Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan will be held on 10th December 2026.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

"Do you want Oldham Council and the Peak District National Park Authority to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Saddleworth to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

The Referendum area is identified on the map which is included with this information statement. The Referendum area is identical to the area which has been designated as the Saddleworth Neighbourhood area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if, on 24 November 2026:

- they are entitled to vote in a local government election in the Referendum area; and
- their 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 they are entitled to be registered.

The Referendum expenses limit is calculated as £2,362 plus £0.059 for each person entitled to vote in the referendum. For the purposes of this calculation, the number of eligible electors is 20,307.

The Referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.

A copy of the specified documents, that is those documents listed below, may be inspected online:
https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201235/neighbourhood_planning/2936/saddleworth_neighbourhood_plan

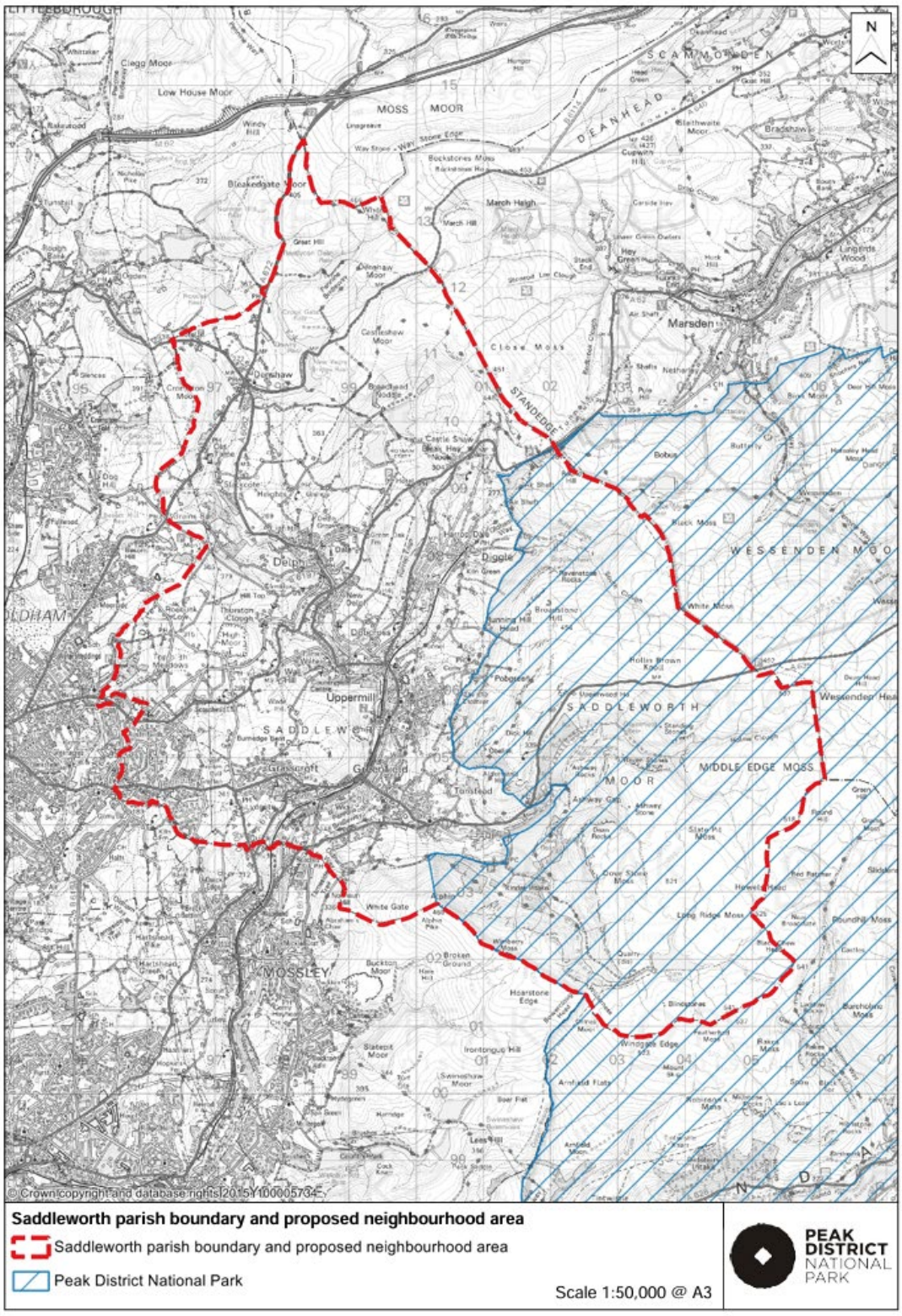
Paper copies of the specified documents are also available to view at:

- **Lees Library, 9 Thomas Street, Lees, Oldham, OL4 5DA** (Open Mondays to Thursdays 9am-7pm, Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday 9:30am-1pm)

- **Uppermill Library, St Chad's House, Uppermill, Oldham, OL3 6AZ** (Open Mondays to Thursdays 9am-7pm, Friday 9am -5pm and Saturday 9:30am-1pm)
- **Delph Libraries, 1 Millgate, Delph, Oldham, OL3 5JG** (Open Tuesdays to Thursdays 2-5pm and Fridays to Saturday 10am-1pm)
- **Greenfield Library, Chew Vale, Greenfield, Oldham, OL3 7EQ** (Open Tuesdays to Thursdays 2-7pm and Friday to Saturday 9:30am – 1pm)
- **Oldham Council's Spindles Shopping Centre reception** (please press the intercom for reception and go upstairs to the second floor), West Street, Oldham, OL1 1LF (open Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm)
- **Peak District National Park Authority's Office** (subject to prior request, paper or electronic copies may be made available) at Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1AE from 8.45am to 5pm Monday to Friday (closed bank holidays)

The specified documents are:

- Saddleworth Neighbourhood Development Plan (referendum version);
- the Independent Examiners Report;
- summary of the representations submitted to the independent examiner;
- statement by the local planning authority that the draft plan meets the basic conditions and complies with the relevant legislation;
- this information statement; and
- a statement that sets out general information about town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum.



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