

A conclusive YES for the NDP

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The results from yesterday's referendum whether to adopt the Neighbourhood Development Plan were as follows: (source: [Herefordshire Council](#))

YES	1514 votes	(90.6%)
NO	158 votes	(9.4%)

Turnout was 23%, which was not as disappointing as many had feared.

The question asked was **Do you want Herefordshire Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Ledbury to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?**

This appears it is not seeking adoption of the whole plan, but that apparently is protocol: they're all of the form 'Do you want XXX Council to use the neighbourhood plan for YYY to help it decide planning applications...'

The count took place in **Hereford Town Hall** last night. Why there?? Almost certainly protocol again (since Herefordshire Council had arranged the referendum). Ledbury Town Council didn't know the result when I phoned them this morning!

Moving on: this gives all of us an extra weapon with which to hold back the likes of Gladman, but it still remains important to comment on their [revised planning application \(P184032/O\)](#) for land south of the 'Barratt' site, ie. further down the Dymock road, **by next Thursday (13th December)**

. This may be done on-line on [Herefordshire Council's](#) website.

Nobody says the plan is perfect - but it could be amended to give it more strength and another referendum held later to approve any amendments.