



# TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

## Private and Confidential Report to Full Council

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<b>Date</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
<b>Subject</b>	Neighbourhood Plan – Referendum Result

### Purpose of Report

1. For Members to be advised that the result of the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 resulted in a 79% vote in favour.
2. To inform Members that Calderdale MBC will be formally taking this to their Full Council for adoption on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025.
3. To inform Member that at the request of Calderdale MBC they have asked to make some minor accuracy amends to an “adopted version” which has been sent to them.
4. To inform Members that Development Committee will now be formally referring to such policies when considering planning applications in their role as consultee.

### Referendum Result

5. The result was as follows:-

**“Do you want Calderdale Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Todmorden to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”**

	<b>Votes recorded</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Number of votes cast in favour of ‘YES’</b>	1288	79%
<b>Number of votes cast in favour of ‘NO’</b>	342	21%

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:

Number of Ballot Papers

<b>a) want of official mark</b>	0
<b>b) voting for more than one answer</b>	1
<b>c) writing or mark by which the voter could be identified</b>	0
<b>d) being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty</b>	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	7

Electorate: **11777** Ballot Papers Issued: 1637 Turnout: 13.9 %

6. The minor accuracy amends requested by Calderdale MBC were as follows:-
- a. Lumbutts Conservation Area is actually called Lumbutts & Mankinholes.
  - b. Centre Vale Park- the aerial map is off- it only shows some of the park and is mostly focussing on the cricket club.
  - c. Also it's a Locally Listed Park & Garden – might be worth mentioning

### **Financial Considerations**

7. None arising from this report.

### **Recommendation**

8. That Members note the Referendum result

### **Reasons For Recommendation**

9. Full Council resolved to take the Neighbourhood Plan to referendum.

### **Policy Implications:**

10. Adoption by Calderdale MBC will result in the Neighbourhood Plan Policies being considered alongside the design guide when making planning decisions relating to the Todmorden Neighbourhood Plan Area.

### **Details Of Consultation:**

11. As per consultation statement submitted to the Examiner.

### **Climate Change:**

12. None arising directly from this report

### **Impact Equality Assessment**

13. None arising directly from this report.

### **Supporting Papers:**

14. None

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