

Notice of Referendum

Welwyn Parish Neighbourhood Plan Area

Referendum on the adoption of the Welwyn Parish Neighbourhood Plan

1. A Referendum will be held on **Thursday 7 May 2026** and will be combined with the Borough elections to decide on the question below:
“Do you want Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Welwyn to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”
2. Applications to be included on the register of electors for this referendum must be received by **12 midnight on Monday 20 April 2026**. Applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.
3. New applications for, amendments or cancellations of postal votes and amendments of cancellations of existing proxy votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, Room F6, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6AE by **5pm Tuesday 21 April 2026**.
4. New applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy or emergency proxies) at this referendum must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, Room F6, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6AE by **5pm on Tuesday 28 April 2026**.
5. New applications to apply for a voter authority certificate or an Anonymous Elector’s Document valid for this referendum must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, Room F6, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6AE by **5pm Tuesday 28 April 2026**. Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate can be made online: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id>.
6. New applications to vote by emergency proxy at this referendum on the grounds of physical incapacity, for work/service reasons or attendance at a training or educational course must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, Room F6, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6AE by **5pm on Thursday 7 May 2026**. The physical incapacity must have occurred after **5pm on Tuesday 28 April 2026**. To apply on the grounds of work/service or attendance at a training or educational course, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after **5pm on Tuesday 28 April 2026**.

Ka Ng, Counting Officer Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

Dated: Friday 27 March 2026