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Northumberland Consolidated Planning Policy Framework

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This document has been prepared to detail the planning policy documents, both statutory and non-statutory, that are relevant to the geographical area covered by Northumberland County Council in its role as the Local Planning Authority.
- 1.2 It was first prepared and adopted by Northumberland County Council in 2009 when the previous two-tier system of local government in Northumberland was replaced with a unitary council. The new unitary council became the local planning authority for the area previously covered by the seven local planning authorities of Alnwick, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Blyth Valley, Castle Morpeth, Tynedale, Wansbeck and Northumberland County. The intention of preparing the consolidated planning policy framework was to assist prospective applicants, developers and other interested parties in identifying the relevant planning policy documents for the new Council and the geographical area which these relate to.
- 1.3 This consolidated planning policy framework is a 'living document' which is updated when new planning policy documents are adopted by the Council. One of the most significant updates follows the adoption of the Northumberland Local Plan in March 2022, which replaced the previous development plan documents prepared by the former planning authorities in Northumberland prior to 2009. The other significant changes relate to those made to reflect that a number of Neighbourhood Plans have been made by the Council.
- 1.4 The Consolidated Planning Policy Framework for Northumberland is accessible from the Council's website at: https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Planning/Planning-policy/Policies.aspx

2. The Development Plan Context

- 2.1 In accordance with Section 38 (6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, planning applications must be determined in accordance with the development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.
- 2.2 Planning Practice Guidance states the development plan is at the heart of the planning system with a requirement set in law that planning decisions must be taken in line with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. Plans set out a vision and a framework for the future development of the area, addressing needs and opportunities in relation to housing, the economy, community facilities and infrastructure as well as a basis for conserving and enhancing the natural and historic environment, mitigating and adapting to climate change, and achieving well designed places.
- 2.3 In Northumberland, the statutory development plan comprises the Northumberland Local Plan (a development plan document) and the Neighbourhood Plans. Neighbourhood Plans were introduced through the Localism Act 2011 and are prepared by Town and Parish Councils. There is no statutory requirement to prepare Neighbourhood Plans and the scope of Neighbourhood Plans is determined by the Town and Parish Council in consultation with their communities. Neighbourhood Plans must take account of national planning policy and be in general conformity with the Local Plan.

3. Consolidated Planning Policy Framework for Northumberland

- 3.1 The Consolidated Planning Policy Framework for Northumberland comprises two sections:
 - Section A Schedule of Documents which form the Statutory Development Plan
 - Section B Schedule of Planning Policy Documents which do not form part of the Development Plan
- 3.2 The Consolidated Planning Policy Framework for Northumberland was adopted and agreed for inclusion within the policy framework of the Council's Constitution by Northumberland County Council on 4 February 2009. The Consolidated Planning Policy Framework for Northumberland is a living document and will be updated when new planning policy documents are adopted by the Council.

Section A: Schedule of Documents which form the Statutory Development Plan

- 3.3 This section comprises two parts:
 - Part 1 Schedule of adopted Statutory Development Plan Documents. This schedule comprises the development plan documents which form part of the Statutory Development Plan, which currently consists of the Northumberland Local Plan (adopted March 2022).
 - Part 2 Schedule of made Neighbourhood Plans. This schedule comprises the Neighbourhood Plans that have been made by Northumberland County Council and which form part of the Statutory Development Plan for Northumberland.
- 3.4 These documents are included in the policy framework in the Constitution under the general heading of 'Plans and Strategies which together comprise the Development Plan' and together these documents comprise the Statutory Development Plan for Northumberland.

Section B: Schedule of Planning Policy Documents which do not form part of the Development Plan

- 3.5 This schedule comprises three parts:
 - Part 1 Adopted Local Development Documents not part of the Statutory Development Plan. This is concerned with those local development documents which are part of the Local Plan but do not form part of the Statutory Development Plan. It includes the Statement of Community Involvement and Supplementary Planning Documents.
 - Part 2 Planning Policy Documents not part of the Statutory Development Plan. This comprises various planning policy documents which are used to provide guidance and advice in considering and determining planning applications. The documents in Part 2 are not individually identified in the policy framework in the Constitution but are referred to as the 'Schedule of Planning Policy Documents which do not form part of the Development Plan'.
 - Part 3 Supplementary Planning Guidance not part of the Statutory Development Plan. This comprises documents prepared by other organisations and bodies which assist with the delivery of development. These documents have been endorsed by the Council as supplementary planning guidance prepared by other organisations and bodies.
- 3.6 Where policy documents were originally adopted some time ago, it is likely that material considerations, in particular the emergence of new national and local policy, will have greater weight when planning applications are determined. In addition, there may also be new evidence which will also have greater weight when planning applications are determined.
- 3.7 Details of the relevant planning policy documents, both statutory and non-statutory, which constitute the Consolidated Planning Policy Framework for Northumberland, are set out in the attached schedules at Annex B. The schedules include a bibliography of the policy documents, including date of approval and an indication of their relevance by geographical coverage and spatial theme coverage.

Other Matters

- 3.8 The Consolidated Planning Policy Framework for Northumberland is a living document and will be updated when new planning policy documents are adopted by the Council.
- 3.9 Whilst all efforts have been made to ensure the information within the attached schedules is correct, it is not intended to amount to advice or authority on which reliance should be placed. The information is provided as a general guide, and it will be necessary for prospective applicants, developers and other interested parties to review documents in order to identify relevant policies and proposals in relation to their proposed development. Prospective applicants, developers and other interested parties should also make contact with the relevant council officers to discuss their development proposals where necessary.

Annex A – Spatial Theme Definitions

General development principles	may include development / locational strategy, the location and scale of new development, settlement hierarchy, sequential approach to development, settlement boundaries, green belt designation, development in the open countryside, general design principles and sustainability criteria such as flood risk, erosion, land instability, pollution and contaminated land. These general overarching policies will often apply to all forms of development and can cut across all of the other spatial themes.
Housing	may include overall housing land supply provision, housing land allocations, housing density, previously developed land, provision of affordable housing, provision for gypsies and travellers, conversions, housing design and layouts, existing housing stock, extension and alterations to existing housing.
Economic development and tourism	may include overall employment land supply provision, employment land allocations, cultural and tourism development, visitor accommodation including camping and caravanning, tourist attractions, the rural economy and farm diversification.
Retail and Town Centres	may include distribution of growth in retail floorspace and other town centre uses, vitality and viability of towns and villages centres, retail hierarchy, primary and secondary shopping areas, edge-of-centre and out-of-centre retail or related development, shops fronts, town centre development opportunities, underused floorspace in retail areas, open air retailing and farm shops.
Built environment	may include historic and built environment, conservation areas, listed buildings, archaeology, layout and design principles, public realm and public art.
Natural environment	may include sites of international and national importance for nature conservation, sites of local or regional nature conservation significance, protection of species, biodiversity and geodiversity sites, wildlife networks, landscape character, areas of high landscape value, best and most versatile agricultural, trees and hedgerows.

Recreation and open space	may include parks and gardens, provision of new open space, sport and recreational facilities, children's play, strategic open spaces, golf courses, countryside activities, recreational footpaths, cycleways and bridleways.
Transportation	may include road network, road schemes and major road improvements, minor road improvements, traffic management, rail services, and freight, provision for buses, cyclists and walking, traffic implications of new development, parking standards and highway directional signage.
Community facilities and infrastructure	may include community centres, meeting halls, educational establishments, public houses, religious buildings and libraries, healthcare facilities, utilities infrastructure such as electricity, gas and water supplies, sewerage, telecommunications development, water supply and drainage, renewable energy, energy efficiency and planning conditions and obligations.
Minerals	may include strategy for minerals development, environmental protection, coal, aggregate minerals, sandstone, peat, clay, oil and gas, site management and operations, reclamation and reworking of mineral wastes.
Waste	may include strategy for waste, type and volume of waste to be managed, waste management facilities, environmental protection, waste minimisation and reuse, recovering waste, disposal, sewage treatment and disposal, other waste issues such as scrap yards, power station ash, special waste and anaerobic digestion, site reclamation and site management.

Annex B – Consolidated Planning Policy Framework Documents

Section A – Schedule of Documents which form the Statutory Development Plan

The following documents together comprise the statutory development plan for Northumberland. Collectively, they are referred to as "Plans and Strategies which together comprise the Development Plan" and form part of the policy framework for the Council under the appropriate Article of the Constitution.

Part 1 - Schedule of Adopted Statutory Development Plan Documents

This schedule comprises the adopted Development Plan Documents which form part of the Statutory Development Plan for Northumberland. This comprises the Northumberland Local Plan, which following its adoption by Northumberland County Council on 31 March 2022, supersedes the development plan documents prepared by the former District, Borough and County Councils in Northumberland prior to the replacement of these authorities with a new unitary authority for Northumberland in 2009.

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	date by preparing authority (DD/MM/YYYY)	limit	coverage	General development policies	Housing	Economic development and tourism	Retail and town centres	Built environment	Natural environment	Recreation and open space	Transportation	Community facilities and infrastructure	Minerals	Waste
Northumberland Local Plan 2016 to 2036, March 2022: Northumberland Local Plan 2016 to 2036 Northumberland Local Plan Policies Map	31/03/2022	2036	Northumberland County (excluding the area within the Northumberland National Park)	•	•	~	•	•	•	~	•	~	>	V

Part 2 – Schedule of Made Neighbourhood Plans

This schedule comprises the Neighbourhood Plans that have been made by Northumberland County Council and which form part of the Statutory Development Plan for Northumberland.

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Acklington Neighbourhood Plan (March 2025): Ackington Neighbourhood Plan (Made Version) Acklington Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map (Made Version) Acklington Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map Acklington Inset (Made Version) Acklington Neighbourhood Plan Map Guyzance Inset (Made Version) Acklington Neighbourhood Plan Map Guyzance Inset (Made Version) Acklington Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map Policy ANP4 (Made Version)	12/03/2025	2036	Acklington Parish	٧	~			~	~	~		~		
Acomb Neighbourhood Plan (February 2019): • Acomb Neighbourhood Plan Document • Acomb Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map	12/02/2019	2032	Acomb Parish	~	V	~	•	•	•	~	~	~		

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Allendale Neighbourhood Development Plan (July 2015)	09/06/2015 01/07/2015 and 27/07/2015	2031	Allendale Parish	V	V	~	~	•	~	~	~	~		
Alnmouth Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan (July 2021)	19/07/2021	2036	Alnmouth Parish		~									
 Alnwick and Denwick Neighbourhood Plan (July 2017): Alnwick and Denwick Neighbourhood	27/07/2017	2031	Alnwick Parish and Denwick Parish	>	V	~	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Belford Parish Neighbourhood Pan (2023-2036) Belford Parish Neighbourhood Plan Document Belford Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map Belford Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map Inset	03/04/2024	2036	Belford Neighbourhood Plan Area		V	~	~	•	~	~	~	~		V

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Broomhaugh and Riding Neighbourhood Plan (2023-2036) Broomhaugh & Riding Neighbourhood Plan Document Broomhaugh & Riding Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map Broomhaugh & Riding Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map Inset	16/11/2023	2036	Broomhaugh and Riding Parish	٧	~				~	~	~	~		
Cramlington Neighbourhood Plan (March 2020): • Cramlington Neighbourhood Plan Document • Cramlington Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map	10/03/2020	2033	Cramlington Parish	٧	V	~	•	~	~	~	~	~		
Craster Neighbourhood Plan (July 2021)	19/07/2021	2036	Craster Parish		/									
Cresswell Neighbourhood Plan (March 2025): • Cresswell Neighbourhood Plan (Made Version)	12/03/2025	2036	Cresswell Parish	~	V	~		~	~	~		•		

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Eglingham Neighbourhood Plan (August 2024): Eglingham Neighbourhood Plan Eglingham Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map Eglingham Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map Eglingham Inset Eglingham Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map South Charlton Inset Eglingham Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map Heritage Assets	06/08/2024	2036	Eglingham Parish	~				V	~	~		~		
Embleton Neighbourhood Plan (July 2021): • Embleton Neighbourhood Plan Document • Embleton Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map • Inset Map 1 - Embleton Village • Inset Map 2 - Christon Bank • Designations Map	19/07/2021	2036	Embleton Parish	~	V	~	~	~	~	~	~	~		

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Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan (September 2024) Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan Made Version Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map Made Version Hauxley Design Code	18/09/2024	2036	Hauxley Neighbourhood Area	•				•	•	•		>		
 Haydon Neighbourhood Plan (June 2022) Haydon Neighbourhood Plan Document Haydon Parish Design Code Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan - Made Version Policies Map Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan - Made Version Policies Map Inset Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan - Made Version Green Infrastructure Map Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan - Made Version Conservation Area Assets Map Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan - Made Version Community Facilities Map 	21/09/2022	2036	Haydon Parish		~	~	~				~	>		

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Hexham Neighbourhood Plan (July 2021): Hexham Neighbourhood Plan Document Policies Map 1 Policies Map 2	19/07/2021	2036	Hexham Parish	7	>	>	>	•	•	~	V	>		
Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan (March 2025): Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan (Made Version) Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map (Made Version) Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map Inset (Made Version) 	12/03/2025		Humshaugh Parish	٧	>	>		~	~	•	V	>		
 Lesbury Neighbourhood Plan (July 2021): Lesbury Neighbourhood Plan Document Lesbury Neighbourhood Plan - Policies Map Lesbury Neighbourhood Plan - Policies Map Inset Non-Designated Heritage Assets Map 1 Non-Designated Heritage Assets Map 2 Non-Designated Heritage Assets Map 3 	19/07/2021	2036	Lesbury Parish	ζ.	>	ζ.	>		•		>	>		

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Longframlington Neighbourhood Development Plan 2021 to 2036 (March 2022): Longframlington Neighbourhood Development Plan Document Longframlington Neighbourhood Development Plan – Policies Map Longframlington Neighbourhood Development Plan – Inset Maps	29/03/2022	2036	Longframlington Parish		~	~		•	•	~		~		
Longhorsley Neighbourhood Plan (October 2018): Longhorsley Neighbourhood Plan Document Longhorsley Neighbourhood Plan Proposal Maps	09/10/2018	2032	Longhorsley Parish	•	•	•	V	~	•	•	•	•		
Lowick Neighbourhood Development Plan (2022-2036) Lowick Neighbourhood Development Plan Document Lowick Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map Lowick Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map Inset	16/11/2023	2036	Lowick Parish Area	~	~	V	>	~	~	~	~	~	V	V

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Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan (May 2016): • Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan Document • Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan Proposal Maps	10/05/2016 and 16/05/2016	2031	Morpeth Parish, Pegswood Parish, Hebron Parish, Hepscott Parish and Mitford Parish	>	V	~	~	~	~	~	~	~		
Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Neighbourhood Plan (2023-2036) Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Neighbourhood Plan Document Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map	15/12/2023	2036	Newbiggin-by- the-Sea Neighbourhood Area	٧	V	~			~	~	~	~		
North Northumberland Coast Neighbourhood Plan (July 2018): North Northumberland Coast Neighbourhood Plan Document North Northumberland Coast Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map Inset Map 1 - Bamburgh Inset Map 2 - Seahouses and North Sunderland Inset Map 3 - Beadnell	11/07/2018	2032	North Sunderland Parish, Beadnell Parish and Bamburgh Parish	>	<i>\</i>	•	•	~	~	•	•	•		

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Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan (November 2017): • Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan Document • Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan Proposal Maps	23/11/2017	2031	Ponteland Parish	'	V	•	V	•	•	•	•	~		
Seaton Valley Neighbourhood Plan (September 2021): • Seaton Valley Neighbourhood Plan • Seaton Valley Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map • Seghill Inset Map • Seaton Sluice Inset Map • Seaton Delaval & Holywell Inset Map • New Hartley Inset Map	14/09/2021	2036	Seaton Valley Parish							~				
Stannington Neighbourhood Plan (September 2018): Stannington Neighbourhood Plan Document Stannington Neighbourhood Plan Proposal Maps	11/09/2018	2032	Stannington Parish	٧	V	V	V	•	•	V	•	٧		

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Thirston Neighbourhood Plan (October 2021): Thirston Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map Policies Map - West Thirston Inset Policies Map - Eshott Inset	12/10/2021	2036	Thirston Parish	•	V	~		~	~	•		~		
Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan (August 2024): • Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan • Warwork Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map • Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map Warkworth Inset	06/08/2024	2036	Warkworth Parish		V			~	•	•	~	•		
 Whittington Neighbourhood Plan (November 2018): Whittington Neighbourhood Plan Document Whittington Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map 	13/11/2018	2032	Whittington Parish	•	V	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		

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 Wooler Neighbourhood Plan (December 2021): Wooler Neighbourhood Plan Document Wooler Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map Wooler Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map Inset 	07/12/2021	2036	Wooler Parish	~	٧	~	~	~	~	V	٧	>		

Section B – Schedule of Planning Policy Documents which do not form part of the Statutory Development Plan

Collectively, Parts 1 and 2 are referred to as 'The schedule of Planning Policy Documents which do not form part of the Statutory Development Plan' and form part of the policy framework for the Council under the appropriate Article of the Constitution.

Part 1 – Adopted Local Development Documents which are not part of the Statutory Development Plan

The following documents form part of the Local Development Framework but are not part of the Statutory Development Plan. They include the adopted Statement of Community Involvement.

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Northumberland Local Plan, Statement of Community Involvement, February 2015	27/11/2014 and 25/02/2015	No Time Limit	Northumberland County Area (excluding the Northumberland National Park Area)											

Part 2 – Schedule of Planning Policy Documents which are not part of the Statutory Development Plan

The following documents are non-statutory planning policy documents which have been adopted by predecessor authorities to provide guidance and advice to developers and the local planning authority in considering and determining planning applications. The documents whilst prepared by predecessor councils have been adopted by the Northumberland County Council on 4 February 2009.

Where policy documents were originally adopted some time ago, it is likely that material considerations, in particular the emergence of new national and local policy, will have greater weight when planning applications are determined. In addition, there may also be new evidence which will also have greater weight when planning applications are determined.

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Alnwick Shopfront Design Guide 2021	21/09/2022	No time Limit	Alnwick Town				~	~						
Alnwick District Design Guide for Stonework Repairs, 1997	30/09/1997	No time limit	Former Alnwick District (excluding Northumberland National Park area)					•						
Felton Village Design Statement, May 2001	20/03/2001 and 10/04/2001	No time limit	Felton Village		V	•	~	•	•	~	V	~		
Alnmouth Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Recommendations	14/01/2025	No time limit	Alnmouth Conservation Area		~			~	~	•				

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Alnwick Conservation Area Character Appraisal, 2006 & Associated Alnwick Conservation Area Map	14/06/2006 and 18/07/2006	No time limit	Alnwick Town Conservation Area					~						
Bamburgh Conservation Area Character Appraisal, 2022	21/09/2022	No time limit	Bamburgh Conservation Area					~						
Embleton Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Recommendations, 2025	14/01/25	No time limit	Embleton Conservation Area					~	~	~				
Eglingham Conservation Area Character Appraisal, 2006	14/06/2006 and 18/07/2006	No time limit	Eglingham Conservation Area					/	~					
Felton Conservation Area Character Appraisal, 2006	14/06/2006 and 18/07/2006	No time limit	Felton Conservation Area					~						
Glanton Conservation Area Character Appraisal, 2006	14/06/2006 and 18/07/2006	No time limit	Glanton Conservation Area					•						
Lesbury Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Recommendations, 2025	14/01/2025	No time limit	Lesbury Conservaiton Area					~	~	~				
Newton on the Moor Conservation Area Character Appraisal, 2006	14/06/2006 and 18/07/2006	No time limit	Newton on the Moor Conservation Area					'	V					

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North Sunderland Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Recommendations	14/01/2025	No time limit	North Sunderland Conservation Area					~	'	~				
Seahouses Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Recommendations, 2025	14/01/2025	No time limit	Seahouses Conservation Area					~	~	~				
Warkworth Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Recommendations, 2025	14/01/2025	No time limit	Warkworth Conservation Area					~	~	~				
Whittingham Conservation Area Character Appraisal, 2006	14/06/2006 and 18/07/2006	No time limit	Whittingham Conservation Area					•						
Whitton Conservation Area Character Appraisal, and Management Matters, Designation Report, February 2008	12/06/2007 and 17/07/2007	No time limit	Whitton Conservation Area					•						
Rock Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Matters, Designation Report, February 2008	12/06/2007 and 17/07/2007	No time limit	Rock Conservation Area					•						
Embleton Conservation Area Character Appraisal Management Matters, Designation Report, February 2008	12/06/2007 and 17/07/2007	No time limit	Embleton Conservation Area					~						
Amble Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Matters, Designation Report, February 2008	11/09/2007 and 16/10/2007	No time limit	Amble Conservation Area					•						

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Guyzance Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Matters, Designation Report, February 2008	11/09/2007 and 16/10/2007	No time limit	Guyzance Conservation Area					~						
Berwick shopfront design guide		No time limit	Former Berwick Borough Area (Excluding the Northumberland National Park Area)				~	~						
Spittal Point Development Brief, Berwick- upon-Tweed, December 2004	17/11/2004 and 08/12/2004	No time limit	Spittal Point, Berwick-upon- Tweed	V	V	~	V	~	~	•	V	7		
Conservation Area and Character Appraisal for Seahouses, June 2005	29/06/05 and 30/06/2005	No time limit	Seahouses Conservation Area					~	~	~				
Conservation Area and Character Appraisal for North Sunderland, June 2005	29/06/2005 and 30/06/2005	No time limit	North Sunderland Conservation Area					~	~	•				
Conservation Area and Character Appraisal for Wooler, December 2005	06/12/2005 and 20/12/2005	No time limit	Wooler Conservation Area					~	~	•				
Berwick-upon-Tweed Conservation Area, Character Appraisal and Management Plan, March 2008	03/06/2008 and 26/06/2008	No time limit	Berwick Conservation Area	V				V	V	~				

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	date by preparing authority (DD/MM/YYYY)	limit	coverage	General development policies	Housing	Economic development and tourism	Retail and town centres	Built environment	Natural environment	Recreation and open space	Transportation	Community facilities and infrastructure	Minerals	Waste
Spittal Conservation Area, Character Appraisal and Management Plan, March 2008	03/06/2008 and 26/06/2008	No time limit	Spittal Conservation Area	~				•	~	~				
Tweedmouth Conservation Area, Character Appraisal and Management Plan, March 2008	03/06/2008 and 26/06/2008	No time limit	Tweedmouth Conservation Area	V				~	~	~				
Blyth Valley Borough Local Development Framework, Urban Design Guide and Public Realm Strategy Supplementary Planning Document, June 2008*	24/06/2008 and 03/07/2008	No Time Limit	Blyth Town Centre and Quayside	~	>	•	•	•	•	>	~	~		
Blyth Valley Borough Local Development Framework, Dun Cow Quay Development Brief Supplementary Planning Document, June 2008*	24/06/2008 and 03/07/2008	No Time Limit	Dun Cow Quay, Blyth Quayside	~	>	•	•	•	•	~	~	~		
Blyth Valley Borough Local Development Framework, Bus Depot Development Brief Supplementary Planning Document, June 2008*	24/06/2008 and 03/07/2008	No Time Limit	Arriva Bus Depot and Adjoining Area of Land Adjacent to Existing Water Works, Blyth Town Centre	V		~	~	~	~	7	V	V		
Hexham Shopfront Design Guide 2018	21/09/2022	No time limit	Hexham Town				~	~						

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Newton Conservation Area Character Appraisal, April 2008	03/04/2008	No time limit	Newton Conservation Area					~	~	~				
Ovington Conservation Area Character Appraisal, April 2008	03/04/2008 and 06/05/2008	No time limit	Ovington Conservation Area					•	•	•				
Great Bavington Conservation Area Character Appraisal, April 2008	03/04/2008 and 06/05/2008	No time limit	Great Bavington Conservation Area					•	•	•				
Wansbeck District Shop Front Design Guide, Bedlington and Newbiggin-by-the- Sea Conservation Areas, October 2007	22/10/2007 and 11/12/2007	No time limit	Bedlington and Newbiggin-by-the- Sea Conservation Areas				•	•						
Bedlington Conservation Area Management Strategy Supplementary Planning Document, May 2011*	04/04/2011 and 04/05/2011	No Time Limit	Bedlington Conservation Area					•	~	~				
Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Conservation Area (Existing & Proposed) Management Strategy Supplementary Planning Document, February 2009 & Associated Plan*	09/02/2009 and 01/04/2009	No Time Limit	Newbiggin-by-the- Sea Conservation Area					~	~	~				

^{*}These documents no longer have SPD status, since the adoption of the Northumberland Local Plan.

Part 3 - Schedule of Supplementary Planning Guidance which are not part of the Statutory Development Plan

The following documents are non-statutory supplementary planning guidance prepared by other organisations and bodies which have been endorsed by the County Council as supplementary planning guidance prepared by other organisations and bodies as they provide guidance and assistance to developers and the local planning authority in considering and determining planning applications.

Where policy documents were originally adopted some time ago, it is likely that material considerations, in particular the emergence of new national and local policy, will have greater weight when planning applications are determined. In addition, there may also be new evidence which will also have greater weight when planning applications are determined.

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Northumberland Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Management Plan, 2020-2024	09/06/2020	No time limit	Northumberland Coast AONB and Berwickshire and North Northumberland Coast European Marine Site areas	`	~	•	•	•	•	•	~	•	V	~
North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan, 2019- 2024	06/08/2019	No time limit	North Pennines AONB area (Part included within Northumberland)	~	>	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	>	~

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North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Planning Guidelines, April 2011	27/06/2011 and 07/09/2011	No time limit	North Pennines AONB area (Part included within Northumberland)	~		•		~	•		V	~	V	~
North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Building Design Guide, April 2011	27/06/2011 and 07/09/2011	No time limit	North Pennines AONB area (Part included within Northumberland)	~	>	~		~	~			~		~