



# Northumberland County Council

## Hexham Neighbourhood Plan

### Northumberland County Council: Regulation 18 Decision Statement

Northumberland County Council has considered the Report of the Independent Examination into the Submission Draft Hexham Neighbourhood Plan, published on 14 January 2020. As required under paragraph 12 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the County Council considered each of the recommendations made by the Examiner.

The independent examiner concluded that it would be necessary to delete and replace five of the 25 policies with alternative text and modify sixteen of the remaining 20 policies contained within the Submission Draft Plan. The County Council accepts these modifications for the reasons given in the examination report.

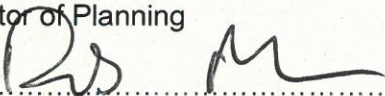
The County Council considers that the Plan, as modified, meets the basic conditions as set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and that the Plan complies with provisions made by or under sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Accordingly, the Plan may proceed to referendum. The County Council is satisfied that the referendum area shall be the Hexham Neighbourhood Area which comprises the civil parish of Hexham.

A referendum will be held as soon as reasonably practicable following the publication of this decision statement.

#### Signatures:

**Rob Murfin**  
Director of Planning

  
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Date: 12 February 2020

**Councillor John Riddle**  
Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing and Resilience

  
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Date: 12 February 2020