

Northumberland Local Plan: Publication Draft Plan (Regulation 19)

I am writing to inform you that the period for making formal representations on the Northumberland Local Plan - Publication Draft Plan (Regulation 19) begins on **Wednesday 30 January 2019** and runs until **5pm on Wednesday 13 March 2019**. A copy of the Notice of Statutory Consultation on the Publication Draft Plan is provided below this email.

The Local Plan is the Council's main strategic planning policy document and the publication draft plan:

- Sets out the strategic planning policies of the Council;
- Sets the general scale and distribution of new development, which is required to meet the County's needs to 2036;
- Provides the planning principles to guide decisions on planning applications;
- Shows in detail where new homes, workplaces and facilities will be located; and
- Shows key environmental designations including site specific proposals for the conservation and enhancement of historic and natural assets.

The Publication Draft Plan, policies map and associated supporting documentation and evidence base can be viewed on our website at: www.northumberland.gov.uk/localplan. The Publication Draft Plan documents can also be viewed at libraries within Northumberland, Customer Information Centres and County Hall, Morpeth during normal opening hours. Paper copies are also available for purchase from the Council. A CD containing the key documents is also available on request.

This is the final opportunity for representations to be made on the Local Plan before it is submitted for independent examination. It is a formal, statutory stage; therefore it is different to previous consultations. The purpose of the consultation is to obtain views on the 'soundness' of the plan; whether the plan is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

Representations must relate to the soundness of the Local Plan, must be in writing and be received between Wednesday 30 January 2019 and 5pm on Wednesday 13 March 2019. Representations received after this time cannot be considered.

Each representation should be made in writing on the relevant form, either:

- online at website at <http://northumberland-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/planning/localplan/reg19>
- by email to PlanningStrategy@northumberland.gov.uk
- on paper, sent or hand delivered to Planning Policy Team, Planning Services, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2EF.

Copies of the representation form and guidance note are available to download from the Council's website at www.northumberland.gov.uk/localplan.

Alongside the Publication Draft of the Local Plan, the Council is publishing for comment scoping documents for a Design Guide for Northumberland and a Highways and Transportation Design and Delivery document, which together will provide developers, landowners and applicants with holistic design principles, guidance and good practice. These documents can be viewed on our website at: www.northumberland.gov.uk/localplan and at libraries within Northumberland, Customer Information Centres and County Hall, Morpeth during normal opening hours.

Representations on these scoping documents can be submitted via the consultation website at: www.northumberland.gov.uk/localplan or by returning a response form by e-mail and post, using the details above. Copies of the response forms are available to download from the Council's website at www.northumberland.gov.uk/localplan. All comments in these scoping documents must be received by 5pm on Wednesday 13 March 2019.

A series of drop-in events across the County have been arranged where staff from the Planning Policy Team will be available to discuss the Local Plan and advise on how to submit representations. The dates, times and venues for these drop-in events are provided below this email.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at PlanningStrategy@northumberland.gov.uk or on 0345 600 6400 if you have any questions about the consultation documents, the above drop-in sessions or the Local Plan process in general.

Yours sincerely

Paul Johnston, Interim Executive Director: Place

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STATUTORY NOTICE

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Notice of a Statutory Consultation on the Northumberland Local Plan - Publication Draft Plan (Regulation 19)

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Regulations 19, 20 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 that Northumberland County Council has published, for statutory consultation, the Northumberland Local Plan - Publication Draft Plan (Regulation 19).

Title and purpose of document:

The document entitled Northumberland Local Plan - Publication Draft Plan (Regulation 19) sets out a vision, objectives, policies and land allocations to guide development in the County of Northumberland (excluding the Northumberland National Park) up until 2036.

This iteration of the Local Plan is the version that the Council intends to submit formally to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government who will appoint a Planning Inspector to undertake an Independent Examination. The Inspector will assess whether representations raise issues of soundness and may conduct hearings in relation to these matters at an Independent Examination.

Any representation at this stage may be accompanied by a request to be notified at future stages of the plan process including at formal submission, publication of the inspectors report or the adoption of the Local Plan.

Once adopted, the Northumberland Local Plan will, along with made neighbourhood plans, form the development plan, replacing existing Core Strategies and Local Plans falling within the Plan area.

Inspection of documents:

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Making representations:

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Further information:

For any enquiries on the Northumberland Local Plan please contact the Planning Policy Team, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 2EF or by emailing PlanningStrategy@northumberland.gov.uk or telephone 0345 600 6400.