

## Kippax Neighbourhood Plan - What am I Voting For?

The Referendum on the Kippax Neighbourhood Plan is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019. You will have received polling cards for this, but you do not need the card to vote. The referendum asks the question **“Do you want Leeds City Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Kippax to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”**

If you don't vote in favour of this plan, the views of the many Kippax residents who have contributed to the questionnaires and consultations will not be taken into account when Leeds City Council are deciding planning applications.

Drop-in Sessions are being held on:

**Kippax Central Working Men's Club**  
**9<sup>th</sup> February 2019 anytime between 10am and 2pm**

**Kippax Ex Service & Social Club (The Legion)**  
**12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 anytime between 4pm and 8pm**  
Please use separate entrance at the back

Please come along to learn more about the referendum. If you can't make these dates, here is a summary of what you are voting for.

The process for the Neighbourhood Plan started back in 2013 when a questionnaire was designed to get the views of Kippax residents, traders, the major sporting clubs and school children. From these responses the Neighbourhood Plan was developed. A consultation document was circulated in November 2014 and the responses were taken into consideration for the pre-submission draft. A survey was circulated in February 2017 asking whether residents agreed or disagreed with the elements of the pre-submissions draft. This is what has now led to the final plan and referendum. All of these questionnaires, consultations and surveys were sent, at the time of publication, to all homes in Kippax on the electoral register and many completed forms were returned.

The aim of a neighbourhood plan is to guide where new development takes place, what it should look like and other aspects of community interest. The plan intends to give Kippax more control over what happens in Kippax and looks at the following areas:

### **Housing:**

- ❖ The plan is not about saying no to any houses being built in Kippax it looks to ensure that new developments reflect the type and mix that best fits with the village and surrounding area and meet the needs of residents
- ❖ Ensures that developments consider the necessary infrastructure requirements

### **High Street:**

- ❖ The plan is not just about shop frontages it's about improving the overall appearance and public view of the high street.
- ❖ Link the High Street to its surrounding areas with signage to point the way to points of interest
- ❖ Make the high street somewhere to visit

### **Build Environment:**

- ❖ It is intended to enhance and support what is already here and improve those things that can be improved.
- ❖ Promoting conservation of historical sites
- ❖ Promote better transport links and traffic systems

### **Green Environment:**

- ❖ This is intended to protect the local green corridors, those that separate us from our neighbouring villages

- ❖ To protect the local green spaces and, where possible, if other areas can be identified, get them designated as a green space.
- ❖ Protect our local Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Sites of Ecological or Geographical Importance (SEGI) and Local Nature Area (LNA) and other local biodiverse areas from just being taken over.

**Business, commerce and employment:**

- ❖ To promote the expansion of local retail and business development
- ❖ This is intended to look at areas that can be influenced in order to bring work and employment to the village

The full Referendum draft document is available on the Leeds City Council website at:

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/kippax-neighbourhood-plan>

