



# **NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL WARD ELECTIONS – THURSDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**

## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES AND AGENTS**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026, there will be an election for one seat in each of our fifteen Wards.

### **GUIDANCE FOR CANDIDATES AND AGENTS:**

The Electoral Commission has published comprehensive guidance for Candidates and Election Agents which will take you through the whole election process. These notes supplement that guidance and highlight some of the key points and local information.

Candidates and Election Agents can access all the detailed guidance from the Electoral Commission at:

[Guidance for Candidates and Agents at local government elections in England | Electoral Commission](#)

The latest Code of Conduct for Campaigners is available on the Electoral Commission website here:

[Code of Conduct for Campaigners at UK Parliamentary general elections in Great Britain, local elections in England and Police and Crime Commissioner Elections | Electoral Commission](#)

Candidates and Election Agents are strongly advised to read and take note of the information contained in the Electoral Commission's guidance.

The Electoral Commission have also produced videos which you might find helpful:

### **Completing your nomination papers:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFtTPMR0cTg>

### **Home address form and relevant area:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hadC05jo4qI>

### **TIMETABLE and POLLING STATIONS:**

A copy of the election timetable and list of polling stations in use at this election are enclosed and can be found on the Council's website.

### **NOMINATIONS:**

**The content of the Consent to Nomination form is fixed by law and the entire form (comprising 4 pages) must be returned in order for your nomination to be valid.** On the form you are asked to state that you are qualified and not disqualified from standing. You must also state your date of birth.

The Electoral Commission's guidance covers the criteria for qualification and disqualification. A Candidate must be a British, qualifying Commonwealth, Irish, or European Union citizen, and aged 18 by polling day. In addition, the Candidate must meet at least one of the other qualifications set out on the consent to nomination form.

**Candidates are advised to complete as many sections as apply to them on the Consent to Nomination Form (sections (a) – (d)).**

A Candidate must not be disqualified to stand by virtue of section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 or section 34 of the Localism Act 2011, copies of which are supplied with the Consent to Nomination form. Candidates must not hold a politically restricted post within the meaning of Part 1 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, under a local authority, within the meaning of that Part.

**Home address forms:**

The nomination pack contains a home address form. All Candidates need to complete Part 1 of the form. Where Candidates do not want to have their home address printed on the ballot papers and public notices, they will need to complete Part 2 of the form as well, giving the name of the relevant area (i.e. North East Lincolnshire) or, where outside of the United Kingdom, the country in which their home address is situated, and then sign the form.

If you complete Part 2 and choose not to use your home address, the statement of persons nominated, and ballot paper will state "address in ....." rather than use your home address.

**Submission of nominations:**

The election begins with publication of the Notice of Election on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.

Nominations may be delivered between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the next working day after the publication of the Notice of Election, but not later than 4.00 pm on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2026. There is no power to accept late nominations - even if they are late by just a few seconds. It is advisable not to delay delivery until the last moment because if there is an error on the form there may be insufficient time to correct it.

Please note that the following papers must be delivered **by hand**:

- Nomination paper
- Home address form
- Candidate's consent to nomination

The following papers can be delivered **by hand or by post**:

- Certificate of authorisation
- Request for a party emblem
- Notification of Election Agent
- Appointment of Polling Agents
- Appointment of Counting Agents
- Appointment of Postal Vote Agents

Ensure that where signatures are required, you submit the **original signed version** of each completed paper. Documents without original signatures cannot be accepted.

The Registration of Political Parties Act 1998 contains requirements for Candidates representing a registered political party and about the use of party emblems. Nomination papers with descriptions which, in the opinion of the Returning Officer, are invalid will be rejected. Candidates standing on behalf of a registered political party should ensure that they submit the correct documentation, i.e. certificate of authorisation from the party and, if desired, a request to use the party's emblem on the ballot paper. **The description entered by a political party Candidate on their nomination paper must either be the party name or alternatively exactly match the description registered by the political party with the Electoral Commission.**

Great care should be taken when completing nomination papers as the details entered on them by the Candidate will appear on the ballot papers and public notices. ***Detailed instructions on completing nomination papers are set out in the Electoral Commission's guidance.***

Any written notice of withdrawal of Candidature must be delivered to the Elections Team by 4.00 pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026. The Statement of Persons Nominated will be published not later than 4.00 pm on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.

#### **ELECTION AGENT:**

Each Candidate must appoint an Election Agent and give notice in writing by 4.00 pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026. The candidate may appoint another person, or act as their own Election Agent. If the Candidate does not appoint an Election Agent, then they are deemed to be their own Election Agent.

#### **SECRECY REQUIREMENTS:**

The requirements in section 66 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (as amended) help to maintain the secrecy of the ballot. They apply to all Candidates, Election Agents, and to every person attending at the polling stations; the issue and receipt of postal ballot papers; and the count. Further guidance is given on the Electoral Commission's website.

#### **ELECTION POSTERS:**

Candidates are issued with a copy of North East Lincolnshire Council's *Conditions for the Display of Election Posters on or adjacent to the Highway*. Please ensure these are read and adhered to.

#### **COUNT:**

The verification and count of all North East Lincolnshire Council ballot papers will take place at 10.00 pm on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 at Grimsby Auditorium/Grimsby Leisure Centre, Cromwell Road, Grimsby.

At a contested election, those entitled to attend the count are the Candidate and their guest, Election Agent and a specified number of Counting Agents (exact numbers of Counting Agents will be confirmed to Election Agents after closure of nominations). Notification in writing of the Candidate's Counting Agents and Guest must be given to the Elections Team no later than Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.

#### **ABSENT VOTES:**

The closing dates for applications to vote by post and proxy are set out in the timetable. The provisional date for the commencement of posting out the main postal votes is Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026. The second round of postal votes will be mailed out around Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026. The provisional dates for the opening of postal

votes are Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May then Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 inclusive and these will be opened at 9.30am in Grimsby Town Hall. Please note that the final session of postal vote opening will be held at Grimsby Auditorium on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 in the evening.

As in previous years, there will be a test day for testing the scanning software only on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2026. Although a sample of postal vote statements from each Ward will be scanned to test the software, no postal vote ballot paper envelopes will be opened. Election Agents, Candidates and their Postal Vote Agent can attend the test of the software. Further details will be provided to candidates nearer the time.

A copy of the Electoral Commission’s Code of Conduct for Campaigners: Electoral Registration, Postal Voting, Proxy Voting and Polling Stations can be found on the Electoral Commissions website: [Code of Conduct for Campaigners at UK Parliamentary general elections in Great Britain, local elections in England and Police and Crime Commissioner Elections | Electoral Commission](https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-and-agents-local-government-elections-england/candidate-spending)

**Candidates are asked to ensure that they and everyone working with them take careful note of the contents of this document.**

**TELLERS IN AND AROUND POLLING PLACES:**

A copy of “*Tellers do’s and don’ts*” issued by the Electoral Commission is enclosed. Candidates and agents are asked to bring this guidance to the attention of their tellers at polling stations. Further information about the role of Tellers and their conduct is given in the Electoral Commission’s guidance.

**ELECTION EXPENSES:**

Guidance relating to Spending and Donations can be found on the Electoral Commission website: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-and-agents-local-government-elections-england/candidate-spending>

The spending limit for local government elections depends on the number of electors in the Ward being contested. The current limits are **£960 plus 8p per** local government elector on the register for the electoral area. These are based on the number of local government electors for each Ward on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 register:

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Eligible Electorate</b>
Croft Baker	8,384
East Marsh	6,820
Freshney	6,945
Haverstoe	7,800
Heneage	8,037
Humberston and New Waltham	10,517
Immingham	8,940
Park	8,701
Scarho	9,303
Sidney Sussex	8,017
South	8,566
Waltham	5,778
West Marsh	5,226
Wolds	6,593
Yarborough	8,448

Maximum limits are reduced in the case of joint candidates. Further information and forms on expenses may be downloaded from the Electoral Commission's website (the return of expenses form can be downloaded as an excel spreadsheet). The website address is on page one of this document.

The last day for delivery to the Returning Officer of the Return of Election Expenses is Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

#### **“DANGER AREAS”:**

There are several areas where there are regular difficulties, and the following are examples:-

- Failing to meet the time deadlines.
- Failing to complete all sections of the nomination paper (except for 'Description' which is optional).
- Failing to sign the consent to nomination and ensure that the appropriate sections are fully completed.
- Failing to submit a valid certificate of authorisation if standing on behalf of a registered political party.
- Failing to ensure that all notices, leaflets comply with legislation.
- Failing to control supporters about, for example, unlawful flyposting, defacing opponents' posters, unlawful display of posters, etc.

These examples are not intended to be an exhaustive list. **The candidate and his/her/they Election Agent are responsible for ensuring that nominations are completed accurately, and that the election campaign is conducted in accordance with the law.**

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND CODE OF CONDUCT:**

The appointment of an elected Candidate as Councillor will become effective on the fourth day after the election. However, you may not act as Councillor (which includes attending and voting at meetings) until you have signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. This includes an undertaking that you will abide by the Council's Code of Conduct and declare your financial and other interests in a public register. The Declaration must be made within two months from the day of election. Failure to do so will result in automatic disqualification as a Councillor.

#### **GENERAL:**

The legislation relating to elections is very extensive. Candidates and Election Agents are advised to familiarise themselves with the provisions. The Returning Officer and his staff are available to give general advice to Candidates and Election Agents and outline the legislation. However, they are NOT able to give detailed definitive advice on individual circumstances. In such matters, Candidates and Election Agents should seek their own independent legal advice.

March 2026

Elections Office, North East Lincolnshire Council, Municipal Offices, Grimsby DN31 1HU Tel: 01472 326117/324295 / 324161 E-mail: <a href="mailto:elections@nelincs.gov.uk">elections@nelincs.gov.uk</a>
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# NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 7TH MAY 2026

07 May 2026

Notice of Election:	To be published on	Friday, March 27, 2026
Delivery of nomination papers: Between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on any day from the date of publication of the Notice of Election	Commencing on -	Monday, March 30, 2026
New applications for first interim publication date		Thursday, April 02, 2026
Last day for delivery of nomination papers:	Not later than 4 pm on -	Thursday, April 09, 2026
Last day for withdrawals of candidature:	Not later than 4 pm on -	Thursday, April 09, 2026
Last day for notice of appointment of election agents:	Not later than 4 pm on -	Thursday, April 09, 2026
Publish notice of alteration for first interim publication date		Thursday, April 09, 2026
Publish Statement as to Persons Nominated	Not later than 4 pm on -	Friday, April 10, 2026
New applications for second interim publication date		Friday, April 10, 2026
Deadline for applications to be included on the register of electors to be used at the election		Monday, April 20, 2026
Last day for new applications to vote by post or to change or cancel an existing postal vote or proxy appointment	Not later than 5 pm on -	Tuesday, April 21, 2026
Publish notice of alteration for second interim publication date		Wednesday, April 22, 2026
Deadline for receiving applications for Voter Authority Certificates	No later then 5pm	Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Last day for new applications to vote by proxy	Not later than 5 pm on -	Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Publication of Notice of Poll		Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Last day for appointment of counting and polling agents:	Not later than -	Wednesday, April 29, 2026
Publish notice of alteration of register as a result of late applications		Wednesday, April 29, 2026
First day to issue ballot papers in response to requests to replace lost postal ballot papers		Thursday, April 30, 2026
<b>POLLING DAY</b>	(7 am to 10 pm)	Thursday, May 07, 2026
Last day for new applications to vote by proxy on grounds of medical emergency	Not later than 5 pm on	Thursday, May 07, 2026
Last day to issue replacements for spoilt or lost postal ballot papers:	Not later than 5 pm on -	Thursday, May 07, 2026
Last day to make alterations to the register to correct a clerical error or to implement a court decision	Not later than 9 pm on -	Thursday, May 07, 2026
Last day for delivery to the Returning Officer of Return of Election Expenses		Friday, June 12, 2026
Sending of Postal Vote rejection notices		Friday, August 07, 2026

North East Lincolnshire Council  
Municipal Offices, Town Hall Square  
Grimsby  
DN31 1HU

SHARON WROOT  
RETURNING OFFICER



**NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL - POLLING STATIONS**  
**NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL ELECTION - 7TH MAY 2026**

EM1	1	PARK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL, HUMBERSTONE ROAD, GRIMSBY, DN32 8AZ
EM2	2	PARK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL, HUMBERSTONE ROAD, GRIMSBY, DN32 8AZ
EM3	3	GRIMSBY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE, CORNER WEELSBY ST/WELLINGTON ST, GRIMSBY, DN32 7JW
EM4	4	CENTRAL HALL, DUNCOMBE STREET, GRIMSBY, DN32 7EG
EM5	5	CENTRAL HALL, DUNCOMBE STREET, GRIMSBY, DN32 7EG
EM6	6	CENTRAL HALL, DUNCOMBE STREET, GRIMSBY, DN32 7EG
FR1	7	WYBERS WOOD ACADEMY, TIMBERLEY DRIVE, GRIMSBY, DN37 9QZ
FR2	8	WYBERS WOOD ACADEMY, TIMBERLEY DRIVE, GRIMSBY, DN37 9QZ
FR3	9	GREAT COATES VILLAGE HALL, COOKS LANE, GREAT COATES, DN37 9NW
FR4	10	QUEENSWAY HUB, BINBROOK WAY, GRIMSBY, DN37 9AS
FR5	11	PORTACABIN CRANWELL DRIVE/CROMWELL ROAD PLAY AREA, DN37 9BN
HE1	12	OLD CLEE CHURCH HALL, CHURCH LANE, GRIMSBY, DN32 8NB
HE2	13	OLD CLEE CHURCH HALL, CHURCH LANE, GRIMSBY, DN32 8NB
HE3	14	CENTRAL CHILDREN'S CENTRE, EDWARD STREET, GRIMSBY, DN32 9HL
HE4	15	ST CHRISTOPHER'S METHODIST CHURCH, CORNER CONVAMORE ROAD/WELHOLME ROAD, GRIMSBY, DN32 9JA
HE5	16	ST CHRISTOPHER'S METHODIST CHURCH, CORNER CONVAMORE ROAD/WELHOLME ROAD, GRIMSBY, DN32 9JA
HE6	17	NEWBY CENTRE, WEELSBY ROAD, GRIMSBY, DN32 8PL
HE7	18	NEWBY CENTRE, WEELSBY ROAD, GRIMSBY, DN32 8PL
PA1	19	THE CRICKETERS, LITTLEFIELD LANE, GRIMSBY, DN34 4PS
PA2	20	WELLOWGATE CHAPEL, CORNER ABBEY DRIVE EAST/WELLOWGATE, GRIMSBY, DN32 0EY
PA3	21	T.A. CENTRE, WESTWARD HO, GRIMSBY, DN34 5AE
PA4	22	ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, ST AUGUSTINE AVENUE, GRIMSBY, DN32 0LA
PA5	23	LISLE MARSDEN CE PRIMARY ACADEMY, (LANSDOWNE AVENUE ENTRANCE), GRIMSBY, DN32 0DF
PA6	24	SCARTH ROAD CEMETERY CHAPEL/SHELTER, GRIMSBY CEMETERY, SCARTH ROAD, GRIMSBY, DN33 2AP
SC1	25	SCARTH GATEWAY ACADEMY, MATTHEW TELFORD PARK, GRIMSBY, DN33 3EP
SC2	26	SCARTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WALTHAM ROAD, GRIMSBY, DN33 2LX
SC3	27	SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY ACADEMY (BUNGALOW), SPRINGWOOD CRESCENT, GRIMSBY, DN33 3HG
SC4	28	FAIRFIELD ACADEMY, MENDIP AVENUE, GRIMSBY, DN33 3AE
SC5	29	ST GILES PARISH ROOM, CHURCH LANE, GRIMSBY, DN33 2EY
SC5	30	ST GILES PARISH ROOM, CHURCH LANE, GRIMSBY, DN33 2EY
SO1	31	ST MARK'S CENTRE, LACEBY ROAD, GRIMSBY, DN34 5LP
SO2	32	WOODLANDS PRIMARY ACADEMY, PINWOOD CRESCENT, GRIMSBY, DN33 1RJ
SO3	33	NUNSTHORPE FAMILY HUB, SUTCLIFFE AVENUE, GRIMSBY, DN31 1AN
SO4	34	ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, SUTCLIFFE AVENUE, GRIMSBY, DN33 1AE
SO5	35	SCOUT HUT, BROCKLESBY PLACE, GRIMSBY, DN34 5NG
SO6	36	GRANGE COMMUNITY CENTRE, CARNFORTH CRESCENT, GRIMSBY, DN34 5EF
SO7	37	GRANGE COMMUNITY CENTRE, CARNFORTH CRESCENT, GRIMSBY, DN34 5EF
WM1	38	HAVEN METHODIST CHURCH, LORD STREET, GRIMSBY, DN31 2NF
WM2	39	WEST MARSH COMMUNITY CENTRE, ARMSTRONG STREET, GRIMSBY, DN31 2NF
WM3	40	LITTLECOATES PRIMARY SCHOOL, HARLOW STREET, GRIMSBY, DN31 2QX
WM4	41	WEST MARSH FAMILY HUB, MACAULAY STREET, GRIMSBY, DN31 2ES
YA1	42	PORTACABIN, LIDL CAR PARK, CROMWELL ROAD, GRIMSBY, DN31 2BB
YA2	43	RIVERSIDE CHILDRENS CENTRE, CENTRAL PARADE, GRIMSBY, DN34 4HE
YA3	44	RIVERSIDE CHILDRENS CENTRE, CENTRAL PARADE, GRIMSBY, DN34 4HE
YA4	45	LITTLECOATES COMMUNITY CENTRE, ST. MICHAEL'S ROAD, GRIMSBY, DN34 5RY
YA5	46	LACEBY ACRES ACADEMY, SWIFTSURE CRESCENT, GRIMSBY, DN34 5QN
YA6	47	PORTACABIN, NEAR 485 LACEBY ROAD, GRIMSBY, DN34 5PA
CB1	48	ST PETERS CHURCH HALL, ST PETERS AVENUE, CLEETHORPES, DN35 8HP
CB2	49	ST FRANCIS CHURCH HALL, SANDRINGHAM ROAD, CLEETHORPES, DN35 9HA
CB3	50	CLEETHORPES LIBRARY, ALEXANDRA ROAD, CLEETHORPES, DN35 8LG
CB4	51	ST PETERS CHURCH HALL, ST PETERS AVENUE, CLEETHORPES, DN35 8HP
CB5	52	ST PETERS CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, CORONATION ROAD, CLEETHORPES, DN35 8RS
CB6	53	COMMUNAL ROOM, SOLOMON COURT, CLEETHORPES, DN35 9HL
CB7	54	ST FRANCIS CHURCH HALL, SANDRINGHAM ROAD, CLEETHORPES, DN35 9HA
HA1	55	MIDDLETHORPE PRIMARY ACADEMY, HIGHTHORPE CRESCENT, CLEETHORPES, DN35 9PY

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HA2	56	SIGNHILLS ACADEMY, HARDYS ROAD, CLEETHORPES, DN35 0DN
HA3	57	SIGNHILLS ACADEMY, HARDYS ROAD, CLEETHORPES, DN35 0DN
HA4	58	PORTACABIN, GRASSED AREA, LINKS ROAD/RESTON COURT, CLEETHORPES, DN35 0HX
HA5	59	ANNIE CHAPPLE CENTRE, ASPEN COURT, CLEETHORPES, DN35 0SJ
HA6	60	PORTACABIN, THE TRAWLERMAN, NORTH SEA LANE, CLEETHORPES, DN35 0PP
HU1	61	CONSERVATORY, THE COUNTRYMAN, FIELDHOUSE ROAD, HUMBERSTON, DN36 4UN
HU2	62	PORTACABIN, CORNER GRIMSBY RD/CHURCH AVENUE, HUMBERSTON, DN36 4AA
HU3	63	WENDOVER HALL, CHURCH LANE, HUMBERSTON, DN36 4HZ
HU4	64	NEW WALTHAM VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD, NEW WALTHAM, DN36 4QJ
HU5	65	NEW WALTHAM COMMUNITY PAVILION, ST CLEMENTS WAY, NEW WALTHAM, DN36 4GU
HU6	66	NEW WALTHAM VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD, NEW WALTHAM, DN36 4QJ
IM1	67	HABROUGH VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD, HABROUGH, DN40 3BD
IM2	68	STALLINGBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD, STALLINGBOROUGH, DN41 8AJ
IM3	69	THE GALLERY CAFÉ, 375 PELHAM ROAD, IMMINGHAM, DN40 1NG
IM4	70	IMMINGHAM CIVIC CENTRE HUB - BURTON ROOM, PELHAM ROAD, IMMINGHAM, DN40 1QF
IM5	71	TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH, CORNER MARGARET ST/PELHAM RD, IMMINGHAM, DN40 1NB
IM6	72	BERT BOYDEN CENTRE, CARVER ROAD, IMMINGHAM, DN40 1DS
IM7	73	IMMINGHAM CHRISTIAN CENTRE, PELHAM ROAD, IMMINGHAM, DN40 1QD
SS1	74	PORTACABIN, NURSERY, QUEEN MARY INFANT SCHOOL, QUEEN MARY AVENUE, CLEETHORPES, DN35 7SY
SS2	75	ST AIDAN'S CHURCH & COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRIMSBY ROAD, CLEETHORPES, DN35 7RQ
SS3	76	ST AIDAN'S CHURCH & COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRIMSBY ROAD, CLEETHORPES, DN35 7RQ
SS4	77	CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY CENTRE, (HOLY TRINITY PARISH HALL), GRIMSBY ROAD, CLEETHORPES, DN35 7LH
SS5	78	CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY CENTRE, (HOLY TRINITY PARISH HALL), GRIMSBY ROAD, CLEETHORPES, DN35 7LH
SS6	79	MEMORIAL HALL, CLEETHORPES, (CLEE ROAD ENTRANCE), DN35 8AH
SS7	80	ST AIDAN'S CHURCH & COMMUNITY CENTRE, GRIMSBY ROAD, CLEETHORPES, DN35 7RQ
WA1	81	CHURCH HALL, MAIN ROAD, ASHBY-CUM-FENBY, DN37 0QW
WA2	82	BRIGSLEY VILLAGE HALL, ST HELEN'S CRESCENT, BRIGSLEY, DN37 0RG
WA3	83	ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL, HIGH STREET, WALTHAM, DN37 0PN
WA4	84	ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL, HIGH STREET, WALTHAM, DN37 0PN
WA5	85	ROSS HALL, BARNOLDBY ROAD, WALTHAM, DN37 0JR
WA6	86	ROSS HALL, BARNOLDBY ROAD, WALTHAM, DN37 0JR
WO01	87	STANFORD CENTRE, (LACEBY LIBRARY), COOPER LANE, LACEBY, DN37 7AX
WO02	88	ST HELEN'S CHURCH, CHURCH LANE, BARNOLDBY LE BECK, DN37 0AZ
WO03	89	FARM OFFICE (FENWICK BROS), BEELSBY HOUSE FARM, BEELSBY, DN37 0TL
WO04	90	BRADLEY FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, BRADLEY ROAD, GRIMSBY, DN37 0AG
WO05	91	EAST RAVENDALE CE PRIMARY ACADEMY, EAST RAVENDALE, DN37 0RX
WO06	92	FARM OFFICE (FENWICK BROS), BEELSBY HOUSE FARM, BEELSBY, DN37 0TL
WO07	93	HEALING VILLAGE HALL, POPLAR ROAD PARK, POPLAR ROAD, HEALING, DN41 7SR
WO08	94	IRBY CHURCH HALL, SCHOOL LANE, IRBY, DN37 7JT
WO09	95	STANFORD CENTRE, (LACEBY LIBRARY), COOPER LANE, LACEBY, DN37 7AX
WO09	96	STANFORD CENTRE, (LACEBY LIBRARY), COOPER LANE, LACEBY, DN37 7AX
WO10	97	WOLD NEWTON VILLAGE HALL, WOLD NEWTON, LN8 6BP

# ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026

## North East Lincolnshire Council

### Display of Election Material on or Adjacent to the Highway

#### Introduction

Under powers delegated to the Director for Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, and in consultation with the Returning Officer, North East Lincolnshire Council (“the Council”) shall **PERMIT** the display of election material within the highway, including street lighting columns, poles, posts, trees and structures within the highway, **SUBJECT TO** the **CONDITIONS** set out in this notice.

#### **LIABILITY** **IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ:**

The Council does **NOT** accept **any** liability of any kind for any election material sited on the highway (or any part thereof) whether in accordance with this notice or not.

Liability for **any** election material that becomes unfastened, loose, or causes a hazard, obstruction, damage or loss, or detriment of any kind whatsoever, shall rest in the first instance with the Candidate (or the Candidates Agent) for whose benefit the election material was sited.

The siting of election material on the highway, or any part thereof, is deemed acceptance of such liability.

#### **CONDITIONS**

1. **No** election material shall be displayed within a Polling Station, within the grounds of a Polling Station or on approaches to a Polling Station.
2. Election material may **only** be fixed to existing structures within the highway using non-ferrous materials. This consent does **not** authorise the erection of free-standing boards within the highway for the purpose of displaying material. Any such free-standing boards shall be deemed election material and be removed in accordance with this notice.
3. Election material may **not** be displayed so as to impede the visibility of pedestrians or motorists at road junctions or pedestrian crossings, nor impede the free movement of highway users, or to obscure any traffic signs.
4. Election material which overhangs a pathway **must** be securely fixed at a minimum height of 2 metres above the ground.
5. Due to inherent risk, election material overhanging a highway **is not permitted** (e.g. bridges or other structures on or over A180/Peaks Parkway etc)
6. Adhesives must **not** be used for fixing election material.
7. Election material **must not** be erected earlier than 48 hours before the commencement of Polling Day (7am on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026) and must be removed within 2 days after the close of the poll.

In this notice, the term “election material” means any written or pictorial matter displayed on behalf of a candidate for election.

## Contravention

Contravention of the above conditions will lead to the removal of any election material sited in breach of this notice, in the reasonable opinion of the Returning Officer or her Deputies and may lead to prosecution under **Section 132 of the Highways Act 1980** with a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale. Election material so removed will be destroyed or retained for evidential purposes at the discretion of the Returning Officer or Deputies. The Council will be entitled to recover from the Candidate or the Candidates Agent the cost of securing removal.

The erection of election material **within private land** is subject to the following conditions:

### Conditions

1. There shall be no display of election material on fences, walls, hedges etc. of public property abutting the highway.
2. Election material on fences, walls, in hedges etc., of private property abutting the highway shall be displayed only with the express consent of the owners.
3. No election material shall be displayed so as to obscure or hinder the ready interpretation of any authorised signs so as to endanger or inconvenience any users of the highway.
4. No election material shall be displayed within the limits of sightlines so as to obscure the view of users of the highway at junctions. No election material shall be displayed within the limits of pedestrian crossing road markings.
5. Free standing signs or signs fixed to stakes driven into the ground which is private property shall be confined to grass verges and shall be erected at least 2 metres from the edge of the carriageway, Precautions shall be taken to ensure that no damage is caused to Statutory Undertakers underground services. Liability for such damage shall rest with the person(s) causing such damage.

### Issue of these Conditions

These conditions are issued without prejudice to the requirements of any other Act, Regulations or by-law covering Elections.

### Interpretation

Any advice on the interpretation of these Conditions should be obtained from:

Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) North East Lincolnshire Council Municipal Offices, Town Hall Square GRIMSBY, North East Lincolnshire DN31 1HU Tel: (01472) 324004
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### Complaints

Complaints about alleged offences in contravention of the above should be directed, in the first instance, to Mr Martin Ambler (Enforcement Officer) 01472 324245

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## Tellers dos and don'ts

Tellers are usually volunteers for candidates. They stand outside polling stations or polling places and record the electoral number of electors who have voted. By identifying electors who have not voted and relaying this information to the candidate or their supporters, tellers play an important role in elections and referendums. The candidate or their supporters may then contact the voters who have not yet been to vote during polling day and encourage them to vote.

There should be no more than one teller at a polling station for each candidate at any time. Where a polling place contains more than one polling station with separate entrances, it may be appropriate for there to be tellers at each entrance, but no more than one per candidate.

**Tellers have no legal status and voters have the right to refuse to give them any information.** The Returning Officer or their staff may provide further guidance on the activities of tellers.

### Tellers must

- always remain outside the polling station
- only enter the polling station to cast their own vote, to vote as a proxy or to accompany a disabled voter
- always comply with the instructions of the Returning Officer and Presiding Officer

### Tellers must not

- be able to see or hear what is happening inside the polling station
- impede, obstruct or intimidate voters on their way in or out of the polling station
- demand any information relating to a voter's elector number, name or address
- ask to see or check a voter's photographic ID
- ask voters to re-enter the polling station to ascertain their elector number
- have discussions with voters that may give rise to allegations of undue influence (e.g. voting intentions, party affiliations or party campaigns)
- display any campaign material in support of or against any particular political party or candidate other than a rosette or badge

### Tellers may

- approach voters for information in accordance with instructions from the Returning Office and Presiding Officer
- display a coloured rosette or badge displaying the name of the candidate, party and/or emblem or description; the rosette/badge should not bear a slogan and must not be oversized
- remind electors as they approach the polling station that they need to provide photographic ID