

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

Neighbourhood Planning Referendum

East Dean and Friston Neighbourhood Planning Referendum

I, Heather Blanshard, being the Deputy Counting Officer at the above referendum held on Thursday 12 February 2026, do hereby give notice that the results of the votes cast is as follows:

Question		
"Do you want the South Downs National Park Authority to use the Neighbourhood Plan for East Dean and Friston to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"	Votes Recorded	Percentage
Number cast in favour of a Yes	557	94.89%
Number cast in favour of a No	30	5.11 %

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	
B voting for more answers than required	
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	
E rejected in part	
Total	0

Electorate: 1414

Ballot Papers Issued: 587

Turnout: 41.51%

And I do hereby declare that more than half of those voting have voted:

YES

in response to the question: *"Do you want the South Downs National Park Authority to use the Neighbourhood Plan for East Dean and Friston to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"*

Dated Friday 13 February 2026

Heather Blanshard
Deputy Counting Officer