

**PCW140422**

**Enc iv) Planning validation checklist re-consultation**

Dear Sir/Madam

The Validation Checklist document sets out the level of information required by the local planning authority to support a planning application. The intention is to clearly define the minimum amount of information required for proper assessment of an application.

Since 2008 local planning authorities are required to publish information checklists they use to 'validate' the planning applications they receive. A validation list has 2 components:

1. The national requirements, such as the application form, fee and certificates
2. Specific local validation requirements are known as the 'Local List'

A formal public consultation on our draft Validation Checklist took place in Sept 2021, and as we reviewed the feedback it became clear that we needed to carry out further updates to align with the new Northumberland Local Plan which was formally adopted on 31st March 2022. This review has now been completed and we are now formally asking for your views on the local information requirements within our draft Validation Checklist (also known as a 'local list'). This public consultation is open for a two-week period running from **Monday 4th April 2022** until **Sunday 17th April 2022 midnight**.

**[View the draft Validation Checklist](#)**

We are gathering your comments via our draft [Validation Checklist Feedback Form](#). Please note we will only accept feedback submitted on this form, comments by email will not be accepted.

The planning validation constraints map referred to in this document will only be available when the final document is approved and in use.

Following the consultation period, all comments received will be considered and amendments made as appropriate. Once approved this will replace the current Local Validation Checklist and will form the basis on which planning applications are deemed valid by Northumberland County Council. The [current Validation Checklist](#) will remain in use until our updated checklist is published.

Regards

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