

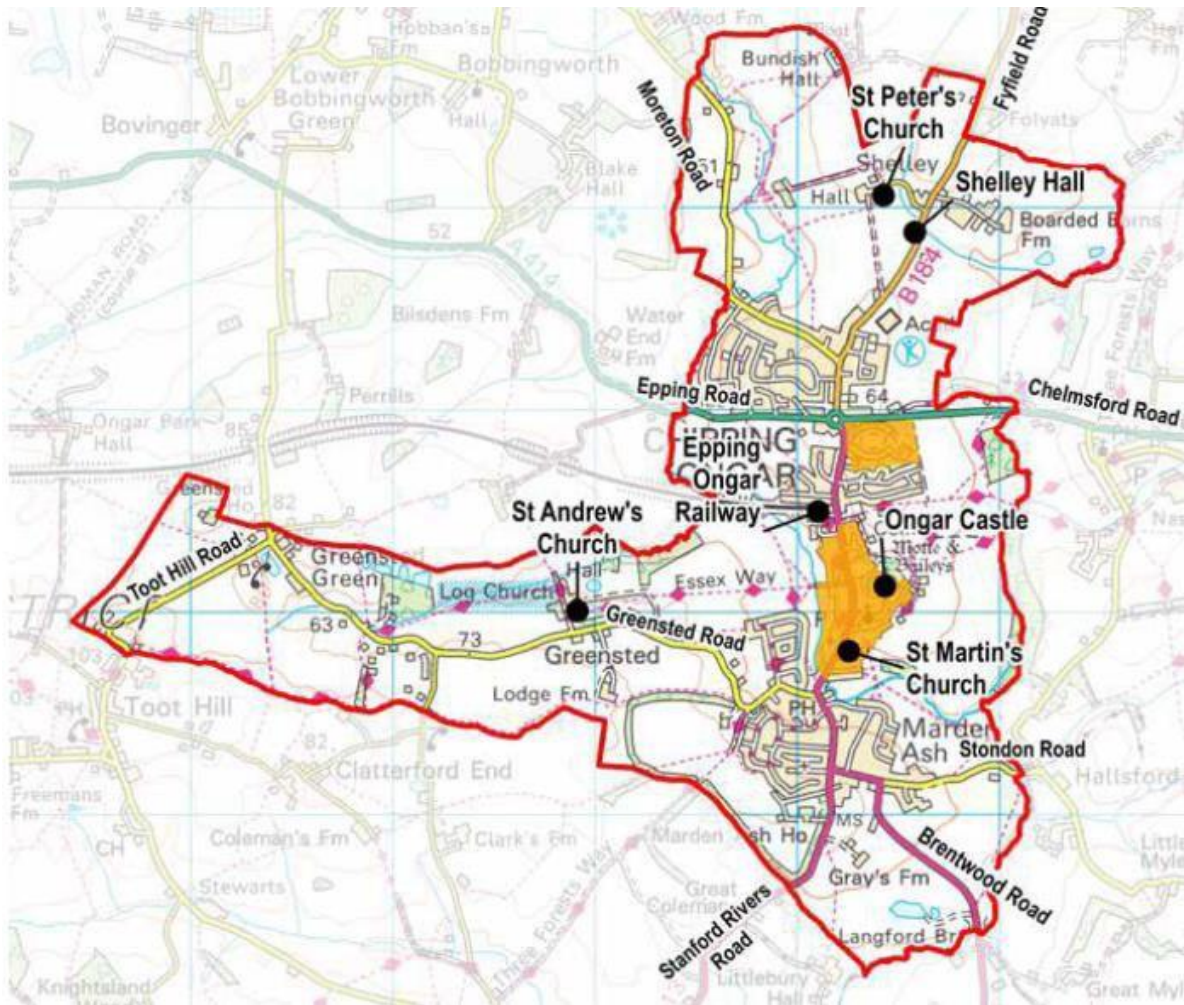
# ONGAR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM

## INFORMATION STATEMENT Referendum Date: 8 September 2022

A neighbourhood planning referendum will be held for the Ongar Neighbourhood Development Plan 2020-2033 on 8 September 2022. For this referendum you will receive a ballot paper with this question:

*“Do you want Epping Forest District Council to use the Ongar Neighbourhood Plan to help it decide planning applications in the Ongar Neighbourhood Area?”*

The referendum area and the area covered by the neighbourhood plan is the parish area of Ongar as shown below.



A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on 8 September 2022

- he or she is entitled to vote in a local government election 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 registered.

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2,362 plus 0.059p per registered elector. The number of people entitled to vote in the Referendum is 5265 (as of 21 July 2022). The Referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.

Expenses can be incurred by an individual or body during the period of the Referendum for referendum purposes. It is an offence for a campaign organiser to exceed the referendum expenses limits and if found guilty would be liable to a fine of up to £5000 and/or imprisonment of up to 12 months.

The specified documents are the:

- Post examination Ongar Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Report of the independent examiner
- 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 at:

- The Council's website at: is <https://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/ongar-town-council-neighbourhood-plan/ongar-neighbourhood-plan-referendum/>
- Epping Forest Council Civic Offices, High Street, Epping CM16 4BZ between the hours of 9 am to 5pm Monday to Friday
- Chipping Ongar Library, The Pleasance, High St, Chipping Ongar, Ongar CM5 9AB, during Library opening hours

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