**NOTICE OF REFERENDUM**

**ARCHES (Chatham) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA**

Referendum on the adoption of the Arches (Chatham) Neighbourhood Plan

1. A referendum will be held on **2 May 2024** to decide on the Question below:

**‘Do you want Medway Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Arches (Chatham) to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?’**

1. Voters will have to show photo ID to vote in the Referendum on 2 May. If you do not have one of the acceptable forms of photo ID you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate from this website - [www.gov.uk/votingphotoid](http://www.gov.uk/votingphotoid)
2. Please note the following provisions in respect of registration and absent voting applications, all of which must be addressed to the Electoral Registration Officer at Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, ME4 4TR:

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| **Application** | **Statutory deadline for receipt** |
| New applications to register to vote | Tuesday 16 April 2024 |
| New applications for a postal vote and to amend or cancel existing postal or proxy vote arrangements | 5pm on Wednesday 17 April 2024 |
| New applications for a Voter Authority Certificate | 5pm on Wednesday 24 April 2024 |
| New applications to vote by proxy | 5pm on Wednesday 24 April 2024 |
| New applications to vote by emergency proxy on the grounds of physical incapacity or for work/service reasons, which must have occurred after 5pm on 24 April 2024 | 5pm on Thursday 2 May 2024 |

Dated: **26 March 2024**

**RICHARD HICKS**

**Returning Officer**

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