

Fullers Slade Ballot Framework

This document sets out the proposed framework for the residents' ballot on regeneration options for Fullers Slade in 2019 which was agreed by the Regeneration Cabinet Sub-Committee on 12 September 2019 and approved by Cabinet on 1 October 2019.

It was prepared by the Fullers Slade Regeneration Steering Group (FSRSG) with support from the Council's Regeneration and Elections teams.

1. Administration of the Ballot

- a. The ballot will take place on Friday 29 November 2019 from 2.00pm to 9.00pm and Saturday 30 November 2019 from 10.00am to 4.00pm.
- b. The Ballot will take place at The Park Hub (Portacabin) on Spider Park; if The Park Hub is not available, the ballot will take place at The Rowans Family Centre on Moorfoot.
- c. Residents will be asked to vote for one option only.
- d. All residents and stakeholders who are eligible to vote must be registered on the electoral register.
- e. Anonymous Registration will be available to ensure that at risk families are able to vote without fear.

2. Advertising the Ballot

- a. The Ballot date and the polling station venue will be communicated to Fullers Slade residents, stakeholders in the Fullers Slade community (non-resident homeowners and local businesses) at least one month before and will be promoted in a variety of ways in the lead up to the ballot.
- b. The options on which the Fullers Slade community will be asked to vote will be communicated to the Fullers Slade community two weeks before the date of ballot.
- c. The Fullers Slade community will be able to view the options for the ballot in several ways:
 - Each home will receive a copy of the options.
 - The options will be available on the Council's website.
 - The options will be on display in public places such as The Park Hub, The Rowans Family centre, local shops, notice boards and newsletters, schools, etc.
 - At the Regeneration Team drop-ins at The Park Hub in the weeks leading up to the ballot.

3. Eligibility to Vote in the Ballot

- a. Any resident of Fullers Slade age 16 years or over is eligible to vote. This includes all Council tenants, private tenants and home owners who have lived on Fullers Slade for over one year.
- b. Any non-resident homeowner who has owned a property on Fullers Slade for over one year is eligible to vote.
- c. Private businesses operating in Fullers Slade have one vote per business, this exclusively includes:
 - George's Fish Bar
 - Oriental Express
 - Costcutter
 - Peri Peri Chicken
 - Fullers Slade Tyre, Exhaust and Auto Centre
- d. In line with referenda triggered by central government and those with national guidance e.g. Neighbourhood Plan referenda, there will be no turnout threshold; the majority vote will decide the outcome, regardless of turnout.

4. Accessibility

- Those identified as requiring additional support (such as those with disabilities, or those with language or literacy barriers) will be contacted in the month leading up to the vote, and the options and voting process explained to them. A translation service will be offered where required.
- All eligible members of the Fullers Slade community will be able to register for a postal vote. Completed and sealed ballot papers can be posted to the Elections Team at Milton Keynes Council before the agreed deadline, or left at The Park Hub for collection on the days of the ballot.

5. Conditions Previously agreed by Milton Keynes Council Cabinet in January 2018

- The Ballot will be administered by Milton Keynes Council's Elections Team.
- There will be a 'no redevelopment' option.
- All options available will be financially deliverable i.e. they can be delivered through the Housing Revenue Account, council borrowing or private funding.
- Residents must register in order to be eligible to vote.