

Brighton Marina Neighbourhood Plan Referendums

The Brighton Marina Neighbourhood Forum (BMNF) needs your help in order to get the Brighton Marina Neighbourhood Plan adopted into local planning policy by Brighton & Hove City Council (BHCC).

To be adopted the Plan needs the support of eligible voters in special referendums.

There will be two referendums on Thursday 13 February 2025 which are separate referendums for Marina residents and businesses.

What is the Neighbourhood Plan? A shared vision that has emerged over nearly 10 years of consultation with Marina residents, workers and elected representatives who joined BMNF to establish general planning policies for the development and use of land in Brighton Marina (the neighbourhood area). Please note that this does not include the Gas Works site immediately North of the Marina.

It isn't a planning application. The Neighbourhood Plan contains guidelines that developers and the Council must take into consideration in future planning applications for development within Brighton Marina if it is adopted.

Who can vote? Anyone who lives in the Brighton Marina Neighbourhood Area and is eligible and registered to vote in local elections. If not already registered you must register by 28 January 2025 in order to participate.

Businesses operating in the Marina that pay business rates will each get one vote in the separate business referendum.

How to vote? The Polling Station is in the Estate Office Board Room, Brighton Marina, BN2 5UF. Poll opening times are 7am to 10pm. Postal voting is also available.

Those voting in person in the Residential referendum must bring a form of photo ID that is acceptable for election purposes.

Businesses will each nominate one named voter.

Why you should vote? The Neighbourhood Plan is a one-time opportunity for Marina residents and businesses to have their vision of a better living, working and leisure environment legally recognised by BHCC when considering new planning applications.

How was BMNF and the production of the Neighbourhood Plan funded? The Neighbourhood Plan was produced by volunteers who live or work in the Marina with the guidance of a professional consultant funded by a central government grant that also covered other approved expenses.

Further information including the Neighbourhood Plan can be found at www.bmnf.org.uk with contact details should there be any questions. A link to the Council's detailed information about the referendums is on the home page.

Please support many years of work by BMNF by voting for the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan on 13 February.