EG

The Dolphin Centre is open 6.30 am to 10.00 pm Monday to Friday; 8.00 am to 10.00 pm Saturday; and 8.00 am to 7.30 pm Sunday.

The Londis Convenience Store is open 6.00 am to 8.00 pm Monday to Sunday.

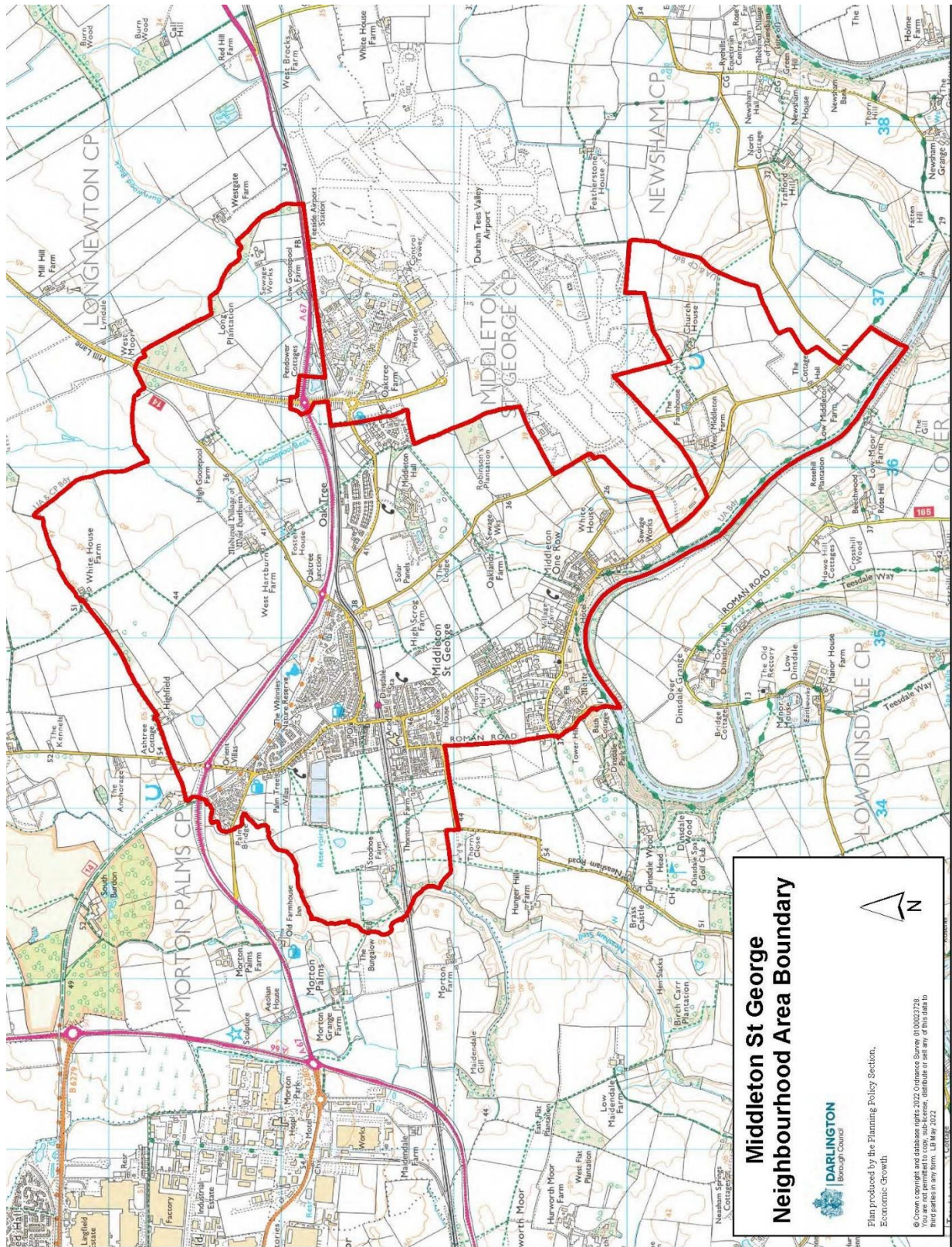
The documents are also available for public viewing on the Council's website at:

<https://www.darlington.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/planning-and-environmental-policy/neighbourhood-planning/>

The specified documents are:

- Middleton St George Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- Middleton St George Neighbourhood Development Plan Examiner's Report;
- A summary of written representations submitted to the independent examiner for consideration via the examination;
- A Decision Statement of the Local Planning Authority's satisfaction that the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the basic conditions specified by statute and complies with the provision made by or under Section 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;
- A statement that sets out general information as to town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum; and
- This information statement.

Figure 1: Map of the Middleton St George Neighbourhood Development Plan Area and Referendum Area



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