

## Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Information Statement under Regulation 4 of the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendum) Regulations 2012

On 1 August 2022 the Mayor agreed a resolution, in accordance with Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, to hold a referendum on the Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Plan.

The referendum will be held on Thursday 13 October 2022.

The referendum will ask:

*Do you want the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to use the neighbourhood plan for the Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Planning Area to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?*

A map of the Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Planning Area is shown below, and can also be seen at <https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/Documents/Planning-and-building-control/Neighbourhood-Planning-Documents-March-2021/RRBow-Decision-Notice-Boundary-Correction.pdf>. The referendum area is the same as the neighbourhood planning area.



Roman Road Bow Amended Neighbourhood Planning Area

## The Referendum Details

The poll for the referendum will be held on Thursday 13 October 2022 between the hours of 7.00am and 10.00pm.

Anyone who lives within the boundaries of the Neighbourhood Planning Area and who is registered and eligible to vote in local elections will be entitled to vote in the referendum.

The referendum expenses limit for campaign organisers promoting a particular outcome is the aggregate of £2,362 plus the amount found by multiplying by 5.9 pence the sum of the number of entries in the relevant local government electoral register in effect on the day on which the referendum period begins, which is 20,659. This leads to a total expenses limit of £3,580.88.

The referendum poll will be conducted in accordance with the rules for local authority referenda and are similar to the rules used for local elections.

The Neighbourhood Planning (Referendum) Regulations 2012 provide a list of specified documents that must be made available. These are:

- (i) The draft neighbourhood plan
- (ii) The report made by the independent examiner
- (iii) A summary of any representations submitted to the independent examiner
- (iv) A statement that the local planning authority are satisfied the draft plan meets those basic conditions and complies with provision made by or under sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
- (v) A statement that sets out general information as to town and country planning (including neighbourhood planning) and the referendum

A copy of these documents may be inspected at the Tower Hamlets Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, E14 2BG, during normal working hours of 9am to 5pm, and will also be available on the Council's website at

[https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/planning\\_and\\_building\\_control/planning\\_policy\\_guidance/neighbourhood\\_planning/Roman\\_Road\\_Bow.aspx](https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/planning_and_building_control/planning_policy_guidance/neighbourhood_planning/Roman_Road_Bow.aspx). A copy will also be made available for inspection at Bow Idea Store, 1 Gladstone Place, Roman Road Bow, E3 5ES.

## What happens after the referendum?

If the neighbourhood plan is successful at the referendum, the Council is required to formally adopt the neighbourhood plan. This will be done at the first possible full Council meeting.

If the neighbourhood plan fails at the referendum, the plan will be withdrawn and have no further weight in the planning process.