

SCHEDULE 5

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING
REFERENDUMS (COMBINATION OF POLLS) RULES

PART 8

Appendix of Forms

Form 7 - Form of Postal Voting Statement (for use where a referendum poll is combined with another poll but the postal ballot papers are not combined)

Postal Voting Statement

*Name of person voting by post: Ballot paper No.
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**Counting Officer to insert name but omit where ballot papers sent to a person with an anonymous entry in the register*

You must provide your [# signature and] date of birth. If you do not, the postal voting statement will be invalid and your vote will not be counted.

I AM THE PERSON THE BALLOT PAPER NUMBERED ABOVE WAS SENT TO

Date of birth

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 (Date of birth of person voting)

#Signature

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 (Signature of person voting)
IMPORTANT – Keep signature within border

#Relevant returning or counting officer to omit where a person has been granted a waiver

Voting fraud is a crime. You must not vote using a ballot paper that is not addressed to you or interfere with another person's ballot paper.

PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PERSON VOTING
Issued by the Counting Officer

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PERSON VOTING

Complete the ballot paper yourself and in private. If you need help contact the Counting Officer's staff as shown below

[Contact details for assistance include address as appropriate]

Draft Legislation: This is a draft item of legislation. This draft has since been made as a UK Statutory Instrument: *The Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012 No. 2031*

1. You must provide your [# signature and] date of birth. You must do this even if you have already signed a postal voting statement in respect of another election or referendum to be held on the same day. If you do not, the postal voting statement will be invalid and your vote will not be counted.
2. Vote ONCE only. Do not mark the ballot paper in any other way, or your vote may not be counted.
3. Mark a cross (X) in the box next to the answer of your choice.
4. If you need help voting, the person helping you must not tell anyone how you voted.
5. Different colours are used for the ballot papers for each election and referendum. Each ballot paper has its own ballot paper envelope (marked A), postal voting statement and return envelope (marked B). The return envelope and postal voting statement for each ballot paper refer to the colour of that ballot paper. It is important that you use the correct envelopes and postal voting statement or your vote may not be counted. You may find it helpful to sort the documents into separate sets.
6. Put the ballot paper in the envelope marked **A** and seal it.
7. Complete the postal voting statement by [# signing it, and] providing your date of birth.
8. Then put the envelope marked **A** together with the postal voting statement in the envelope marked **B**. Return it straightaway.
9. After receiving this postal vote, you cannot vote in person at a polling station at this referendum.
10. If you accidentally spoil your ballot paper, you can apply to the Counting Officer for a replacement before 5 p.m. on [day / date of poll]. You must return all the ballot papers, the postal voting statement, and the envelopes marked **A** and **B**. Make sure you contact the Counting Officer as soon as possible.

! Your ballot paper and the postal voting statement must be received by the Counting Officer by 10 p.m. on [day / date of poll]. You can deliver your completed postal vote to any polling station in your area on polling day.

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It is illegal to vote more than once at the same referendum (unless you are appointed as a proxy for another person entitled to vote at the referendum).

Counting officer to omit where a person has been granted a waiver.