



Northumberland County Council

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026

Northumberland Local Plan Timetable and Northumberland Housing Design Standards Supplementary Plan Timetable (Published 16.4.26)

Northumberland County Council has given notice of its intention to commence preparation of a new Local Plan, which is to be referred to as the Northumberland Local Plan (NLP).

The NLP will set out a positive vision and a framework for the future development of Northumberland. It will address needs and opportunities in relation to housing, the economy, community facilities and infrastructure. It will also be the basis for conserving and enhancing the natural and historic environment, mitigating and adapting to climate change and achieving well designed places.

The NLP will incorporate all the requirements of the minerals and waste plan in a single plan.

The NLP will cover the administrative area of the county of Northumberland, ONS E06000057, excluding the Northumberland National Park, ONS E60000323. This is the Local Planning Authority area of Northumberland, ONS E60000005.

Northumberland County Council has also given notice of its intention to commence preparation of a Supplementary Plan, which is to be referred to as the Northumberland Housing Design Standards Supplementary Plan (NHDS).

The NHDS will cover requirements and guidance with respect to the design of development. It will apply to development that includes or affects homes and residential areas. This encompasses mixed-use development as well as other forms of development located within, or having an impact on, residential environments.

The NHDS will contain authority-wide requirements, including specific provisions for particular types of development and for certain area types.

The NHDS will cover the administrative area of the county of Northumberland, ONS E06000057, excluding the Northumberland National Park, ONS E60000323. This is the Local Planning Authority area of Northumberland, ONS E60000005.

Northumberland Local Plan Timetable

This is the timetable which is effective as of 16th April 2026. It includes the key milestone dates for the end-to-end process for preparing a plan. It will be reviewed and updated as appropriate.

Stages	Dates
Notice of intention to commence plan preparation available	16 th April 2026
The scoping consultation will start and end	20 th May 2026 – 1 st July 2026 ¹
The Gateway 1 self-assessment summary will be published	9 th September 2026
The consultation on proposed plan content and evidence will start and end	28 th April 27 – 8 th June 27 ²
Observations and advice will be sought for Gateway 2	10 th November 2027
The consultation on the proposed plan will start and end	29 th February 2028 – 25 th April 2028 ³
Observations and advice will be sought for Gateway 3	19 th July 2028
Plan submitted for examination	14 th September 2028
Adopt the plan	14 th March 2029

¹ the date on or before which representations will have to be received by the Local Planning Authority

² the date on or before which representations will have to be received by the Local Planning Authority

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Northumberland Housing Design Standards Supplementary Plan Timetable

This is the timetable which is effective as of 16th April 2026. It includes the key milestone dates for the end-to-end process for preparing a Supplementary Plan. It will be reviewed and updated as appropriate.

Stages	Dates
Notice of intention to commence supplementary plan preparation available	16 th April 2026
Consultation on the proposed supplementary plan will start and end	3 rd February 2027 – 17 th March 2027 ⁴
Supplementary plan submitted for examination	21 st April 2027
Adopt the supplementary plan	7 th July 2027

⁴ the date on or before which representations will have to be received by the Local Planning Authority