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County Council

Northumberland Local Plan

Regulation 22 Statement of Consultation

Setting out Consultations undertaken under
Regulation 18 of the Town and Country
Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations
2012 (as amended)

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1 Introduction to this Statement

- 1.1 This Statement describes and explains how the public and stakeholders were invited to participate and make representations under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).
- 1.2 It summarises issues raised and how they were dealt with and taken into account, through the Regulation 18 stages.

Background

- 1.3 The Northumberland Local Plan has been prepared following a decision by the County Council, at its meeting on 5 July 2017, to formally withdraw the previously submitted Northumberland Core Strategy from the independent examination process¹ and, at its Cabinet meeting on 23rd November 2017, to prepare a full new Local Plan.²

The withdrawn Core Strategy

- 1.4 The Northumberland Core Strategy had been prepared over a number of years following the merger of six former districts and the former upper tier Northumberland County Council in 2009. The Core Strategy had been intended to replace adopted Core Strategies from three of the former Districts and update a proportion of the policy content saved in six district-wide local plans, a Minerals Local Plan and a Waste Local Plan and a certain policies from a Development Control DPD covering one of the Districts.
- 1.5 Preparation of the Northumberland Core Strategy involved four consultation Stages under Regulation 18 (as now numbered in the amended Local Plan Regulations) and three formal consultation stages at Regulation 19 stage prior to submission. As a result, the Council gained a very full and clear understanding of the aspirations and concerns of communities and stakeholders in the County, including through detailed early engagement, involving efforts to reach all sections of the public.
- 1.6 A very comprehensive Statement of Consultation was produced to accompany the Core Strategy. The version submitted to the Secretary of State in April 2017 is being made available by way of background because it is referred to

¹ Information on the withdrawal of the Northumberland Core Strategy can be found at www.northumberland.gov.uk/locaplan

² Information on the 23 November 2017 Cabinet meeting can be found at: <http://committee.northumberland.gov.uk/Meeting.aspx?MeetID=9010>

in various parts of this Statement of Consultation for reasons explained below.

The preparation of a full Local Plan

- 1.7 The decision to prepare a full Local Plan and the timetable for doing this³ were agreed at the Council's Cabinet on 23rd November 2017.⁴ As this was to be a full Local Plan, it will replace all Policies and proposals in the Development Plan Documents referred to above, including all saved policies in Local Plans.
- 1.8 There are three main reasons why the consultation during the Regulation 18 stages has had to be comprehensive despite the previous withdrawn Core Strategy consultation:
- Firstly, following the Council's withdrawal of the Core Strategy, there was the need to carry out a full review of the housing and employment numbers, and strategic land use allocations, required during the Plan period to sustain County-wide and regional economic growth. The results of this review work had the potential to result in a new planning strategy for Northumberland. It was important to consult on this potential new strategy.
 - Secondly, therefore, given the potential fundamental changes involved, the new plan had to be an entirely new document. Old consultation representations, especially those objecting to policies, could not simply be carried forward and used as objections to the new plan.
 - Thirdly, as a full Local Plan this new plan covers all aspects of planning policy, including much more detailed development management policies, helping day-to-day planning decisions, as well as numerous proposals affecting local areas - notably detailed land allocations and settlement boundaries for many towns and villages.

Why some Core Strategy consultation results remain relevant

- 1.9 There are policy areas where, as the various stages of the (now withdrawn) Core Strategy progressed, it was apparent that there was a strong degree of agreement by the public, stakeholders and other assessments, (such as the Sustainability Appraisal), that the approach was broadly correct and supported. It is therefore appropriate for the formulation of policies on these matters in the new Local Plan to be partly informed by these earlier consultation results - although, of course, the new Local Plan policies have been aired during the

³ Set out in a Local Development Scheme also agreed by Cabinet on 23/11/17.

⁴ The timetable for producing the Local Plan was subsequently amended in April 2018, as part of the response to the potential Government Intervention on producing a Local Plan. The Local Development Scheme April 2017 can be accessed via the following link: www.northumberland.gov.uk/locaplan

Regulation 18 consultations of the new Local Plan. It is for this reason that the Regulation 22 Statement of Consultation for the Core Strategy is occasionally referenced in this document and has been made available.

The requirements of Regulation 18

1.10 The requirements of Regulation 18 of the The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) are as follows:

- (1) *A local planning authority must—*
 - (a) *notify each of the bodies or persons specified in paragraph (2) of the subject of a local plan which the local planning authority propose to prepare, and*
 - (b) *invite each of them to make representations to the local planning authority about what a local plan with that subject ought to contain.*
- (2) *The bodies or persons referred to in paragraph (1) are—*
 - (a) *such of the specific consultation bodies as the local planning authority consider may have an interest in the subject of the proposed local plan;*
 - (b) *such of the general consultation bodies as the local planning authority consider appropriate; and*
 - (c) *such residents or other persons carrying on business in the local planning authority's area from which the local planning authority consider it appropriate to invite representations.*
- (3) *In preparing the local plan, the local planning authority must take into account any representation made to them in response to invitations under paragraph (1).*

The Regulation 18 stages undertaken

1.11 This Statement of Consultation records the consultation and engagement process undertaken in order to bring the Northumberland Local Plan to its Publication stage.

1.12 Regulation 18 can be summarised as three stages in terms of public engagement and consultation:

- (1) Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017 (Chapter 4)

- (2) First Phase of Regulation 18 - following the decision to prepare a full Local Plan November 2017 to February 2018 (Chapter 5)
- (3) Second Phase of Regulation 18:- Initial Consultation Stage - February to May 2018 (Chapter 6)
- (4) Third Phase of Regulation 18 - Draft Northumberland Local Plan (Chapter 7)
 - Lead in to consultation (May to July 2018)
 - Consultation Stage (July to August 2018)
 - Following consultation (August to December 2018)

2. Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

The SCI and its Commitments on Regulation 18 Consultation

- 2.1 In a Statement of Community Involvement, (or 'SCI'), a Council makes commitments on engaging the public in the planning of the Council area.
- 2.2 The current SCI dates from February 2015, having been through a period of consultation a year earlier.⁵

Extract from SCI, February 2015:

EARLY ENGAGEMENT IN DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS

The Council will create opportunities for the whole community and all relevant stakeholders to be involved in developing policies and proposals for Development Plan Documents.

This will include, where possible and appropriate, producing summaries of major and / or complex documents, so that they are more accessible.

Where particular documents are the subject of consultation and written responses or comments are invited, the Council will:

- *Endeavour to make the consultation periods at least six weeks long and, where possible, longer*
- *Inform in writing, (electronically or, failing that, by post),*
 - *all bodies listed under the Duty to Co-operate*
 - *all specific and relevant general consultation bodies*
 - *all groups and individuals on the Council's Local Plan database, (which will include those who have commented at any previous stages)*
- *Raise awareness via the Council website, the press, information in Council offices and libraries, where appropriate using other methods such as leaflets, social media, exhibitions/road shows; special meetings and workshops.*
- *Send a standard acknowledgement, to all those who have responded in writing, (electronically or by post) within 5 working days.*
- *In due course, feedback on actions taken as a result of comments*

In addition, during these stages, the Council will actively seek the early input of groups and interested bodies whose knowledge and experience will be of particular help in policy formulation and may carry out surveys or questionnaires. In these instances we may organise detailed focus groups and workshops.

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See the following link:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/NorthumberlandCountyCouncil/media/Planning-and-Building/planning%20policy/Local%20Plan/NCC-SCI-February-2015.pdf>

It should be noted that a previous SCI, dated 2009, applied during the early stages of the withdrawn Core Strategy, meaning that consultations reflected that earlier document.

Deciding who to consult

- 2.3 The above set of commitments obliges the Council to engage with statutory consultees, (known as ‘Specific Consultation Bodies’). These evolve over time – e.g. Clinical Commissioning Groups replaced Primary Care Trusts.
- 2.4 The bulk of groups and organisations fall within the category of ‘General Consultation Bodies’, where the Council would consult in accordance with the relevance to the matter in hand.
- 2.5 The ‘Duty to Co-operate’ is a major statutory duty of Local Planning Authorities, brought in under the Localism Act 2011. The ‘Duty’ obliges Councils to actively work with neighbouring authorities and a number of statutory bodies to ensure seamless planning across the wider sub-region.
- 2.6 The Council has given the widest possible guarantee on adding people to the database (or removing them), consulting and keeping them informed.⁶ This is helped through the use of ‘Objective’, a dedicated, computerised consultation system, and is articulated in the SCI as follows:

Extract from SCI, February 2015

CONSULTATION DATABASE FOR THE LOCAL PLAN

The Council will add individuals or groups to its Local Plan Database, (or remove them), within five working days of being requested to do so, whether the request is in writing or by telephone.

The Council makes a guarantee that information held on the database will be used in accordance with the Data Protection Act ... and the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act ...

The Council will use the database to keep people informed about progress with different stages of plan documents, feedback to people on the views they have expressed and seek their views on the effectiveness of the engagement undertaken.

The Council will accept registration for the database received by letter or email and, where no email address is given, will contact people by letter at key stages of consultations, although not all regular updates will be sent in this way.

The Council will accept comments during consultation periods, online, or via email or letter and treat all these different ways of commenting in writing equally.

⁶ When the seven District Councils came together in April 2009 to form a new Northumberland County Unitary Authority, databases of consultees were merged, although, under the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998, it was necessary to reconfirm that individuals and groups wished to remain on the combined list. This was again necessary in 2018, when the new Data Protection Act came into force.

- 2.7 There is always a tendency for particular groups to engage with the process, e.g. if they have been affected by planning proposals in the past and have asked to be kept informed.
- 2.8 With this in mind, the Council has sought to put in place measures designed to draw more people into the process.
- 2.9 It has sought to encourage groups of parishes to work together and, created parished areas in South-East Northumberland for the first time.
- 2.10 In addition, the Council made strong efforts to be inclusive of the 2010 Equality Act 'protected characteristics'. The Statement of Consultation on the withdrawn Core Strategy includes information on how the Council sought to be as inclusive as possible and held a number of events aimed at representatives of the protected characteristics or particular local minority groups. The understanding of the information gained from the previous work and the databases of contacts built up have ensured that the preparation of the new Local Plan has been as inclusive as possible. The Equality Impact Assessment shows how the Plan has sought to address issues relating to each of the Protected Characteristics.
- 2.11 Over the decade since the Council was formed - i.e. during the previous Core Strategy process and the current Local Plan process - many people have come forward to be added to the database, either as a result of publicity drives or, as is intermittently the case, when major proposals generate interest in planning in an area of the County. Consequently, the database of consultees has gradually increased in size from a few hundred in late 2009 to around 6,000 at the submission stage of the withdrawn Core Strategy. The need for people to reconfirm their interest when the new Data Protection legislation took effect in the spring of 2018, has meant a reduction in the numbers on this database but the numbers are increasing again as people begin to engage with the process of the new Local Plan⁷

Other relevant commitments in the SCI

- 2.12 The SCI covers all aspects of planning including dealing with planning applications and the Council's role in neighbourhood plans. However it also contains some corporately-based standards and protocols designed to

⁷ Apart from people no longer residing in the area, many who have chosen not to continue are those affected by previous proposals and who do not wish to continue to be consulted on the emerging plan.

ensure, as far as is possible, that all sections of the community have an equal opportunity to be involved in Council consultation processes.

2.13 It sets out Service Standards that include those in the box below:

Extract from SCI, February 2015

CONSULTATION VALUES – SERVICE STANDARDS

The Council will:

1. *Involve people at the start of and throughout the decision-making process on planning applications and when developing new planning policy.*
2. *Engage with relevant people and organisations at the appropriate time using effective and appropriate engagement methods, allowing sufficient time for meaningful consultation and allowing all individuals and communities the opportunity to influence decisions.*
3. *Be adaptable, recognising that different consultation methods will be required in different circumstances.*
4. *Respect the diversity of people and their lifestyles and give people a fair chance to have their voice heard regardless of gender, age, race, abilities, sexual orientation, circumstances or wherever they live.*
5. *Communicate clearly with people using plain English and avoiding jargon.*
6. *Ensure that people's views are taken into account in reaching decisions on all planning matters using the most appropriate methods of community involvement as set out throughout this document.*
7. *Make documents publicly available on the Council's website and where appropriate across the networks of Council offices and libraries.*
8. *Be consistent in our approach, regardless of the location within Northumberland or the planning issue covered by the policy or proposal.*

2.14 The Council has endeavoured to adhere fully to these principles throughout the consultations so far undertaken on the Local Plan.

3. How this Consultation Statement is set out

- 3.1 The process of preparing the Local Plan and taking it forward has covered a period of slightly over a year but has been informed by the preceding several years of preparation and consultations on the former withdrawn Core Strategy.
- 3.2 The Council has been careful to record all events and meetings, over the Regulation 18 stages of the Local Plan, in a separate database. The main elements of this are contained at Appendix 1. They include:
- Specially arranged consultation events – in the form of exhibitions and/or drop-in sessions;
 - An interactive consultation on issues;
 - Attendances at others' meetings, covering specially requested presentations, where a planning officer attended a meeting held by another organisation, (or occasionally sent a written update), explaining the process and/or receiving views and/or exchanging information;
 - Meetings / workshops with other stakeholders;
 - Meetings held with neighbouring authorities and other partners under the Duty to Co-operate;
 - Corporate meetings and events where the Local Plan formed a substantial item on the agenda;
 - Notifications, newsletters, magazine articles, social media campaigns and other forms of publicity and awareness raising;
 - Internal briefings and updates.
- 3.3 Together, the above items comprise the consultation and engagement undertaken in line with Regulation 18.
- 3.4 The following sections extract key information from this dataset in order to summarise or illustrate how different aspects of the consultation were held. In many cases, fuller notes on events / meetings are available on request.

4. Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy

How decisions were reached

- 4.1 As explained in Chapter 1, the decision to withdraw the Core Strategy from submission was made at a Full Council meeting on 5th July 2017.
- 4.2 Following this, there had to be a period during which the situation could be properly considered and a way forward established. The scope of this review was largely dictated by the main reasons given for the withdrawal of the Core Strategy which can be summarised as:
 - The downward revision of population forecasts;
 - The effects of this on levels of residential development needed to sustain Northumberland's economic growth;
 - Emerging changes in Government planning policy - in particular a new methodology for calculating the housing needed;
 - The need to align the Local Plan with the emerging strategy for the new North of Tyne Combined Authority.
- 4.3 The Council's all-party 'LDF Working Group' of Members and officers therefore met over a period of months to examine the best way forward. The potential major change in Council policy regarding the direction of the Development Plan would mean a different approach on fundamental strategic matters such as how towns would grow and whether changes to the Green Belt would be needed. It therefore soon became clear that a full review and a return to the Regulation 18 stage would be needed.
- 4.4 The need for certainty, the increasing age of extant Development Plan policies and the need to expedite the overall process of replacing these led to the view being taken that a full Local Plan - i.e. one that would replace all of the existing development plan policies apart from those contained in made Neighbourhood Plans - would be required.
- 4.5 The Working Group also moved towards agreeing a 'Position Statement' that could be applied in the meantime for development management purposes - e.g. on matters such as the housing land supply position and the status of Green Belt in the Morpeth area.

- 4.6 All of these matters, including the Position Statement, were agreed at the Council's Cabinet meeting on 23rd November 2017.⁸

Publicity and engagement during this interim period

- 4.7 During this period, between July and November of 2017, with no decision having been made on the full extent of changes to the Plan, it would have been inappropriate to carry out any consultation exercises. Consultations were limited to those necessary (within the Council, with Government Departments etc.) to allow a decision on the future scope and direction of the Local Plan to be reached.
- 4.8 Notwithstanding this, the Council needed to ensure that key consultees were kept up-to-date with the situation, so far as this was possible given the uncertainties. Many of these bodies had participated in the lengthy and complex Core Strategy consultations. Their views on many key matters were therefore well known to the Council but it had to be explained to them that these may need to be aired again as the new Plan emerged.
- 4.8 As Town and Parish Councils are some of the most important consultees in the planning process, and because many of their councillors had been newly elected in May 2017, training sessions on the planning system and their role in it were rolled out. This also allowed the opportunity to explain the situation on the Local Plan.
- 4.9 The emergence of the North of Tyne initiative led to numerous Duty to Cooperate meetings involving the three local authorities. Meetings with various partner organisations also continued. These included the MMO, who were continuing the preparation of Marine Plans for the NE coast, and bodies such as the AONB Partnerships and the Northumberland National Park Authority. A meeting with the NE Local Nature Partnership established principles for engagement with the organisation on the Local Plan.

⁸ Information on the 23 November 2017 Cabinet meeting can be found at: <http://committee.northumberland.gov.uk/Meeting.aspx?MeetID=9010>

5. First Phase of Regulation 18 - following the decision to prepare a full Local Plan - winter 2017/18

Introduction

- 5.1 As stated in the previous Chapter, the decision to prepare a full Local Plan, requiring consultation from the Regulation 18 stage, was taken at the Council's Cabinet meeting on 23rd November 2017. Also approved then were:
- The updated Local Development Scheme⁹ including the timetable for the Local Plan - the Plan period now ending in 2036;
 - A five year housing land supply statement; and
 - A Position Statement designed to assist those interested in development proposals by clarifying the general approach to be taken to planning applications following the withdrawal of the Northumberland Local Plan: Core Strategy, with particular regard to proposals for housing development.
- 5.2 In terms of publicity for this decision, a Council press release a week before the Cabinet had explained what was to be considered. The press release set out the recommendation that a full Local Plan should be prepared and the proposed timetable for this, as well as explaining matters that had to be considered in reaching the recommendation.

Consultation relating to the update of the evidence base

- 5.3 Once the decision had been made, it was necessary for the Council to instigate some updates to its evidence base - although an independent review of the evidence used for the withdrawn Core Strategy concluded that a good proportion of this remained relevant and up-to-date and could be utilised in the preparation of the new Local Plan.¹⁰

⁹ The timetable for producing the Local Plan was subsequently amended in April 2018, as part of the response to the potential Government Intervention on producing a Local Plan. The Local Development Scheme April 2017 can be accessed via the following link: www.northumberland.gov.uk/locaplan

¹⁰ This review is entitled 'Northumberland Local Plan Review of Evidence Base and Recommendations Report', prepared by Intelligent Plans and Examinations (IPE) Ltd., Author: Derek Stebbing, BA (Hons) Dip EP MRTPI, January 2018. It can be found as part of the Appendices to the County Council's response letter on potential Government Intervention, at <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/NorthumberlandCountyCouncil/media/Planning-and-Building/planning%20policy/Local%20Plan/Local-Plan-Intervention-Letter-to-the-Right-Hon-Sajid-Javid-MP-2018-01.31-Appendices.pdf>

- 5.4 The change of direction between the now withdrawn Core Strategy and the new Local Plan can be described as a move towards a more jobs-led approach to planning the County. As such, it was essential that new work should be carried out, revisiting the options for growth, basing these on the latest forecasts and statistics and taking into account factors such as Brexit and the longer plan period.
- 5.5 Therefore, very soon after the decision to prepare a full Local Plan, consultants¹¹ were appointed to carry out this overarching work. At an initial meeting with the consultants on 19th December 2017, the decision was made to hold a consultative workshop. As the Local Plan was to be jobs-led, this workshop would concentrate on economic growth options, with the chosen option helping to determine housing numbers (i.e. whether and by how much to plan for housing numbers higher than the merging Government methodology).
- 5.6 The workshop entitled 'Local Plan Economic Growth Options' was held on 17th January 2018, chaired by the consultants and hosted by the Council. The purpose was to gather a group of people who are key to economic development in the County of Northumberland and the wider sub-region, with a view to informing the growth options work - particularly looking at which sectors of industry are the most likely to see growth in Northumberland in the next 20 years. The workshop would provide information that would directly help the development of a plan strategy and detailed policies.
- 5.7 At the workshop, the consultants sought to gather as much Northumberland-specific information on the economy as possible, so that the projections and likely scenarios that would emerge from their work would not only be locally distinctive to Northumberland but also reflect the views, experiences and aspirations of local employers, business people and key stakeholders in the Northumberland economy. It was clear that the NE-LEP Strategic Economic Plan growth sectors would overlap with but not be identical to those that were successful in Northumberland.
- 5.8 Information gathering and open discussions in the workshop therefore included:
- What the successful sectors in Northumberland are and whether future growth sectors will be the same or different.
 - Cross boundary and Duty to Cooperate issues - not just commuting patterns but also the migration of jobs and workplace opportunities - e.g. between Northumberland and North Tyneside.

¹¹ Peter Brett Associates

- Factors relating to the demand for dedicated employment land, including how industries like tourism and the proliferation of micro-businesses may limit the need for land allocations and, conversely, how key growth sectors such as the port and renewable energy industries can be 'land-hungry'; also that businesses that need industrial estate land are not limited to the key B-class employment sectors.
 - Issues relating to development costs, viability and marketability, such as the likelihood of speculative building of office and factory premises versus the availability of outside funding.
 - Communications as a key factor where improvements could help boost the economy;
 - The nature of the workforce including skills and the propensity for people to remain economically active longer, (in the context of an ageing population).
- 5.9 This and many other points, (including those raised in separate topic-based discussions) would feed into the growth options work and also directly inform the emerging Local Plan strategy.
- 5.10 Soon after the workshop, (1st February), officers met with the Port of Blyth and Advance Northumberland¹² (then known as ARCH). The meeting was intended as an exploration of how best to reflect the future needs and requirements of the Port and port-related industries in the new Local Plan. The discussion included the latest upgrades to the port, the wider Blyth Estuary (e.g. energy related industries) and the land requirements of both. It also touched on wider multipliers and more generally on the networks of sites and related businesses across SE Northumberland. The meeting would help the Council in deciding land allocations for employment purposes around Blyth Estuary and more widely, as well as in drafting the wider Local Plan policies on the economy.

Town and Parish Council Training

- 5.11 During this period, further training sessions for town and parish councils were held around the County. They covered various aspects of planning but a set of slides updated progress towards a new Local Plan and gave these key consultees advance notice of the forthcoming consultation period.

¹² Advance Northumberland Limited, wholly owned by Northumberland County Council, is the Council's primary vehicle for regenerating the Northumberland economy, promoting economic growth and investment in Northumberland.

Duty to Cooperate

5.12 It was important, at this early stage, to give consideration to the extent of new inputs likely to be needed to ensure that the Local Plan would cover all relevant topics appropriately. As such, a number of meetings were held with key stakeholders to establish how the plan may best reflect their own plans and particular requirements. The meeting with the Port of Blyth has already been mentioned.

5.13 In some cases, the Council considered that approaches and policy established in the withdrawn Core Strategy over several consultations stages and through the 'Duty' could be carried forward in the new Local Plan. Meetings with relevant stakeholders therefore sought to ensure that this was the case and to establish what updates or additions may need to be made to previously emerging approaches:

- A key meeting with the EA and the Northumbrian Water discussed water environment evidence, outstanding issues and local plan chapter drafting. The meeting concluded that the vast majority of the withdrawn Core Strategy approach on the water environment, (which hadn't been the subject of significant objection), could be taken forward. Nevertheless, useful information was obtained from those attending on where improvements could be made - e.g. to address in policies the threat to water quality from minewater.
- A meeting with the Lead Local Flood Authority and Coast Protection Authority, (effectively an internal meeting, as these officers operate from within the Council), established that the water environment approaches in the former withdrawn Core Strategy were also acceptable from their own point of view. However the fact that this was to be a full, detailed, Local Plan, meant that additional information required to be inserted into the document showing coastal change management area definition and defining how development proposals falling within these zones should be treated.

6. Second Phase of Regulation 18:- Initial Consultation Stage - spring 2018

Introduction

- 6.1 Given that the Local Plan is a new plan, it has been important for the Council to reassess, and (where necessary) refresh, its evidence base.
- 6.2 An initial notification on this consultation exercise was sent out on 9th February 2018. This went to all on the consultation database and had three purposes:
- (1) To alert recipients about the 'interactive' consultation on the new Local Plan (starting on 27th March to 2nd May 2018)
 - (2) To alert recipients about the a new Call for Sites (9th February to 12th March 2018)
 - (3) To alert recipients about the new legislation on data protection so they could decide whether they would want to be included on the database in future.

'Interactive' public participation on locations and issues

- 6.3 A vital part of the evidence base is an understanding of the views of the public on the key issues and where development should be located. Therefore it was decided to undertake an early high level public participation exercise using interactive means.
- 6.4 As noted above, this took place between March and May 2018. It took the form of an interactive online spatial survey, which was also available to complete and return in paper form. Participants were shown spatial factors that could influence the location of future housing and employment development. They were the asked to add symbols onto a map to show their broadly preferred locations for housing and employment development.
- 6.5 The consultation also asked people to choose between a long list of possible key issues and say which were important to them. They were provided with an opportunity to add other key issues.

Notification and publicity

- 6.6 At the start of the six week consultation period, all remaining on the database were sent a further notification of the consultation and there was additional

publicity about the exercise.¹³ The press release and notification correspondence explained the scope of the new Local Plan and the need for the Council to inform itself on preferred locations and key issues. The interactive map and other aspects were explained and how the responses would be used. The innovative nature of the consultation achieved press coverage. (See Appendix 2 for an extract from the spring 2018 edition of the Northumberland News).

- 6.7 Soon after the start of the spring consultation, each of the five Local Area Councils met and received a report and presentation providing an update on the Northumberland Local Plan and details on the ongoing consultation, explaining that this included new ways of engaging with the widest possible range of people. This was followed by a discussion, questions from Members and responses from the attending officer.

Participants and outputs from the Interactive Consultation

- 6.8 With 700 participants, the exercise provided a useful starting point for the drawing up of the new plan. It showed a strong preference for the majority of housing and employment development to be in the main towns and service centres with the highest numbers of preferred locations in the south of the County.
- 6.9 Moving on to the key issues part of the consultation, those receiving the highest number of selections in the responses were:
- Opportunities for employment;
 - The quality and design of new development
 - The protection of the natural environment; and
 - Decent, affordable homes for everyone.
- 6.10 Other issues raised tended to expand on those set out in the consultation. They have been used as an important input into the Local Plan and are summarised in Table 6.1. The colour coding is explained in paragraph 6.18 below explaining how the consultation guided the Council in drawing up the Draft Plan.
- 6.11 The Spring 2018 Consultation Feedback Report, published prior to the main Regulation 18 consultation, is reproduced as Appendix 9 to this report.

¹³ Recipients were also reminded that they would need to let the Council know if they wished to remain on the database.

Table 6.1 Issues Raised in Early Consultation

Housing

Number of new dwellings in particular settlements and Northumberland as a whole

Second and holiday homes, including impact of these on communities

Housing types, including the availability of bungalows and smaller houses

Availability of **housing for younger people**

Suitability of **housing for older people**

Self-build housing

Housing to meet **local needs**

Availability and provision of housing in **locations where people want to live**

Economy, including employment, retail and tourism

Provision of **employment opportunities** in general

Availability of land for employment development

Offices and workspace for small businesses and self-employed people

Town centres and need for **regeneration** on some settlements

Retail provision in particular settlements

Tourism and the opportunities arising from this

Rural growth

Rural housing and jobs;

Support for **rural** communities and **jobs**

Support for **rural** communities and **services**.

Infrastructure

Impact of development on existing infrastructure, e.g. transport, healthcare, education

Access to education, healthcare and leisure facilities

School places

Development supporting schools and other **rural** community **facilities**

Protection of community facilities, e.g. pubs, village halls, healthcare and schools

Table 6.1 Issues Raised in Early Consultation continued....

Transport and connectivity

Transport links within & outside of the County, including **to employment, healthcare etc**

Car parking provision, particularly in town centres

Reducing car usage / reliance on private car

Impacts of traffic generation, including on pollution and air quality;

Encouraging **sustainable transport**

Reducing need to travel

Environment

Protection of and access to **open and green spaces**

Impact of development on **wildlife, landscape, historic environment**

Pressure on **agricultural land**

Waste and recycling

Flooding

Design

Quality of design

Promotion of **exemplar development**.

Neighbourhood planning

Support for neighbourhood planning

Relationship with the Local Plan, including settlement boundaries and allocations

Others

Green Belt and the **protection of the countryside**

Prioritising the use of **previously developed land** in existing built up areas.

Climate change - adaptation and mitigation

New settlements, including both support and opposition to 'garden villages'

Avoiding the 'overdevelopment' of some settlements.

Social and economic **inequality**

Viability and delivery of development

Call for sites

- 6.12 As explained in paragraph 6.2 slightly before the interactive consultation, a call for sites was carried out in order to inform preparation of the forthcoming draft Local Plan. Landowners, developers, agents, local residents and other interested parties were invited to submit potential development sites for consideration on a special online (or paper) form. Potential sites for residential land uses, economic development and mineral extraction were sought. Sites for other uses such as retail, leisure or mixed use development would also be considered. Consultees were informed that sites put forward during previous consultation exercises such as during the preparation of the withdrawn Northumberland Core Strategy or the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) would be automatically included, and therefore there would be no need to re-submit those sites, (although, any more up-to-date information on those sites that would help inform the potential timescales and deliverability was nevertheless welcomed).
- 6.13 Approximately 600 submissions were received, many new sites that had not previously been in the SHLAA, employment land schedule etc. Once analysed, these sites were added to the pool of sites looked at for possible allocation in the new Local Plan.

Duty to Cooperate

- 6.14 While the above general consultations continued, collaboration and targeted consultation with key stakeholders was going on in the background to help firm up the form and content of the Local Plan, informed also by the emerging Growth Options report:
- Newcastle International Airport Master Plan preparation led to a meeting with the Airport authority in mid-February aimed at ensuring that the two Plans dovetailed and did not conflict.
 - A strategic flood risk management meeting with the Water Authority and the EA covered some quite specific issues relating to possible emerging land allocations.
 - Some Local Groups who meet with the Council regularly, e.g. the Morpeth Forum, were kept abreast of the process.
 - Attendance at a workshop on Durham's emerging local planning approach on employment land provided a useful insight into other authorities' rationale for allocating or deallocating employment sites.
 - There was a workshop on progress with the NE Marine Plans;
 - Liaison with other internal Council functions also continued, including meetings to progress:

- The development of a health and wellbeing policy as well as a hot food takeaway policy and
- The updating of the evidence base on open space and facilities for outdoor sport and play.

How the consultation fed into the Reg.18 draft Local Plan

- 6.15 The Call for Sites allowed the Council to ensure that the pool of sites from which allocations could be selected was fully comprehensive and up-to-date.
- 6.16 The part of the interactive consultation, in which people were asked to map their preferred locations for housing and employment development, largely confirmed the sustainable strategy that had manifested itself during the stages of the withdrawn Core Strategy and which would best meet sustainable planning principles. It confirmed that, the key principle of locating the majority of housing and employment development in the main towns and service centres should continue in the new Plan.
- 6.17 In terms of the issues raised by consultees it is useful to look at the degree to which they have needed to be addressed anew in this Local Plan. The Regulation 22 Statement of Consultation on the withdrawn Core Strategy used, as its starting point, the approximately 100 questions raised at the Issues and Options Stage (2012) and followed through the options chosen by the general public and stakeholders in respect of each of the issues, seeing whether these were in agreement with the sustainability appraisal of the same sets of options and whether these choices ended up being the preferred options at the next stage of that Plan and manifested themselves in the eventual draft policies. This meant that, by the end of that process, an approach had been established for the majority of topic areas that was broadly in agreement with the views of relevant stakeholders and the public and broadly met sustainable planning principles.
- 6.18 The colour coding in Table 6.1 is an attempt to categorise the issues (as raised by the public) according to the degree to which a new approach has been necessary in the new Local Plan.
- 6.19 Those marked in **green** are those where the approach has been broadly established through national policy, sustainable planning principles and past consultations. The policy approach on these had been through the withdrawn Core Strategy consultation process and could be taken forward with changes and additions being relatively minor. These include:
- The need to reinforce the vitality of town centres;
 - Making the most of opportunities for sustainable tourism;
 - The promotion of the rural economy within constraints;

- The protection of rural services and access to them;
- Various approaches to sustainable transport;
- The avoidance and mitigation of flood risk and the wider tackling of climate change;
- Various protections such as greenfield land, agricultural land, public open space and environmental assets; and
- Keeping development in scale with settlements.

6.20 The **amber** category in Table 6.1 covers those issues where the overall approach has been established and generally aligns with public views but where some additional thinking and/or a detailed policy approach is required for the purposes of the new Local Plan:

- On **housing**, new policies have been developed to add detail to general approaches and to allocate land for additional housing where necessary - e.g. covering the specialised housing needs of various groups, the encouragement of self build; and placing limitations on second homes in areas where they significantly skew the local housing market.
- On **employment**, the jobs led approach can be tied in with the sustainable planning approach of concentrating development in towns but the new detailed local plan needs to recognise that much of the County's employment is in microbusinesses and devise policies to accommodate these, as pointed out in issues raised by the public. People were also keen to ensure that sufficient land is available for employers' needs. The Local Plan needs to firm up which existing industrial estates should be taken forward and where the gaps are where a town may require an additional allocation.
- The strong public concern about the availability and accessibility of **essential local services** is encapsulated in the overall strategy but more detail is required where Local Plan policies can influence this, given that many such policies in older Local Plans will need to be replaced - e.g. policies to mitigate the potential loss of services through development and those ensuring that development funds the service needs of the new residents that it will bring into the area.
- **Other details** that would not necessarily have been appropriate for a high level Core Strategy, but about which the public expressed concern, will need to be addressed in the Local Plan - notably the detailed design of development, car parking standards and issues of pollution and air quality.

6.21 The **red** category in Table 6.1 covers issues, raised in the spring 2018 consultation, that are fundamental to the change of direction of the Plan. These matters need very careful consideration to ensure the balance is right

between addressing the public's concerns, providing for Northumberland's objectively assessed development needs and planning within the limitations imposed by environmental and infrastructure constraints; These issues are:

- **Planning for a lower number of dwellings than was being planned for in the Core Strategy.**

A reduction in the annual new house building requirement compared to the withdrawn Core Strategy is an evidenced aspect of the new Local Plan. It is clear that such a reduction would reflect the views of large sections of the public and numerous local interest groups, (although sections of the development industry will seek to oppose such a reduction). It will also reflect revised projections in household growth and the new standard methodology on housing numbers that has emerged from central Government. At the same time, the issues consultation demonstrated that many people are concerned to maintain and improve the flow of affordable and other specialised homes, especially where the market has forced local people away from, primarily rural areas. Overall this is being addressed, using the jobs led approach mentioned earlier. This has resulted in an annual housing figure which is somewhat above the minimum annual figure obtained via the standard methodology but well below that that was being put forward in the withdrawn Core Strategy. The Council believes that the figure provides the best balance between having a more a constrained approach to new build on green fields on the edge of towns and a positive strategy that seeks to meet an ambitious employment growth target and provide for the many and varied housing needs of the County's population.

- **Planning within the constraints of the Green Belt.**

The strategy set out in the withdrawn Core Strategy, including higher housing numbers and an aspiration to reverse, where possible, the rate at which local population profiles are 'ageing' in particular towns, led to the Council taking the view that 'exceptional circumstances' should be applied in areas of Hexham, Prudhoe and Ponteland to allow Green Belt deletions to accommodate additional housing. The revised approach in the new Local Plan seeks to avoid Green Belt deletions for housing purposes. The lower overall new housing requirement means that it would, in any case, be more difficult to argue exceptional circumstances. Nevertheless, as stated people have continued to demonstrate a concern that there should be more affordable and specialist needs housing provision and homes that keep younger working people living locally. So the conclusion is that the Local Plan still needs to maximise the opportunities for housing in these towns

within the constraints imposed by the Green Belt and other planning considerations.

- **Managing the distribution of development and curtailing development pressures**

While the Plan will endorse the continuation of the Green Belt with no deletions for housing, the same set of concerns requires consideration of possible 'knock-on' development pressures elsewhere. The public, having witnessed rapid housing development in certain settlements beyond the Green Belt (e.g. Amble and Longframlington) are mostly (although not exclusively) in favour of settlement boundaries as a way of limiting development in such places. Their concerns include fears that the deletion and non-replacement of such boundaries; or that neighbourhood plan settlement boundaries will cease to carry weight. The Local Plan needs to manage development pressures and have mechanisms to direct and nudge development to the places where it is needed and there is capacity. Such mechanisms can equally allay people's fears about over-development in particular places, recognising these real pressures. As such, the Local Plan process has necessarily had to develop a methodology and rationale for drawing settlement limits that reflects local view, dovetails with local plans, and which is consistent while not being 'one size fits all'.

- **Designing development to better reflect local character**

The last of the key areas of public concern that is to be reflected in a new approach in the Local Plan is design. The withdrawn Core Strategy had a set of design criteria. However to reflect clear public concern that local character is being lost, the new Local Plan needs a far more detailed set of policies that will engender better place shaping and design that is sustainable, resilient and that conserves and enhances local character.

7. Third Phase of Regulation 18:- Draft Local Plan Consultation

Introduction

- 7.1 The Local Plan timetable meant that the lead in to a Draft (full) Local Plan began immediately after the end of the period of the spring consultation.

Lead-in to Draft Local Plan

- 7.2 This period, from early May to early July 2018, saw the Council, via the Member / Officer LDF Working Groups and subsequent Committee stages, working on producing the Draft Plan document, informed by the key themes and changed approaches reported in the previous chapter. The form and content of the document, of course, reflected the results of that previous consultation, but was also guided by previously established and agreed approaches on certain issues, as well as by the latest Government planning policies, the up-to-date evidence base and circumstances on the ground with planning approvals and developments.

Internal Consultations

- 7.3 As the Local Plan needed to include all necessary site allocations, the process of properly assessing sites newly submitted needed to be expedited and it was important to consult internal expertise on matters that might prevent their development. These efforts included a 'Local Plan Site Allocations and SHELAA Site Assessments Workshop', held on 10th May 2018. Council Departments present included Strategic Estates, Highways, Housing and the County Ecologist. The information exchange about site needs, preferences and constraints assisted in refining and finalising site assessments and the selection of allocations for the draft Plan.

Duty to Cooperate

- 7.4 An important workshop was held on 23rd May 2018, looking at whole plan viability issues and attended by representatives of the development industry and key providers such as the Water Authority, Highways England and the health services. Areas discussed included benchmark land value, space standards, developer contributions, typologies and sales values. Gateshead Council held a similar workshop on 18th June 2018 which was attended by the Council and which allowed comparisons between typologies etc.

Advance notification of Draft Plan consultation

- 7.5 Two sets of advance notification letters or emails were sent to Parish and Town Councils - at the beginning and middle of June, the latter informing them of the approval of the Plan for consultation purposes at the Cabinet meeting on 14th June 2018. The start of June also saw a press briefing on the Local Plan, including a demonstration of the interactive map.

Consultation stage - Draft Local Plan

- 7.6 The consultation on the Full Draft Plan, began on 4th July 2018 and ran to 5pm on 15th August 2018. As well as the notifications to Parish and Town Councils mentioned above, advance notice letters and emails were sent to specific consultees around four weeks prior to the launch date.

Publicity

- 7.7 An A5 size leaflet was sent to every address in the County in time for the launch date. This contained general information on the consultation and a full list of 'Drop-in' events. It is reproduced at Appendix 3.
- 7.8 A poster containing the same information was sent to all Parish and Town Councils, Leisure Centres and County Council contact centres, libraries etc. to place on their notice boards - see Appendix 4.
- 7.9 The 4th July 2018 saw the main launch through the electronic system, consultees receiving letters and documents being placed in libraries and Council offices.
- 7.10 There was a press release prior to the start of the consultation, with others issued at the start and during the consultation period. These led to a number of newspaper articles. The item from the summer edition of the Northumberland News is reproduced at Appendix 5 and an example of the press coverage, (from the Alnwick-based Northumberland Gazette) is shown at Appendix 6.

Face-to-face contact

- 7.11 During the 6 week consultation period, 23 drop-in events were held throughout the County, as noted in the various publicity material listed above. The events consisted of exhibition boards, an example of which is reproduced at Appendix 7.¹⁴ Each event had an appropriate number of Planning Policy Officers present to assist attendees understand the process and answer

¹⁴ Copies of these exhibition boards were also put on the Local Plan web page.

questions. As appropriate, a Highways and Transport officer attended certain events. Over 1,100 people attended the events.

Other meetings, including Duty to Cooperate

- 7.12 Presentations on the Draft Local Plan were also made to the 5 Local Area Councils during July 2018 and certain meetings were held with stakeholders (e.g. the Airport, Homes England and the Northumberland and Newcastle Society), to help them understand the content of the Plan and discuss issues arising - although they would still need to make any representations in writing.

Follow-up to the consultation stage - Draft Local Plan

- 7.13 During the consultation, 2,872 responses were submitted from 548 respondents. While a number wished to see a change of some sort and/or objected, a number also showed support for the Plan.

Issues raised during the consultation

- 7.14 On 25th September 2018, the LDF Working Group received a report on issues arising during the consultation, which were summarised in the list in Table 7.1

Table 7.1: Issues arising during the Regulation 18 consultation (reported to LDF Working Group - 25/09/2018)	
1	Employment land supply too high
2	Additional employment land allocations needed in certain towns
3	Need more emphasis on the rural economy
4	Concerns around the projection - jobs / employment land versus housing needed
5	Housing numbers - either being too high or not high enough
6	More houses in Central area as opposed to SE area
7	Supporting and objecting to 20% affordable housing contribution
8	Concerns regarding placement of towns and villages in settlement hierarchy
9	Settlement boundaries too restrictive
10	Parish Councils requesting additional settlement boundaries
11	Support for the Green Belt policies - including no deletions to meet housing need
12	Green Belt deletions needed for housing in Hexham and Ponteland
13	Green Belt deletions needed in more rural areas to allow for an element of growth
14	No need to identify areas for wind turbine development
15	Inconsistent approach to protected open space
16	Lack of Infrastructure provision e.g.GPs and school places
17	The need to strengthen the approach to digital infrastructure

Working to resolve issues and keep people informed

- 7.15 The issues listed above were, in many cases, challenging evidence gathered and strategic decisions made in the run-up to the Regulation 18 Draft Plan and some did clearly require further thought to be given to wording etc. In addition, the new NPPF and associated guidance also required further thought to be given to some policy approaches.
- 7.16 To this end, discussions were held - many internal with expert officers such as on the conservation team and in housing provision - to iron out particular issues or wording. In terms of outside organisations, specially convened meetings to talk around issues included with the North Pennines AONB Partnership, Newcastle International Airport and agents for the Defence Infrastructure Organisation.
- 7.17 A number of Parish and Town Council-related events, which were, in any case, taking place during the period following the consultation, allowed the opportunity for officers to answer local councillors' questions and keep them up to date with developments in the process.

How the main issues raised during the Reg.18 Draft Local Plan consultation are being addressed in at the Reg 19 stage

- 7.18 Appendix 8 sets out all the key changes being made to the different chapters of the Local Plan and includes an indication of whether the change has arisen, at least in part, as a result of one of the issues raised in Table 7.1, or from other miscellaneous representations; or whether the change reflects other factors such as changes to the NPPF, discussions with stakeholders or new information.
- 7.19 It shows that many of the changes to the Plan document reflect the latter set of factors. Nevertheless quite a number of the changes have been made because of concerns raised. Table 7.2 shows whether it has been possible to change the Plan to reflect the issue.
- The green shaded rows are those where it has been possible to make some substantive changes to the Plan which hopefully help address the views raised;
 - The amber shaded rows are those where some action has been taken, even if the changes sought have not been made in full. For example, a better explanation of the reasons behind an approach has been given, either in the reasoned justification or in a background document.

- The white rows relate to issues where a change has not been possible, either because this would depart from national policy or because of the need to adhere to the overall strategy in respect of the issue concerned.

Table 7.2: The degree to which issues arising during the Regulation 18 consultation (set out in Table 7.1) are being addressed

	Key
	Substantial changes to take account of the issues raised
	Some amendments that help to address the issues in part
	No significant changes to take account of the issues are possible
1	<p>Employment land supply too high:</p> <p>Work has been carried out to re-examine the justification for the allocations including further discussions with key stakeholders on the strategy and a further examination of sites' historic significance. The Reg.19 Plan will therefore include additional emphasis on the strategic nature of certain sites, while further minor deallocations will be made.</p>
2	<p>Additional employment land allocations needed in certain towns</p> <p>This would be difficult to justify given the large amount of land already allocated and the evidence behind the particular towns that were the subject of the representations and their allocations</p>
3	<p>Need more emphasis on the rural economy</p> <p>A new reference to enhancing Northumberland as a visitor destination is being included in the overarching chapters. The Tourism and Visitor Development policy has been expanded to identify tourism offer.</p> <p>Amendments to the Planning Strategy for the Economy policy include additional text on the role of the County's natural and historic environment as drivers of economic development, supporting the further development of the County's key infrastructure and the digital economy, and the recognition of the continued importance of military-related activity as a source of employment. On the latter point, there is the addition of a new policy on Ministry of Defence Establishments.</p> <p>A new policy on residential development in the countryside is also relevant to this issue.</p>
4	<p>Concerns around the projection - jobs / employment land versus housing needed</p> <p>The jobs-led strategy is to be taken forward but background papers will give a better explanation, including in relation to revisions to the standard methodology for assessing housing requirements.</p>
5	<p>Housing numbers being too high as opposed to not being high enough</p> <p>Background papers will give a better explanation for the housing figure, including in relation to revisions to the standard methodology for assessing housing requirements and the jobs-led strategy.</p>
6	<p>More houses in Central area as opposed to SE area</p>

	There has been some reconsideration of housing figures for certain towns but this reflects the overall strategy and local considerations. The strategy does not include Green Belt deletions for housing, making a step change in housing numbers in the Central Delivery area difficult to achieve.
7	Supporting and objecting to 20% affordable housing contribution The Reg.19 version of the Local Plan will see the introduction of different affordable housing requirements based on value areas and viability issues
8	Concerns regarding placement of towns and villages in settlement hierarchy Amendments will provide greater clarity in relation to the scale of development that may be supported in small settlements and in the countryside in the Spatial Strategy policy. There will also be a new policy on residential development in the countryside
9	Settlement boundaries too restrictive It is not considered that the boundaries are generally overly restrictive in the context of the Plan's strategy. Nonetheless a small number of individual boundaries have been reviewed following representations and have resulted in the removal of, addition of or changes to certain settlement boundaries.
10	Parish Councils requesting additional settlement boundaries A small number of individual boundaries have been reviewed following representations and have resulted in the removal of, addition of or changes to certain settlement boundaries.
11	Support for the Green Belt policies - including no deletions to meet housing need The strategy that involves no deletions for housing purposes is to be taken forward.
12	Green Belt deletions needed for housing in Hexham and Ponteland The strategy that involves no deletions for housing purposes is to be taken forward. The Council has worked closely with the Hexham Neighbourhood Plan group to identify opportunities to add to housing numbers within the inset area.
13	Green Belt deletions needed in more rural areas to allow for an element of growth Minor amendments have been made to iron out anomalies but deletions to accommodate additional housing have been ruled out under the strategy. Certain amendments to the settlement hierarchy and settlement boundaries are set out in the Plan.
14	No need to identify areas for wind turbine development Additional supporting text is being added to explain the approach more clearly.
15	Inconsistent approach to protected open space A new outcome is being added to the overarching chapter on protecting and enhancing green infrastructure, open space and recreational facilities and health and wellbeing. New policies on good design and amenity and landscaping and trees are being added. Amendments are being made to the Public Realm Design Principles policy in relation to prioritising pedestrian and cycle movement and an additional criterion on urban greening is also being added. The Open Space and Facilities for Sport and Recreation policy will now include reference to ancillary development and clarify provision of new open space and developer contributions. The policies map is also amended to include the identification of additional areas of protected open space following an update of the evidence base.
16	Lack of Infrastructure provision e.g.GPs and school places Amendments to the Planning Strategy for the Economy policy include additional text

	on supporting the further development of the County's key infrastructure. The health and wellbeing policy is being amended to include a requirement to carry out Health Impact Assessment (HIA) on all major development, including a requirement for HIA screening as a minimum. This will help assess whether enhancements to health infrastructure are needed before a development can go ahead. The Provision of New Residential Development Policy will now include a reference to the provision of new community facilities where needed and commensurate with the scale of the development.
17	The need to strengthen the approach to digital infrastructure Amendments to the Planning Strategy for the Economy policy include additional text on supporting the further development of the County's key infrastructure and the digital economy.

APPENDIX 1 - EVENTS AND MEETINGS CONNECTED WITH REGULATION 18 LOCAL PLAN PUBLICITY AND CONSULTATION - JULY 2017 to DECEMBER 2018							
Meeting Title or Brief Description	Date (or Start Date)	Meeting / Event Purpose and Relevant Content	Duty to Co-operate Categorisation	Councils / Organisations / Groups attending	Members of the Public Attending	What stage?	What did the event achieve?
Town and Parish Council Training (based in Morpeth)	10/07/2017	General Training on planning, (including the Local Plan) for new Parish and Town Councillors	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers and Parish Councillors from Castle Morpeth area of Northumberland	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	New local representatives trained in the basics of planning, including the Local Plan.
Meeting with rep of CLG	11/07/2017	Officers from NCC met with a rep from CLG to discuss implications of Core Strategy withdrawal and options for the Local Plan going forward.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	2 from NCC; 1 from CLG	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	An initial discussion regarding how the Government is likely to view the CS withdrawal and the implications for the future.
Town and Parish Council Training (based in Blyth)	12/07/2017	General Training on planning, (including the Local Plan) for new Parish and Town Councillors	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers and Town and Parish Councillors from Blyth and Ashington area of Northumberland	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	New local representatives trained in the basics of planning, including the Local Plan.
NE Nature Partnership 3rd executive group meeting	13/07/2017	Executive group of Nature Partnership	Local Nature Partnership	Various partners	1 to 10	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Progress in establishing the governance of the NEENP and coordinating tackling biodiversity issues across the partnership area
DTC meeting with Gateshead on Transport issues	14/07/2017	Discussion on cross boundary transport issues	South of Tyne	2 from NCC + officers from Gateshead	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Discussed potential opportunities for collaboration on cross border transport corridor study.
Meeting with Hepscott PC re Local Plan	18/07/2017	Discussion on implications of withdrawal of core strategy on development plan, with respect to Hepscott area	NOT Duty to Co-operate	2 from NCC + Hepscott PC Rep	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Explanation given on the process of the Local Plan, following withdrawal of the Core Strategy
Town and Parish Council Training (based in Cramlington)	19/07/2017	General Training on planning, (including the Local Plan) for new Parish and Town Councillors	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers and Town and Parish Councillors from Cramlington area of Northumberland	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	New local representatives trained in the basics of planning, including the Local Plan.
Member Induction	21/07/2017	General Member Induction on Elections, Registration & Devolution, Economy and Social Inclusion and Planning	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers and County Councillors	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	New local representatives trained in the basics of planning, including the Local Plan.
DTC with Newcastle City Council - Highway and Transport	25/07/2017	Update on cross boundary transport issues of common interest	Newcastle only	NCC Officers and Newcastle CC officers	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Discussed progress on cross border transport corridor study.
DTC with Newcastle City Council - Housing	07/08/2017	Update on cross boundary housing strategy issues of common interest	Newcastle only	NCC Officers and Newcastle CC officers	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	This led to the to bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing deal.
Meeting on the Housing Infrastructure Fund with the HCA	08/08/2017	A sub-regional meeting with the HCA regarding the Housing Infrastructure Fund	Miscellaneous	NCC Officers and HCA and others	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	This was a series of meetings that led to bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing deal.
Marine Plan Summer Engagement Workshop	10/08/2017	An update and discussion on the progress with the Marine Plans for the NE	Marine Management Organisation	MMO, NCC officer and other stakeholders	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Useful feedback and discussion on issues raised during the issues stage of the Marine Plans that would be of particular interest to the parties present.

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Town and Parish Council Training (based in Hexham)	15/08/2017	General Training on planning, (including the Local Plan) for new Parish and Town Councillors	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers and Town and Parish Councillors from Tynedale area of Northumberland	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	New local representatives trained in the basics of planning, including the Local Plan.
Meeting on the Housing Infrastructure Fund with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA	16/08/2017	A sub-regional meeting with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA regarding the Housing Infrastructure Fund	North of Tyne	NCC Officers and HCA and N. Tyneside and Newcastle CC	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	This was a series of meetings that led to bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing deal.
Teleconference with Highways England	18/08/2017	A meeting to discuss strategic highway issues - Moor Farm related discussion regarding S106.	Highways Agency	NCC officers and Highways England	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Discussed progress on strategic transport issues.
Northumberland Strategic Flood Risk management Plan (SFRMP)	21/08/2017	Discussion on the Northumberland SFRMP	Miscellaneous	EA / NWL / LLFA (NCC) / NCC Planning Policy	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Understanding: Update on SFRMP and relationship with emerging Local Plan.
Meeting on the Housing Infrastructure Fund with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA	22/08/2017	A sub-regional meeting with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA regarding the Housing Infrastructure Fund	North of Tyne	NCC Officers and HCA and N. Tyneside and Newcastle CC	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	This was a series of meetings that led to bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing deal.
Town and Parish Council Training (based in Alnwick)	24/08/2017	General Training on planning, (including the Local Plan) for new Parish and Town Councillors	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers and Town and Parish Councillors from north area of Northumberland	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	New local representatives trained in the basics of planning, including the Local Plan.
Meeting on the Housing Infrastructure Fund with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA	29/08/2017	A sub-regional meeting with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA regarding the Housing Infrastructure Fund	North of Tyne	NCC Officers and HCA and N. Tyneside and Newcastle CC	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	This was a series of meetings that led to bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing deal.
Meeting on the Housing Infrastructure Fund with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA	05/09/2017	A sub-regional meeting with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA regarding the Housing Infrastructure Fund	North of Tyne	NCC Officers and HCA and N. Tyneside and Newcastle CC	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	This was a series of meetings that led to bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing deal.
Meeting with Hepscott PC re Local Plan	06/09/2017	A further discussion on implications of withdrawal of core strategy on development plan, with respect to Hepscott area	NOT Duty to Co-operate	1 Councillor and 2 officers from NCC + Hepscott PC Rep	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Update on Local Plan given.
NE England Nature Partnership Extra executive group meeting 2017	06/09/2017	The meeting dealt with procedural matters including financial and governance arrangements for the new Capability North East company. There were updates from Natural England, including on the Northumbria Plan - areas for focus etc. Prof. Alister Scott talked about how ecological and spatial planning connect to environmental and social justice and the idea of the Bioeconomy. (NB a Council Planning Officer attended a seminar on the Bioeconomy subsequently held by Prof Scott).	Local Nature Partnership	NCC, other Councils, Natural England, other nature organisations, the EA, academics, The Banks Group	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	The Nature Partnership and its associated limited company should reap considerable gains for the area in terms of progress on Nature Conservation. The Bioeconomy issue is informing the content of the emerging Local Plan.
Meeting on the Housing Infrastructure Fund with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA	07/09/2017	A sub-regional meeting with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA regarding the Housing Infrastructure Fund	North of Tyne	NCC Officers and HCA and N. Tyneside and Newcastle CC	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	This was a series of meetings that led to bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing deal.

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DTC meeting with NNPA on Local Plan issues	12/09/2017	To update on respective Local Plan progress and discuss possible opportunities for joint evidence base working	National Park		None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Discussed potential opportunities for collaboration on joint evidence base
North of Tyne HiF Bid Progress Meeting	19/09/2017	A sub-regional meeting with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA regarding the Housing Infrastructure Fund	North of Tyne	NCC Officers and HCA and N. Tyneside and Newcastle CC	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	This was a series of meetings that led to bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing deal.
Town and Parish Council Training for Choppington PC	26/09/2017	General Training on planning, (including the Local Plan) for new Parish and Town Councillors	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers and Parish Councillors from Choppington	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	New local representatives trained in the basics of planning, including the Local Plan.
Northumberland Coast AONB Annual Forum	29/09/2017	Annual Forum of the AONB partnership	Miscellaneous	Partners including NCC officers	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	An opportunity to contribute towards the work of the AONB Partnership including hearing about the current work of the Partnership and some exciting new projects for the future.
North Northumberland Tourism Partner Forum	02/10/2017	Meeting to discuss tourism issues with a focus on North Northumberland	NOT Duty to Co-operate	Tourism officers, Partners	51 to 100	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Information obtained on tourism statistics including employment, visits etc. Useful discussion on issues and how to boost tourism - niches etc.
Annual Parish & Town Council Conference	05/10/2017	A series of talks and exhibitions to establish and develop links between Parish Councillors and the work of NCC	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers and Parish Councillors	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Town and parish councillors informed about the work of NCC.
Meeting with Newcastle International Airport	05/10/2017	A 'catch-up' with the planner from Newcastle Airport, with information exchanged on respective positions with plans.	Miscellaneous	NCC Officers and Partners	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	A useful information exchange on respective positions with plans.
North of Tyne DTC meeting with an emphasis on retail	11/10/2017	To update specifically on Newcastle's Draft Allocations Plan 1st stage and Plan progress in general at NtC and NCC	North of Tyne	NCC, Newcastle, North Tyneside	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	An update and exchange of respective plan progress - Newcastle's allocations document 1st draft, North Tyneside CIL and Northumberland new Local Plan. Newcastle welcomed input on their IDP re: cross boundary infrastructure
North of Tyne Housing Deal meeting	16/10/2017	This was a series of meetings that led to bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing deal.	North of Tyne	NCC, Newcastle, North Tyneside, HCA	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Progress regarding bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing deal.
Meeting with Morpeth Forum	17/10/2017	A catch-up meeting with Morpeth Forum	NOT Duty to Co-operate	Morpeth Forum / NCC officers	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	An update and exchange of information and views.
Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership Meeting	18/10/2017	General Partnership Meeting including a Local Plan update	Miscellaneous	Various Partners	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Reported that a new Local Development Scheme being produced, setting out the process and timescale for development of the new Local Plan.
Heads of Planning	18/10/2017	An update on and exchange of views on planning matters of mutual interest	Combined Authority	LA7	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	An update on and exchange of views on planning matters of mutual interest
Meeting on the Housing Infrastructure Fund with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA	25/10/2017	A sub-regional meeting with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA regarding the Housing Infrastructure Fund	North of Tyne	NCC Officers and HCA and N. Tyneside and Newcastle CC	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	This was a series of meetings that led to bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing deal.

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North of Tyne Catch-up Meeting	27/10/2017	A 'catch-up' meeting with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA	North of Tyne	NCC Officers and HCA and N. Tyneside and Newcastle CC	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Discussion with the North of Tyne authorities and the HCA to identify a housing baseline, and confirm housing delivery forecasts. Informed the draft North of Tyne Housing Paper
Housing Round table (Northern Consortium)	30/10/2017	A round table discussion on the proposed new housing methodology	Miscellaneous	Officers and stakeholders from around the region	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Informed the consortium's response, and the Council's response to the consultation document.
Meeting with Northumberland Newcastle Society	30/10/2017	A meeting to give update on Local Plan, other planning issues and matters of concern to the Society	NOT Duty to Co-operate	N&N Society NCC officers / Members	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	An update on and exchange of views on planning matters of mutual interest
Joint Workshop - Planning & Public Health	02/11/2017	A meeting to discuss public health issues in relation to planning and other NCC functions	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC departments (various)	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Mutual understanding of public health requirements / issues, and planning's role in relation to these
Meeting with Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan Group	07/11/2017	To discuss issues surrounding the recent making of the Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan and the latest position with the NCC Local Plan	NOT Duty to Co-operate	Around 8 from Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan group / and local land interests + NCC Planning officers	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Improved understanding of issues with respective parts of the Development Plan
MSGP Consultation Developer Breakfast Meeting	08/11/2017	The consultation is the latest phase of the Gateshead Local Plan.	Miscellaneous		None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Briefing on Gateshead's allocations document.
Publicity surrounding decision to prepare a full Local Plan and new LDS / timetable	15/11/2017	Major press release to publicise the forthcoming Cabinet meeting (23rd November 2017) which was being asked to agree to prepare a full Local Plan and a renewed Local Development Scheme including the timetable for the Local Plan, a five year housing land supply statement; and a Position Statement designed to assist those interested in development proposals by clarifying the general approach to be taken to planning applications following the withdrawal of the Northumberland Core Strategy.			None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Successful publicising of the new Local Plan
North East Local Nature Partnership Natural Environment Group Meeting	16/11/2017	The meeting dealt with ensuring NEENP are effective champions for biodiversity issues.	Local Nature Partnership	NCC, Other Councils MMO, EA, NWL, etc.	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Some principles were established for NEENP engagement in the Local Plan process.
Northumberland Strategic Flood Risk management Plan (SFRMP)	20/11/2017	Discussion on the Northumberland SFRMP	Miscellaneous	EA / NWL / LLFA (NCC) / NCC Planning Policy	None / Not Applicable	Period following the withdrawal of the Core Strategy - July 2017 to November 2017	Understanding: Update on SFRMP and relationship with emerging Local Plan.
Gateshead Local Plan Making Spaces for Growing Places DtC meeting	27/11/2017	MSGP overview and discussion on cross boundary issues	South of Tyne (including Gateshead or S Tyneside only)	S.Tyneside, Sunderland, Durham	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (1) - following the decision to prepare a full Local Plan November 2017 to February 2018	Discussion of cross boundary issues, key issues MSGP.
Duty to Cooperate Meeting with Durham	30/11/2017	To exchange views and information regarding the two emerging Local Plans, including the interim position following the withdrawal of the NCC Core Strategy.	Durham		None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (1) - following the decision to prepare a full Local Plan November 2017 to February 2018	Better understanding of latest positions of respective authorities in moving towards relaunched local plans.

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Berwickshire and Northumberland Marine Nature Partnership Annual Management Group meeting	05/12/2017	Berwickshire and Northumberland Marine Nature Partnership Annual Management Group meeting	Local Nature Partnership	Various partners	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (1) - following the decision to prepare a full Local Plan November 2017 to February 2018	Awareness raising and exchange of views.
North Pennines AONB Partnership Exec Group Meeting	06/12/2017	Regular meeting of North Pennines AONB Partnership Exec Group, with exchange of info., including about latest Local Plan position.	Miscellaneous	Various	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (1) - following the decision to prepare a full Local Plan November 2017 to February 2018	Awareness raising and exchange of views.
Workshop re Minewater and Development on the Durham and Northumberland Coalfield	07/12/2017	The Coal Authority (CA) and the Environment Agency (EA) are working together to develop a management tool, in the form of a GIS based risk map, to help protect and manage the groundwater resource, reduce pollution risk and empower the competent planning and flood risk authorities. The workshop would raise awareness and understanding of this and how it may affect what planning policies may be necessary (SuDS, minewater etc.)	Miscellaneous	Coal Authority, EA, Officers from NCC and other relevant Councils	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (1) - following the decision to prepare a full Local Plan November 2017 to February 2018	Better understanding of how minewater issues may need to be tackled through amended policy approaches, including on SuDS.
NE England Nature Partnership 4th executive group meeting 2017	07/12/2017	The meeting included Governance arrangements. Also discussion on NWL's concerns that the potential for SuDS schemes to contribute to biodiversity was not being realised in numerous schemes across the area. It as proposed to have a three-way engagement between NEENP, NWLs and local authorities on this. There was also discussion on the forthcoming Elected Members' Guide. The Biodiversity Strategy was discussed. This would take on board, as its evidence base, the existing Durham and Northumberland Biodiversity Action Plans.	Local Nature Partnership	Local authorities, Public Health England, NEENP reps, Wildlife Trusts etc.	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (1) - following the decision to prepare a full Local Plan November 2017 to February 2018	Progress in establishing the governance of the NEENP and coordinating tackling biodiversity issues across the partnership area.
North Pennines AONB Partnership - Full Partnership Meeting	13/12/2017	Full Partnership Meeting, including update on Northumberland Planning	Miscellaneous		None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (1) - following the decision to prepare a full Local Plan November 2017 to February 2018	Feedback on new Local Plan and AONB issues
Inception meeting for exploratory work on Housing and Economic Growth options, with consultants PBA	19/12/2017	Initial meeting with consultants PBA (Peter Brett Associates), appointed to carry out the initial employment and housing growth options work for the Council, in order to inform the development of policy and strategy in the new Local Plan. The meeting mainly involved the provision of information to the consultants and an initial discussion on some of the key issues regarding local housing and economic growth projections.	NOT Duty to Co-operate		None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (1) - following the decision to prepare a full Local Plan November 2017 to February 2018	A very useful initial exchange of views with outside experts. It became clear that the work should concentrate on the economy side, rather than a housing-led approach, meaning that the stakeholder workshop on 17th Jan 2018 would be about the economy and it would be economic stakeholders who would be invited to this. PBA were able to indicate what info they would need and what their timetable would be.
North of Tyne Duty to Cooperate Meeting	20/12/2017	To discuss matters of mutual interest between the authorities making up the North of Tyne area, including latest position with the emerging NCC Local Plan.	North of Tyne	Northumberland CC, Newcastle City, (apologies from North Tyneside)	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (1) - following the decision to prepare a full Local Plan November 2017 to February 2018	Updated understanding of emerging plans including the future LDS for Northumberland and the detailed Newcastle DM policies document.

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Workshop on Local Plan Economic Growth Options	17/01/2018	<i>This Workshop was chaired by consultants Peter Brett Associates (PBA) and hosted by NCC. The purpose was to gather a group of people who are key to economic development in the County of Northumberland and the wider sub-region, with a view to informing PBA's work - particularly looking at which sectors of industry are the most likely to see growth in Northumberland in the next 20 years.</i>	Miscellaneous	2 from PBA; 24 from outside organisations (including NELEP, ARCH, Northumberland Tourism, reps of large landowners, agents, Community Action Northumberland, Northumberland College, NWL, Fed.of N'land Development Trusts, Northumberland Estates, Port of Blyth, Newcastle City Council), plus 3 NCC members (on LDF working group), plus around 8 NCC officers	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (1) - following the decision to prepare a full Local Plan November 2017 to February 2018	<i>The event explored growth options for the future and informed the work of PBA in developing these options, as well as providing useful information, contacts etc. for NCC officers preparing the Plan.</i>
Town & Parish Council Training (based in Morpeth)	30/01/2018	<i>Training session for town and parish councils in various aspects of planning. Includes a set of slides on what has happened since the withdrawal of the Core Strategy and the forthcoming timetable.</i>	NOT Duty to Co-operate	Town and Parish Councils from central Northumberland areas	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (1) - following the decision to prepare a full Local Plan November 2017 to February 2018	<i>Raised awareness of planning policy, legislation and progress among town and parish councillors, who are key consultees.</i>
Meeting with EA and NWL to discuss Water Environment Issues and Local Plan	31/01/2018	<i>A meeting with EA and NWL to discuss Water Environment Evidence, Issues and Local Plan Chapter drafting. Included NCC Local Plan Update, Strategy and Programme, a discussion on the relevance of the water evidence base from the withdrawn Core Strategy, a discussion on where policies could need strengthening; and agreement on any work required.</i>	Miscellaneous	Northumbrian Water, Environment Agency and NCC officers from LLFA and Planning policy	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (1) - following the decision to prepare a full Local Plan November 2017 to February 2018	<i>A good exchange of information and knowledge, including how the evidence base position has changed, what updates if any are required, an understanding as to how and where policies may need strengthening and some actions re provision of info. etc.</i>
Meeting with Port of Blyth and ARCH to Discuss new Local Plan	01/02/2018	<i>The meeting was intended as an exploratory one to consider how best to reflect the future needs and requirements of the Port and port-related industries in the new Local Plan. The discussion included the latest upgrades to the port, the wider Blyth Estuary (e.g. energy related industries) and the land requirements of both. It also touched on wider multipliers and more generally on the networks of sites and related businesses across SE Northumberland.</i>	Miscellaneous	NCC and Port of Blyth	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (1) - following the decision to prepare a full Local Plan November 2017 to February 2018	<i>A very useful exchange of information which will help the Council in allocating land for employment purposes around Blyth Estuary and more widely and in wider economic policy making.</i>
Town & Parish Council Training (based in Hexham)	01/02/2018	<i>Training session for town and parish councils in various aspects of planning. Includes a set of slides on what has happened since the withdrawal of the Core Strategy and the forthcoming timetable.</i>	NOT Duty to Co-operate	Town and Parish Councils from West Northumberland area	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (1) - following the decision to prepare a full Local Plan November 2017 to February 2018	<i>Raised awareness of planning policy, legislation and progress among town and parish councillors, who are key consultees.</i>
Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership Meeting	07/02/2018	<i>General Partnership Meeting including a Local Plan update</i>	Miscellaneous		None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (1) - following the decision to prepare a full Local Plan November 2017 to February 2018	<i>Partnership kept up-to date with planning issues.</i>

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Town & Parish Council Training (based in Choppington)	07/02/2018	Training session for town and parish councils in various aspects of planning. Includes a set of slides on what has happened since the withdrawal of the Core Strategy and the forthcoming timetable.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	Town and Parish Councils from SE Northumberland area	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (1) - following the decision to prepare a full Local Plan November 2017 to February 2018	Raised awareness of planning policy, legislation and progress among town and parish councillors, who are key consultees.
Town & Parish Council Training (based in Belford)	08/02/2018	Training session for town and parish councils in various aspects of planning. Includes a set of slides on what has happened since the withdrawal of the Core Strategy and the forthcoming timetable.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	Town and Parish Councils from North Northumberland area	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (1) - following the decision to prepare a full Local Plan November 2017 to February 2018	Raised awareness of planning policy, legislation and progress among town and parish councillors, who are key consultees.
Meeting with LLFA regarding Local Plan and Coastal Change	08/02/2018	A meeting with a rep. from the NCC Lead Local Flood Authority to discuss how the Local Plan policy on Coastal Change may need to be added to, particularly in terms of defining Coastal Change Management Areas on the future Policies Map and the addition of criteria to the existing policy.	Miscellaneous	LLFA (NCC) and NCC Planning Policy officers	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (1) - following the decision to prepare a full Local Plan November 2017 to February 2018	An initial understanding of how the evidence and policy will need to be taken forward in the Local Plan policy, with the LLFA rep. to provide background on, and shape files of CCMA's etc.
Letter and email notification regarding forthcoming Call for Sites, the initial consultation on the new Local Plan and to update consultation database in line with the new legislation.	09/02/2018	This letter and email notification went to all on the consultation database and had three purposes: (1) To alert recipients about the forthcoming Call for Sites (9th February to 12th March 2018) (2) To alert recipients about the initial consultation on the new Local Plan (starting on 27th March to 2nd May 2018) (3) To alert recipients about the new legislation on data protection so they could decide update consultation database in line with the new legislation.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	N/A	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	Awareness raising on a current and a forthcoming consultation and an update of the consultations database to reflect the new Data Protection procedures (coming into effect in May 2018)
Call for Sites consultation	09/02/2018	The call for sites was carried out in order to inform preparation of the forthcoming draft Local Plan. Landowners, developers, agents, local residents and other interested parties were invited to submit potential development sites for consideration on a special online (or paper) form. Potential sites for residential land uses, economic development and mineral extraction were sought. Sites for other uses such as retail, leisure or mixed use development would also be considered. Consultees were informed that sites put forward during previous consultation exercises such as during the preparation of the withdrawn Northumberland Core Strategy or the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) would be automatically included, and therefore there would be no need to re-submit those sites, (although, any more up-to-date information on those sites that would to help inform the potential timescales and deliverability was nevertheless welcomed). Site submissions would need to be received by 5pm on Monday 12 March 2018.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	N/A	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	Approximately 600 submissions were received, many new sites that had not previously been in the SHLAA, employment land schedule etc. Once analysed, these sites would add to the range of sites looked at for possible allocation in the new Local Plan.
Meeting with Newcastle International Airport	15/02/2018	Meeting to discuss Airport Master Plan and Local Plan progress and matters of mutual interest. Discussions included the emerging results of the Growth Options Study being undertaken by PBA consultants. In particular, the issue of jobs generated close to / relating to the Airport were discussed in relation to sites coming forward for the accommodation of offices and other airport related activities outwith the County. It was queried whether the likely allocation of Prestwick Pit in the Northumberland Local Plan was appropriate in this context. The other issues discussed were possible safeguarding issues associated with the masterplan proposal for a runway extension and other changes in noise standards. It was agreed that implications for the Northumberland policies map would need to be considered carefully.	North of Tyne	NIA and NCC (Planning Policy)	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	The meeting resulted in a better understanding of issues arising from the master plan draft and what the implications may be for the Local Plan. By the same token, the airport planner was made aware of proposals likely to be included in the Local Plan that could affect the airport. It was agreed to seek to resolve outstanding issues as early as possible in the two processes

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Strategic Flood Risk Management Meeting with NWL and the EA	19/02/2018	1) To informally share and discuss the draft Local Plan policy for Coastal Change with the group - the principle of a proposal map approach showing "Hold the Line" and with policies accordingly setting out the approach to be taken either side of the line. In general the degree of concern regarding this thematic and spatial area and the approach that we were taking was small. 2) Further discussion regarding potential east of Hexham Employment site and potential Sand and Gravel extraction site.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NWL, EA and NCC	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	Awareness of local plan timescale and potential allocations involving areas of flood risk. Necessary exchange of information and views
Morpeth Forum Meeting	20/02/2018	An intermittent meeting with Forum members to appraise them of the position with the Local Plan and planning in general, and to discuss matters of mutual interest.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC and Morpeth Forum	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	An update and exchange of information and views.
NE England Nature Partnership: 1st executive group meeting 2018	20/02/2018	Standard partnership meeting in which, as well as governance matters, the discussions included the Natural Capital Investment Plan, joint procurement arrangements to deliver natural environment improvements efficiently, and a MOU between the LNP and Natural England.	Local Nature Partnership	Numerous Councils and other organisations	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	Progress on a number of matters that should benefit the environment and should influence policy making and practical measures across local authorities.
Durham Employment Land Review (ELR) Workshop	22/02/2018	Durham County Council had commissioned Lichfields to produce an updated Employment Land Review (ELR) to underpin the Local Plan, informing decisions regarding future employment land allocations / deallocations. The session started with a presentation including a summary of key findings emerging from the work undertaken to date and how this might shape future prospects of County Durham in economic and commercial market terms. The session also considered the extent to which supply and demand for employment land are currently in alignment. Views were sought from Durham's neighbouring authorities including Northumberland.	Durham	Durham CC, various other Councils including Stockton, Darlington, Hartlepool, S. Tyneside and Gateshead, as well as Northumberland.	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	A good understanding of the methodology used in Durham to assess employment land needs and how this may related to the approach in Northumberland. Views of economic planners from around the region on the degree to which it is relevant to de-allocate, overallocate etc. were interesting to hear.
Transport for the North Corridor Briefing	26/02/2018	This meeting revolved around TFN's draft Strategic Transport Plan Seven strategic development corridors across the region had been identified linking important economic centres that were currently in need of improved connectivity. The briefing saw a presentation of the evidence gathered and sought feedback from stakeholders on this an the objectives and outcomes that had been agreed for each corridor.	Miscellaneous	Many from across the region.	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	Information about the TFN consultation and additional dissemination of information on the corridor-focused work.
Workshop on Public Health and Planning	27/02/2018	A workshop dealing with issues such as childhood obesity and how planning could deal with it.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC - various depts.	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	Initial discussion on how the Local Plan policies can contribute to public health objectives.
Meeting with Berwick Neighbourhood Plan Group on Transport policy matters	13/03/2018	Meeting to discuss transport policy issues affecting the Berwick area	NOT Duty to Co-operate	Berwick Neighbourhood Plan Group and NCC	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	A better understanding of the transport issues affecting the Berwick area and the respective roles of the Local and Neighbourhood Plans in addressing them.
Local Nature partnership Meeting with NCC Members	14/03/2018	To allow the NE Local Nature Partnership to brief Council Members on the role of the NE-LNP.	Local Nature Partnership	NE-LNP and NCC Members	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	Members made aware of the role of the NE-LNP

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Marine Planning North East: Plan Development Workshop	21/03/2018	The meeting consisted of a series of workshops to take the issues and options work in the two Marine Plans for the NE to the next stage with delegates from across the region. There was a need to ensure no conflict between the marine plan and the emerging Local Plan	Marine Management Organisation	MMO, NCC, other Councils and numerous stakeholders from environmental organisations, port authorities, business interests etc.	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	Helped MMO understand land-based issues affecting their plan and for NCC to appreciate the matters of responsibility for which the MMO has to plan.
Duty to Cooperate Meeting covering NELEP area	26/03/2018	To discuss region-wide planning issues	Combined Authority	NCC / Newcastle City / Gateshead / South Tyneside / Sunderland / Durham	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	Updated matters of mutual interest between authorities in the NELEP area
NE Nature Partnership and Capability North East Project	27/03/2018	To discuss the NE Nature Partnership and Capability North East Project	Local Nature Partnership	Various partners (Councils, Groundwork Trust, EA, various companies etc.)	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	This meeting set targets for the NEENP and the opportunities for cross-area collaboration offered by the setting up of Capability North-East. It was clear that policies in local plans will help facilitate progress towards these targets.
Local Plan Spring Consultation	28/03/2018	Consultation aimed at residents (but also businesses / stakeholders) looking for input to help shape the new Local Plan. This consultation was very general - about where people think new housing and places of employment should be located. It took a new, different, interactive approach involving an online survey. It included an interactive map on which people were asked to mark where they felt were the most appropriate places for housing and employment development. To help, the map outlined areas of constraint, such as the Green Belt and conservation areas.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	N/A	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	With 700 participants, the exercise provided a useful starting point for the drawing up of the new plan. It showed a strong preference for the majority of housing and employment development to be in the main towns and service centres with the highest numbers of preferred locations in the south of the County. The key issues part of the consultation revealed that those receiving the highest number of selections in the responses were opportunities for employment, the quality and design of new development, the protection of the natural environment and decent, affordable homes for everyone.
Northumberland News - Article on Local Plan Spring Consultation	01/04/2018	The County Council's on line quarterly magazine for the public, with a some copies printed: Full page article explaining that the Council was looking for input from residents and businesses to help shape the new Local Plan that will set out future housing, business and community development in the county, with explanations on what the local plan is, why it is important and how to give views. Also emphasising the innovative approach used for the consultation.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	N/A	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	Awareness raising on the ongoing consultation.
Presentation at Castle Morpeth Local Area Council	09/04/2018	A report and presentation providing an update for the Local Area Councils on the Northumberland Local Plan and details on the Spring 2018 Local Plan consultation, which included new ways of engaging with the widest possible range of people. This was followed by a discussion, questions from Members and responses from the officer.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC / FoE	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	Members and other attendees were kept abreast of the situation on the Local Plan including the spring consultation and were able to ask questions and discuss issues.
Presentation at Tynedale Local Area Council	10/04/2018	A report and presentation providing an update for the Local Area Councils on the Northumberland Local Plan and details on the Spring 2018 Local Plan consultation, which included new ways of engaging with the widest possible range of people. This was followed by a discussion, questions from Members and responses from the officer.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC and general public etc invited	1 to 10	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	Members and other attendees were kept abreast of the situation on the Local Plan including the spring consultation and were able to ask questions and discuss issues.

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Presentation at Ashington and Blyth Local Area Council	11/04/2018	A report and presentation providing an update for the Local Area Councils on the Northumberland Local Plan and details on the Spring 2018 Local Plan consultation, which included new ways of engaging with the widest possible range of people. This was followed by a discussion, questions from Members and responses from the officer.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC	1 to 10	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	Members and other attendees were kept abreast of the situation on the Local Plan including the spring consultation and were able to ask questions and discuss issues.
DTC Meeting with NE Local Nature Partnership	18/04/2018	The meeting allowed the LNP to explain the role and genesis of the Partnership and the related 'Capability NE' a charitable body and the 'Capability 100' Forum (bringing together NE businesses and organisations to try and reach a common approach on how the environment can benefit from joint working and initiatives). The meeting discussed some key principles which led to some adjustments to the text at the start of the Environment Chapter of the draft Local Plan - particularly to emphasise the concept of the Natural Capital.	Local Nature Partnership	NE LNP and NCC Planning Policy	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	A very useful exchange of information with a view to further cooperation. Some input from the NE-LNP into the draft Local Plan prior to it's consideration by the NCC Member Working Group.
Presentation at Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley Local Area Council	18/04/2018	A report and presentation providing an update for the Local Area Councils on the Northumberland Local Plan and details on the Spring 2018 Local Plan consultation, which included new ways of engaging with the widest possible range of people. This was followed by a discussion, questions from Members and responses from the officer.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC with public etc invited	1 to 10	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	Members and other attendees were kept abreast of the situation on the Local Plan including the spring consultation and were able to ask questions and discuss issues.
Heads of Planning (NELEP Area)	18/04/2018	Heads of planning meeting including discussions on latest position with local plans	Combined Authority	NECCA Area Councils (apologies from NCC)	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	Discussions and actions on cross boundary issues concerning progress of Local Plans (among other matters).
Presentation at North Northumberland Local Area Council	19/04/2018	A report and presentation providing an update for the Local Area Councils on the Northumberland Local Plan and details on the Spring 2018 Local Plan consultation, which included new ways of engaging with the widest possible range of people. This was followed by a discussion, questions from Members and responses from the officer.	NOT Duty to Co-operate		25 to 50	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	Members and other attendees were kept abreast of the situation on the Local Plan including the spring consultation and were able to ask questions and discuss issues.
Strategic and Local Green Infrastructure Internal Meeting	25/04/2018	To discuss the position with Green Infrastructure across the Council's own responsibilities and knowledge, reviewing the evidence base and the likely content of policies.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC - various depts.	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	Useful update on evidence base position and how Green Spaces and Countryside Manager and colleagues could help the local plan through information that they have.
Childhood Obesity Workshop	26/04/2018	Interdisciplinary workshop to consider how best the Council, in its public health role, can tackle childhood obesity, including working up a policy to place in the forthcoming Local Plan.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Departments including Public Health and Education, with external reps such as school nurses.	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (2) Initial Consultation Stage (9th February 2018 to 2nd May 2018)	A better understanding between parties as to what planning and other disciplines could each add to the efforts to reduce obesity levels in Year 6 pupils.
Town and Parish Council Liaison Working Group	03/05/2018	The Town and Parish Council Liaison Working Group covers many topics but this meeting included an update on the Local Plan, (with the prospective timetable).	NOT Duty to Co-operate	Parish Councils and NCC	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 1) Lead-in to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (3rd May 2018 to 3rd July 2018)	Town and Parish Councils made aware of the latest position and prospective timetable for the Local Plan
Town and Parish Liaison Working Group	03/05/2018	Liaison between County Council and Town and Parish Councils, including a verbal update on the Local Plan	NOT Duty to Co-operate	Town and Parish Council Reps	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 1) Lead-in to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (3rd May 2018 to 3rd July 2018)	Updates and substantive discussions on the latest Local Plan position and other matters of mutual interest.

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Local Plan Site Allocations and SHELAA Site Assessments Workshop	10/05/2018	The purpose of this workshop was to review the SHELAA/SHLAA assessments of the sites shortlisted for proposed/possible development site allocations in the new Local Plan, with a particular focus on housing sites. Other Council Departments were invited to help refine and finalise site assessments and selection of allocations before the draft Plan would be taken to Members for prior approval ahead of Cabinet approval in June for public consultation commencing in July.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Various Depts.	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 1) Lead-in to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (3rd May 2018 to 3rd July 2018)	Assistance in refining and finalising site assessments and the selection of allocations for the draft Plan.
NE England Nature Partnership 2018: 2nd executive meeting	10/05/2018	This executive meeting discussed governance / transition arrangements, the Elected members' guide of 2018 of the North East England Nature Partnership. A local authority sub-group was proposed to get over a gap in communication regarding the work of the Partnership across authorities - not just on spatial planning but finance for projects etc.	Local Nature Partnership	Local authorities, Northumbria University, EA, Capability NE etc.	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 1) Lead-in to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (3rd May 2018 to 3rd July 2018)	Progress on matters such as the elected members' guide and the setting up of a local authority sub-group to coordinate the understanding of the Partnership's aims across authorities.
Berwick NP group meeting re Housing and settlement	17/05/2018	To discuss housing issues in relation to the parallel preparation of NCC's Local plan and the Berwick Neighbourhood Plan.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	Berwick Neighbourhood Plan group and NCC	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 1) Lead-in to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (3rd May 2018 to 3rd July 2018)	Better understanding regarding housing issues and the relative roles of the County Council and Neighbourhood plans.
Whole Plan Viability Workshop (David Newham)	23/05/2018	A workshop hosted by the Council and facilitated by the consultants carrying out the Council's Whole Plan Viability Assessment, intended to explore a variety of plan viability issues with attendees from the development industry and other providers relating to health services, water, highways etc.. Areas discussed included benchmark land value, nationally described space standards, section 106 developer contributions, typologies and residential sales values.	Miscellaneous	NCC, NWL, Highways Agency, NHS, pharmacy reps, various development industry reps.	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 1) Lead-in to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (3rd May 2018 to 3rd July 2018)	The meeting greatly aided the development of viability criteria and led to some action points regarding the need analyse the rate at which S106 monies are accumulated and spent; and the degree to which the Council should align its calculations with those of the development industry.
Advance notice mailshot to Parish and Town Councils	01/06/2018	An email /letter to Clerks to give advance notice of the Local Plan consultation due to take place between 4th July and 15th August - also that they could view the Cabinet papers in advance.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	N/A	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 1) Lead-in to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (3rd May 2018 to 3rd July 2018)	Awareness raising regarding forthcoming consultation.
Press Briefing on the Local Plan	01/06/2018	A briefing for the press about the content of the forthcoming Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan including a live demonstration of the Interactive Policies Map.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC and representatives of the Press	None / Not Applicable	Lead-in to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (3rd May 2018 to 3rd July 2018)	Awareness raised among the press regarding the forthcoming consultation.
Meeting with Morpeth Town Council and adjacent parish councils	06/06/2018	The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed settlement boundaries to be contained within the Reg 18 draft Local Plan.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	Morpeth, Hepscoth, Hebron, Mitford, Pegswood parish and town councils	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 1) Lead-in to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (3rd May 2018 to 3rd July 2018)	Agreement and consensus on settlement and GB boundaries
Mailshot to Parish and Town Councils, giving update and advance warning of forthcoming consultation	15/06/2018	A brief email /letter to Clerks to give Parish and Town Councils an update on the Northumberland Local Plan, explaining that approval had been obtained from the Council's Cabinet to consult and give dates for the Draft Plan consultation drop-in events.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	N/A	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 1) Lead-in to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (3rd May 2018 to 3rd July 2018)	Awareness raising regarding forthcoming consultation.
Newcastle-Gateshead Viability Breakfast Meeting	18/06/2018	A workshop hosted by Gateshead Council and facilitated by the consultants carrying out Gateshead's Whole Plan Viability Assessment, intended to explore a variety of plan viability issues with attendees from the development industry and other providers.	Newcastle and Gateshead	NCC / Newcastle / Gateshead councils	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 1) Lead-in to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (3rd May 2018 to 3rd July 2018)	Useful from NCC's point of view insofar as it allowed consideration of the degree to which viability approaches may be aligned. (Facilitated by the fact that the consultant doing the assessment there is also carrying out the Northumberland Whole Plan Viability Assessment.

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Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership Meeting	27/06/2018	General Partnership Meeting including a Local Plan update, which explained that the Northumberland Local Plan was approved for consultation by Cabinet on 14 June 2018, that consultation on the Local Plan would commence on 4 July and run until 15 August, and that 23 drop-in events would be taking place across Northumberland. The meeting was invited to note those in or close to the AONB.	Miscellaneous	NCC and other partner organisations	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 1) Lead-in to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (3rd May 2018 to 3rd July 2018)	Apart from normal Partnership Business, this was a chance for the Partners to be made aware of the imminent Local plan consultation.
Regulation 18 Consultation on Draft Northumberland Local Plan	04/07/2018	The consultation on the Full Draft Plan, beginning on 4th July 2018 and running to 5pm on 15th August 2018. Some advance notice letters and emails were sent to key groups of consultees - notably parish councils and specific consultees around four weeks prior to the launch date. There was a press release prior to the start of the consultation, with others issued at the start and during the consultation period. 4th July 2018 saw the main launch through the electronic system, consultees receiving letters and documents being placed in libraries and Council offices. An A5 size leaflet was sent to every address in the County, containing general information on the consultation and a full list of 'Drop-in' events.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	N/A	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	This consultation gathered views on the draft Local Plan including draft policies proposals and land allocations. See individual meetings and events for how awareness was raised and views gathered. The press releases generated a number of articles.
Newcastle International Airport - Masterplan briefing	05/07/2018	To discuss issues of mutual interest including the drafts of the NCC Local Plan and the NIA Master Plan	Miscellaneous	NCC and NIA	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	A useful briefing on the aspirations of the NIA Masterplan up to 2035 and an opportunity to discuss the emerging proposals in the Reg 18 Northumberland Local Plan in the context of NIAs growth ambitions.
Attendance at Castle Morpeth Local Area Council Meeting	09/07/2018	A regular Local Area Council meeting with Parish Councils in attendance, including a presentation on the current Local Plan consultation with local information included.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC and various parish councils	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness of consultation and relevant content raised.
Northumberland and Neighbours Duty to Cooperate meeting	10/07/2018	To make the neighbouring authorities aware of the Local Plan consultation and discuss issues of mutual / cross-boundary interest	Miscellaneous	NCC/ Newcastle/ Gateshead/ Durham/ NNPA/ Eden	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	The opportunity to discuss key strategic cross border issues emerging through the Reg 18 Northumberland Local Plan and an update on neighbouring authorities plan progress and their individual policy approaches to key strategic planning issues.
Attendance at Tynedale Local Area Council Meeting	10/07/2018	A regular Local Area Council meeting with Parish Councils in attendance, including a presentation on the current Local Plan consultation with local information included.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC and various parish councils	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness of consultation and relevant content raised.
Registered Providers update re local plan & delivery	10/07/2018	To provide an update on the Local Plan and for providers to provide an update on delivery.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC and various Registered Social Providers	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Update on the Local Plan for providers who also provided an update on delivery.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - HEXHAM	11/07/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	51 to 100	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.

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Local Plan Drop-in Session - BELFORD	12/07/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	11 to 25	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - ALLENDALE	12/07/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	26 to 50	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - AMBLE	13/07/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	26 to 50	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - ALNWICK	14/07/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	26 to 50	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - BERWICK	16/07/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	51 to 100	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.
Highways England - Northumberland County Council Liaison	16/07/2018	Update on methodology for TA, agreeing similar approach to previous and how DGV will be included as a committed development.	Highways Agency	NCC and Highways England	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Update on methodology for TA, agreeing similar approach to previous and how DGV will be included as a committed development.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - ASHINGTON	17/07/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	51 to 100	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - HAYDON BRIDGE	18/07/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	11 to 25	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.
Heads of Planning (NELEP Area)	18/07/2018	A regular meeting of the Heads of Planning (NELEP Area)	Combined Authority	Councils from across NE	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Discussion between Heads of Planning (NELEP Area)

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Attendance at Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley Local Area Council Meeting	18/07/2018	A regular Local Area Council meeting with Parish Councils in attendance, including a presentation on the current Local Plan consultation with local information included.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC and various parish councils	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness of consultation and relevant content raised.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - BLYTH	19/07/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	26 to 50	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.
Attendance at North Northumberland Local Area Council Meeting	19/07/2018	A regular Local Area Council meeting with Parish Councils in attendance, including a presentation on the current Local Plan consultation with local information included.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC and various parish councils	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness of consultation and relevant content raised.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - SEATON DELAVAL	20/07/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	26 to 50	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.
Durham Duty to Cooperate Local Plan Briefing	20/07/2018	To make the neighbouring authorities aware of the Local Plan consultation and discuss issues of mutual / cross-boundary interest	Miscellaneous	NCC and South of Tyne/Tees Valley authorities		Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	The opportunity to discuss key strategic cross border issues emerging through the Reg 18 County Durham Local Plan and an update on neighbouring authorities plan progress and their individual policy approaches to key strategic planning issues.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - PRUDHOE	21/07/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	26 to 50	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - CHOPPINGTON	23/07/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	11 to 25	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - MORPETH	24/07/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	51 to 100	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - PONTELAND	25/07/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	101 to 200	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - ROTHBURY	26/07/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	26 to 50	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.

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Meeting with Northumberland & Newcastle Society on Local Plan and policy approach to wind turbine development	26/07/2018	A meeting with Northumberland & Newcastle Society to discuss Local Plan consultation and policy approach to wind turbine development.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC and Northumberland and Newcastle Society	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	An early exchange of views on the draft approach (in the current consultation) on where wind farms may, in future, be located.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - BEDLINGTON	27/07/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	26 to 50	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - CRAMLINGTON	28/07/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	51 to 100	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - WOOLER	30/07/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	26 to 50	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.
Homes England Catch-up Meeting with County Council	30/07/2018	To discuss matters of mutual interest - i.e. planning, housing delivery etc.	Miscellaneous	NCC and Homes England	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Updated understanding of planning issues of mutual concern.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - CORBRIDGE	31/07/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	51 to 100	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA	01/08/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	26 to 50	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - SEAHOUSES	02/08/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	26 to 50	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - BELLINGHAM	03/08/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	11 to 25	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.
Local Plan Drop-in Session - HALTWHISTLE	04/08/2018	Each drop-in session consisted of a small exhibition with staff involved in preparing the document present to answer questions. Copies of the consultation document also available to view.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers	26 to 50	Reg.18 (3 - 2) Consultation on Draft Local Plan (4th July 2018 to 15th August 2018)	Awareness raised on the content of the Full Draft Local Plan and how to respond.

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Meeting Title or Brief Description	Date (or Start Date)	Meeting / Event Purpose and Relevant Content	Duty to Co-operate Categorisation	Councils / Organisations / Groups attending	Members of the Public Attending	What stage?	What did the event achieve?
Northumberland Physical Activity Strategy - Living Well Event	13/09/2018	Organised by Northumberland Sport and Northumberland County Council Public Health working with colleagues to develop a 10-year Physical Activity Strategy for the county. This was a workshop that focussed on Physical Activity and the 'Living Well' agenda, considering the roles that healthcare, leisure services, employers, health improvement services and wider communities play in promoting physical activity for working age people and also focussing on cross-cutting working to improve or link people to the physical environment to encourage and support physical activity.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC and relevant outside organisations	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	Progress in cross cutting working on planning and health, relevant to the Local Plan
Town and Parish Liaison Working Group	13/09/2018	Liaison between County Council and Town and Parish Councils, including a verbal update on the Local Plan	NOT Duty to Co-operate	Town and Parish Council Reps	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	Updates and substantive discussions on the latest Local Plan position and other matters of mutual interest.
Northumberland Economic Strategy Refresh Stakeholder Workshop	14/09/2018	A workshop for stakeholders to input into the refresh of the Northumberland Economic Strategy	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC (various Depts.) Northumberland Tourism, ARCH and other relevant stakeholders	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	Good input into discussions on how the Northumberland Economic Strategy should evolve and how the Local Plan strategy and policies will dovetail with this.
Naturally Healthy by Design Workshop	25/09/2018	Set of workshops on how Green Infrastructure can tackle obesity across the life course and how planning can help influence this.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	Numerous Councils and other relevant organisations and academic bodies.	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	Interesting ideas about ways in which policies and processes (especially on design) can be used to tackle obesity.
PAS NPPF Workshop: Plan Making - Support & Delivery	25/09/2018	This workshop looked at the requirements and process for plan making under the new NPPF; including undertaking a review and update, using the standardised local housing need, requirements for allocating numbers to neighbourhood plans & working with neighbouring authorities.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	Numerous	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	Better understanding of the issues arising from the new NPPF for the preparation of the Plan, as well as useful exchanges of views on this.
Meeting with North Pennines AONB Partnership	02/10/2018	To discuss AONB Partnership officer issues with the Reg 18 Local Plan policies, as drafted.	Miscellaneous	NCC and AONB Partnership	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	Useful feedback allowing necessary amendments to the wording of the Plan prior to the Reg.19 stage.
Castle Morpeth Local Area Council 'speed dating'	08/10/2018	An opportunity for members of Town and Parish Council's to ask questions and get information from various services across the Council, table by table - including on the Local Plan.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	Parish Councillors from the relevant part of the County	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	Information on the Local Plan process imparted to Parish and Town Councillors.
Tynedale Local Area Council 'speed dating'	09/10/2018	An opportunity for members of Town and Parish Council's to ask questions and get information from various services across the Council, table by table - including on the Local Plan.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	Parish Councillors from the relevant part of the County	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	Information on the Local Plan process imparted to Parish and Town Councillors.
Ashington and Blyth Local Area Council 'speed dating'	09/10/2018	An opportunity for members of Town and Parish Council's to ask questions and get information from various services across the Council, table by table - including on the Local Plan.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	Parish Councillors from the relevant part of the County	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	Information on the Local Plan process imparted to Parish and Town Councillors.

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Meeting of the Northumberland Line Project Steering Group.	10/10/2018	A project group to discuss all aspects of the Northumberland Line project including implications for Local Plan process and allocations.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC and other stakeholders such as Network Rail, TFN etc.	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	Useful exchange of knowledge and views, with the aim of allowing the project to progress, but also inform the emerging Local Plan.
Annual Parish & Town Council Conference	11/10/2018	A series of talks and exhibitions to establish and develop links between Parish Councillors and the work of NCC	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC Officers and Parish Councillors	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	Town and parish councillors informed about the work of NCC.
Regeneration Investment Group	12/10/2018	Regeneration Investment Group discusses regeneration issues across the County, bringing in all relevant stakeholders.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC, ARCH etc.	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	Regeneration projects feed into Local Plan - i.e. must be facilitated within the context of the wider planning policies.
Meeting with Agents for Defence Infrastructure Organisation	16/10/2018	The agents (G.L.Hearn) represent the Defence Infrastructure Organisation. The discussion centred on Albemarle Barracks and some other military sites in the County and the need for policy coverage in the Local Plan.	Miscellaneous	NCC and Defence Infrastructure Organisation (Agents for).	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	There was seen to be a need to add references to military establishments and their contribution to the economy within Local Plan policies.
Bedlington, Cramlington and Seaton Valley Local Area Council 'speed dating'	17/10/2018	An opportunity for members of Town and Parish Council's to ask questions and get information from various services across the Council, table by table - including on the Local Plan.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	Parish Councillors from the relevant part of the County	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	Information on the Local Plan process imparted to Parish and Town Councillors.
North Northumberland Local Area Council 'speed dating'	17/10/2018	An opportunity for members of Town and Parish Council's to ask questions and get information from various services across the Council, table by table - including on the Local Plan.	NOT Duty to Co-operate	Parish Councillors from the relevant part of the County	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	Information on the Local Plan process imparted to Parish and Town Councillors.
North East Coastal Partnership scoping meeting	18/10/2018	This scoping meeting, hosted by the MMO looked at whether a North East Coastal Partnership could be a useful body for coordinating measures associated with development, planning and conservation along the NE coast. Many smaller partnerships exist within the area. These were explained; in addition, reps from coastal partnerships from across the Border and the NW spoke about how their partnerships work.	Marine Management Organisation	Numerous, including EA, LNP, Natural England, Historic England.	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	Useful exchange of views, although the need for such a Partnership requires further scoping, as to its purposes and make-up.
Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership Meeting	24/10/2018	General Partnership Meeting including a Local Plan update, (by the County Ecologist on behalf of the team), which explained progress towards the Reg. 19 version of the Northumberland Local Plan.	Miscellaneous	NCC and other partner organisations	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	Apart from normal Partnership Business, this was a chance for the Partners to be made aware of the imminent Local plan consultation.
Meeting with Highways England on Trunk Road issues in Northumberland	26/10/2018	Discussion on Trunk Road issues in Northumberland including A69, grade separation at Corbridge and Hexham and Moor Farm Roundabout (DM related) and the planned maintenance on the A1.	Highways Agency	NCC - various depts., Highways England	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	Updated position on trunk road highways issue.

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Health in All Policies Workshop	12/11/2018	<i>A workshop on how the Council can adopt a Health in All Policies approach to its policy, strategy and programme development. This is an evidence based approach to improving health and wellbeing by actively incorporating health considerations into areas, where health isn't usually a primary consideration, and throughout planning and management programmes. This sort of approach is considered essential if the Council wishes to continue to improve the length and quality of people's lives, reduce the inequalities experienced by some communities and achieve a sustainable (financially and otherwise) health and care system for the future. The workshop lasted for a half day, and was facilitated by the LGA.</i>	NOT Duty to Co-operate	NCC, NHS /public health bodies	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	<i>A better understanding of the potential for Local Plan policies to influence community health.</i>
Meeting with Newcastle International Airport	27/11/2018	<i>Meeting to discuss outstanding issues that the Airport has with the Local Plan policies and allocations.</i>	Miscellaneous	NCC and NIA	None / Not Applicable	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	<i>A better understanding of NIA's concerns about the land allocation for employment at Prestwick Pit. This would enable proper consideration of what action to take as a result of the objection.</i>
Northumberland Indoor Facilities Strategy Steering Group meeting	06/12/2018	<i>To discuss the Northumberland Indoor Facilities Strategy including evidence base work and land use planning implications.</i>	Sport England	NCC, (various depts.), and Sport England	11 to 25	Reg.18 (3 - 3) Follow-up to Reg.18 Consultation on Draft Local Plan (15th August 2018 to 6th December 2018)	<i>The Indoor Facilities Strategy was agreed subject to final amendments. No issues were raised.</i>

Appendix 2

Extract from Northumberland News, spring 2018 edition



Help us shape the county's future

WE WANT YOUR VIEWS

We're looking for input from residents and businesses to help us shape the new Local Plan that will set out future housing, business and community development in the county.

WHAT IS THE LOCAL PLAN?

The Local Plan provides a framework to guide and promote future development of homes and employment sites in Northumberland while supporting sustainable communities and protecting the county's unique countryside.

HOUSING - We need to improve the housing choice across Northumberland to meet the diverse needs of existing and future communities - but we want to build in the right places. This means we can ensure that vital community facilities such as schools, GP surgeries, roads and public transport links are in place to support existing and new residents.

JOBS - An important part of the Plan will be promoting economic growth. The Plan will need to ensure that land is available to support new employment opportunities and that the right jobs can be provided in the right places for local residents.

WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?

The Local Plan will guide decisions on whether or not planning applications should be granted permission and gives us the power to refuse inappropriate development. It will also provide clarity to the community, landowners, developers and investors.

HOW TO GIVE YOUR VIEWS

We are making this consultation different, by taking a new and interactive approach to consultation with an online survey. It includes an interactive map on which you are asked to mark where you feel the most appropriate places for housing and employment development are. To help guide you, the map will have outlined on it areas of constraint, for example green belts and areas of conservation or special interest.

You can access the Online Spatial Survey via <http://bit.ly/Localplan> or by picking up a paper copy from any library in Northumberland. **Comments are required by 5pm on 2 May 2018.**



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Appendix 3

A5-size Flyer delivered to all addresses in Northumberland to publicise the summer 2018 Draft Local Plan consultation

Town	Date	Time	Venue
Hexham	Wed 11 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Trinity Methodist Church, Beaumont Street NE46 3LS
Allendale	Thurs 12 Jul	2pm - 5pm	Library, Dawson Place NE47 9PP
Belford	Thurs 12 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Bell View, West Street NE70 7QB
Amble	Fri 13 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Development Trust Offices, Dilston Terrace NE65 0DT
Alnwick	Sat 14 Jul	10am - 3pm	St James Community Hall, Pottergate NE66 1JW
Berwick	Mon 16 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Town Hall, Marygate TD15 1BN
Ashington	Tues 17 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Hirst Welfare Centre, Alexandra Road NE63 9EL
Haydon Bridge	Wed 18 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Community Centre, Ratcliffe Road NE47 6ET
Blyth	Thurs 19 July	2pm - 7pm	Buffalo Centre, Regent Street NE24 1LL
Seaton Deaval	Fri 20 July	2pm - 7pm	Parish Council Offices, Astley Road NE25 0DG
Prudhoe	Sat 21 Jul	10am - 3pm	Waterworld, Front St, Prudhoe, NE42 5DQ
Choppington	Mon 23 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Social Welfare Centre, Colliery Road NE62 5SS
Morpeth	Tues 24 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Corn Exchange, Morpeth Town Hall NE61 1LZ
Ponteland	Wed 25 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Memorial Hall, Darras Road NE20 9NX
Rothbury	Thurs 26 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Jubilee Hall, Bridge Street NE65 7SD
Bedlington	Fri 27 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Community Centre, West Front Street NE22 5UB
Cramlington	Sat 28 Jul	10am - 3pm	Concordia Leisure Centre, Forum Way NE23 6YB
Wooler	Mon 30 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Cheviot Centre, Padgepool Place NE71 6BL
Corbridge	Tues 31 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Parish Hall, St Helen's Street NE45 5BQ
Newbiggin	Wed 1 Aug	2pm - 7pm	Sports & Community Centre, Woodhorn Road NE64 6HG
Seahouses	Thurs 2 Aug	2pm - 7pm	Sports & Community Centre, Stone Close NE68 7YL
Bellingham	Fri 3 Aug	2pm - 6pm	Library, Town Hall NE48 2AS
Haltwhistle	Sat 4 Aug	10am - 3pm	Library, Westgate NE49 0AX



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Appendix 4

A3-size Poster for Town and parish Councils and others to display, summer 2018 Draft Local Plan consultation



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Blyth	Thurs 19 July	2pm - 7pm	Buffalo Centre, Regent Street NE24 1LL
Seaton Delaval	Fri 20 July	2pm - 7pm	Parish Council Offices, Aitley Road NE25 0DQ
Prudhoe	Sat 21 Jul	10am - 3pm	Waterworld, Front St, Prudhoe, NE42 5DQ
Choppington	Mon 23 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Social Welfare Centre, Colliery Road NE62 5SS
Morpeth	Tues 24 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Corn Exchange, Morpeth Town Hall NE61 1LZ
Portland	Wed 25 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Memorial Hall, Dames Road NE20 9NK
Rothbury	Thurs 26 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Jubilee Hall, Bridge Street NE65 7SD
Bedlington	Fri 27 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Community Centre, West Front Street NE22 5UB
Cramlington	Sat 28 Jul	10am - 3pm	Concordia Leisure Centre, Forum Way NE23 6YS
Wooler	Mon 30 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Cheviot Centre, Padgepool Place NE71 6BL
Corbridge	Tues 31 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Parish Hall, St Helen's Street NE45 5BQ
Newbiggin	Wed 1 Aug	2pm - 7pm	Sports & Community Centre, Woodhorn Road NE64 6HG
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Berwick	Mon 16 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Town Hall, Mygate TD15 1BN
Ashington	Tues 17 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Hirst Welfare Centre, Alexandra Road NE43 9EL
Haydon Bridge	Wed 18 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Community Centre, Rincille Road NE47 6ET
Blyth	Thurs 19 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Burford Centre, Regent Street NE24 1LL
Seaton Delaval	Fri 20 Jul	2pm - 7pm	Parish Council Offices, Ashby Road NE25 0DG
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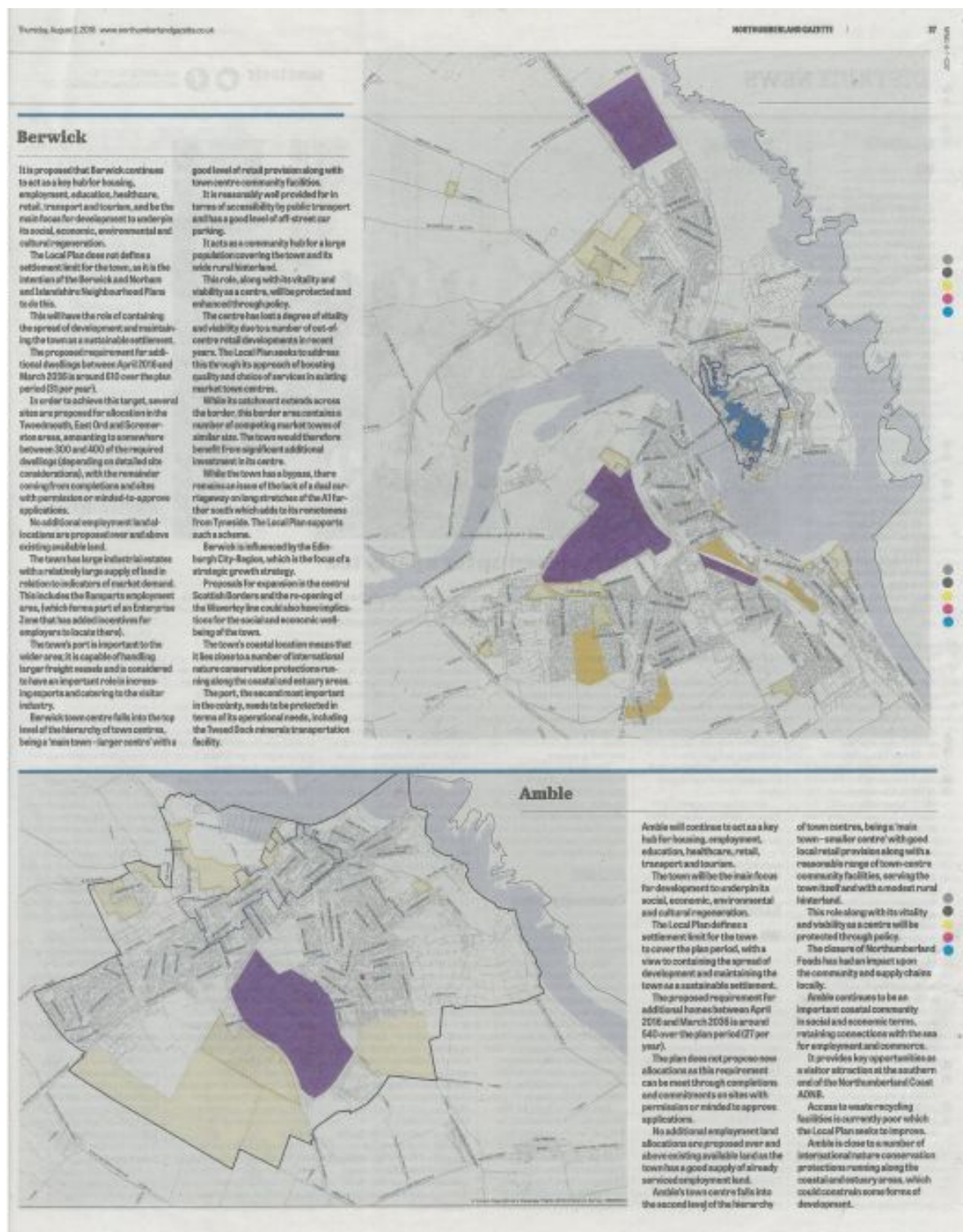
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Appendix 7

Example of a Display Board used at the Drop-in Events held during the summer 2018 Draft Local Plan consultation



Appendix 8

Main Changes between Regulation 18 and Regulation 19 Draft Plan, as reported to LDF Working Group, 27th November 2018, showing reasons behind the change.

Key to right-hand column

Number	Relates to main issues raised on the Reg.18 Draft Local Plan, as reported to LDF Working Group, 25th September 2018 (Table 7.1)
A	The need to make a clear separation between the plan's strategy and more detailed policies (NPPF requirement)
B	Other issues arising out of NPPF changes
C	Issues arising via statutory bodies and/or service providers during discussions
D	Changes due to new information or changes 'on the ground'
E	Miscellaneous representations

CHANGE BEING MADE	REASONS
Spatial Vision, Objectives and Outcomes chapter	
Economy and Jobs - new reference to enhancing Northumberland as a visitor destination .	A, 3
Homes - New outcome added on managing the proportion of second and holiday homes	A
Environment - reference to no net loss to biodiversity ; reference to protection of significant views ; reference to enhancing the Outstanding Universal Value of Hadrian's Wall added to 13th bullet point	A
Community health and wellbeing - New outcome added on protecting and enhancing green infrastructure, open space and recreational facilities and health and wellbeing	A, 15
CHANGE BEING MADE	REASONS
Delivering the Vision for Northumberland chapter	
Amendments and additional text to provide more clarity on and to better articulate the strategy for sustainable growth in Northumberland	A
Amendments to the settlement hierarchy and settlement boundaries set out in the Plan	9, 10, E
Amendments to provide greater clarity in relation to the scale of development that may be supported in small settlements and in the countryside in the Spatial Strategy policy	A, 8, E
The Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation policy changed from a policy which identified 'a what the Local Plan will do stance' to a policy ask for development proposals, also clarity on green infrastructure and how it relates to mitigation and adaptation provided	A, B, C

Health and Wellbeing policy amended to include a requirement to carry out Health Impact Assessment (HIA) on all major development, including a requirement for HIA screening as a minimum. Criterion for green and blue infrastructure and urban greening also added to the policy	C, 16
Amendments to the Green Infrastructure policy on consideration to be given as to how proposals align with national standards for green infrastructure	A, C, D
Minor amendments to Green Belt boundaries to reflect any changes in allocations and updated permissions as well as excluding an area at the pharmaceutical site south west of Morpeth from the Green Belt	D, E
New section on limited infilling added to Development in the Green Belt policy	A, 13
CHANGE BEING MADE	REASONS
Economic Development chapter	
Amendments to the Planning Strategy for the Economy policy include additional text on the role of the County's natural and historic environment as drivers of economic development; supporting the further development of the County's key infrastructure and the digital economy, and the recognition of the continued importance of military-related activity as a source of employment	A, 3, 17
Amendments to the Blyth Estuary policy to recognise the economic importance of the estuary's wider hinterland	C, D, 4
References to historic and biodiversity assets have been amended in the West Hartford Prestige Employment Area policy to be more locally specific	C, D
Policies on employment land and distribution, including flexible employment land and the loss of employment land have been revised to reflect re-categorisation of allocated sites and the deallocation of sites	C, D
Amendments to the Additional Flexibility in General Employment Areas policy include the five year vacancy rate being amended to 12 months, as five years is considered unreasonable and the inclusion of a reference to essential infrastructure	C, D
Minor wording changes have been made to the rural employment policies to provide clarity	C, D
The Tourism and Visitor Development policy has been expanded to identify tourism offer	3, E
Addition of a new policy on Ministry of Defence Establishments	C, 3
The town centre and retail policies from the chapter have been moved into a new Town Centres and Central Services chapter	A
CHANGE BEING MADE	REASONS
Town Centres and Central Services chapter	
Only minor changes have been made to the policies in the chapter to improve clarity. Of note is the change to the Hot Food Takeaway policy, where the criterion referring to creating a cluster of takeaways has been amended from being in the same row of shops to being within a 100 metre radius of any given point.	E
CHANGE BEING MADE	REASONS
Housing chapter	
Amendment to the Provision of New Residential Development Policy to include a reference on the provision of new community facilities where needed and	A, 16

commensurate with the scale of the development	
A new policy on housing requirements for neighbourhood plan areas to comply with the NPPF requirement to include housing numbers for designated neighbourhood areas in policy	B
Amendments to the housing distribution requirements and housing site allocations policy	D, E
The introduction of different affordable housing requirements in the Affordable Housing policy based on value areas and viability issues.	D, 7
The Management of Housing Development policy being split into two separate policies on Residential Development Management, and Second and Holiday Homes	D, E
A new policy on residential development in the countryside	3, 8, E
The Homes for Older and Vulnerable People policy being split into two separate policies and the new Adaptability and Accessibility Standards policy being amended in relation to viability issues	D, E
CHANGE BEING MADE	REASONS
Quality of Place chapter	
A new chapter has been created which brings together the various design related policies into one chapter and also new policies have been added.	A, D
References to landform and topography, reducing crime and fear of crime and avoidance of adverse local climatic conditions have been added to the Design Principles policy	B, C
Addition of new policies on good design and amenity and landscaping and trees	B, C, 15
Amendments to the Public Realm Design Principles policy in relation to prioritising pedestrian and cycle movement and an additional criterion on urban greening added;	B, C, 15
Support for use of accreditation schemes has been added to the Sustainable Design and Construction policy	B, C
CHANGE BEING MADE	REASONS
Connectivity and movement chapter	
Amendments to the Promoting Sustainable Connections policy to include reference to development being designed to enable charging of plug-in and other low emissions vehicles in safe, accessible, convenient locations	B, C
Addition of a new policy on parking provision and the inclusion of car parking standards	C, D
Additional criterion added to the Rail Transport and Safeguarding Facilities policy on development not being supported which would prevent the reintroduction of stations and on level crossings	C, D
The inclusion of references to the Airport Masterplan and the functioning of the airport as well as car parking expansion to the Newcastle Airport policy	A, C, E
The Aerodrome Safeguarding Area policy has been rewritten to reflect national legislation and guidance on aerodrome safeguarding areas and moved from the Pollution Chapter	B, C, D, E
Amendments made to the Ports, Harbours and Beach Launch Facilities policy to include references to historic significance, bird migration and cetaceans and a	C

new criterion added in relation to flood risk	
Policies on new development and infrastructure alignment have been merged in to one policy and the policy on network capacity has been deleted	C, D
CHANGE BEING MADE	REASONS
Environment chapter	
Changes to the Biodiversity and Geodiversity policy and supporting text regarding wildlife networks, the Coastal Mitigation Service and wardening scheme	C, D
Amendments has been made to the North Pennines AONB policy to better reflect the unique qualities of the AONB	C, D, E
Various amendments have been made to the Historic Environment and Heritage Assets, Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site and the Conservation Areas policies to comply with NPPF	C, D, E
The policy on supporting the conservation and enhancement of heritage assets has been deleted and moved into the supporting text as a council commitment rather than a planning policy	D
CHANGE BEING MADE	REASONS
Water environment chapter	
An additional reference to BS standard in the Water Supply and Sewerage policy	C, D
Minor rewording to take account of climate change effects on SuDS over time in the Sustainable Drainage Systems policy	C, D, E
CHANGE BEING MADE	REASONS
Pollution and land quality chapter	
Additional criterion on protecting existing businesses and facilities that are a source of pollution and requirement to protect displaced soil included in the Pollution and Air, Soil and Water Quality policy	C, D
Airport Safeguarding Areas policy has been rewritten to reflect national legislation and guidance on aerodrome safeguarding areas and moved to Connectivity and Movement chapter	B, C, D, E
CHANGE BEING MADE	REASONS
Managing natural resources chapter	
Additional criterion on climate changes added to Environmental Criteria for Assessing Minerals Proposals policy	D, E
The reference to the weight given to benefits of coal has been changed in the Criteria for Assessing the Benefits of Minerals Proposals policy due to changes in the revised NPPF	B
The allocations for sand and gravel and crushed rock have been have been taken out of the Aggregates Minerals policy and moved into two new policies	A
New policy on Aggregate Mineral Site Allocations - Sand and Gravel has been added. The allocation at Akeld Steads has been removed from the plan primarily due to historic environment issues raised during more detailed site appraisal with technical consultees and a new allocation at West Wharmley added	C, D
New policy on Aggregate Mineral Site Allocations - Sand and Gravel has been added. The allocation at Akeld Steads has been removed from the plan primarily due to historic environment issues raised during more detailed site appraisal with technical consultees and a new allocation at West Wharmley added	C, D, E

Policy on Coal has been amended to reflect changes in NPPF policy wording	B
Boundaries of waste management facilities now mapped on Policies Map	D
Additional criterion relating to energy storage schemes associated with renewable energy projects added to Renewable and Low Carbon Energy policy	D, E
Onshore Wind Energy Development policy amended to reflect revised NPPF and treatment of repowering proposals. Additional supporting text also added to explain approach more clearly	B, 14
Sustainable Design and Construction policy moved to Quality of Place chapter	A
CHANGE BEING MADE	REASONS
Infrastructure, implementation and delivery chapter	
Amendments to the Delivering Development Related Infrastructure policy and supporting text to provide greater clarity and remove criterion which required developers to submit evidence in connection with demonstrating infrastructure capacity as ambiguous and overly onerous	E
Delivering Well-designed Places policy moved to Quality of Place chapter	A
Amendments to the Open Space and Facilities for Sport and Recreation policy to include reference to ancillary development and clarify provision of new open space and developer contributions. Policies map also amended to include the identification of additional areas of protected open space	15, E
Planning Obligations policy and supporting text amended to provide greater clarity	D



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APPENDIX 9

Northumberland Local Plan

Spring 2018 Consultation Feedback Report

May 2018

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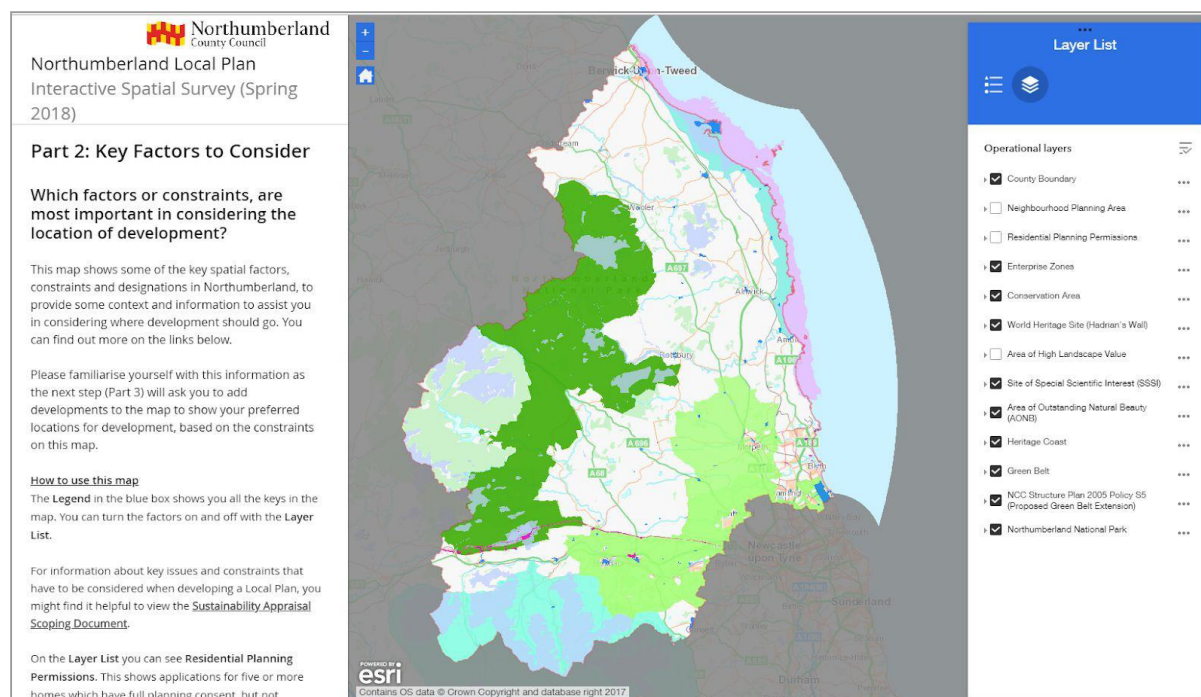
1. Introduction

- 1.1. Northumberland County Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan for the County, which will guide future development and planning decisions up to 2036. In Spring 2018, a consultation was undertaken to capture people's high level views on preferred strategic locations for development and the big issues that should be tackled in the Local Plan.
- 1.2. This report has been prepared to provide a summary of the responses received in reply to the consultation. It also provides an overview of the purpose of the consultation, its content, the numbers of responses received and the next steps.

2. Overview of the Consultation

- 2.1. The consultation period began on 28 March 2018 and ended on 02 May 2018. It was initially publicised through press releases, social media, the Council's website and the 'Northumberland News' magazine. In addition emails and letters were sent to all individual and organisations registered on the database for the Local Plan to notify them of this consultation. Young people were also engaged with through the Northumberland Youth Cabinet, Northumberland Youth Parliament and Voices Making Choices (Northumberland's Children in Care Council).
- 2.2. The consultation took the format of an interactive online spatial survey, which was also available to complete and return in paper form. The format of the consultation is described below. Some screenshots from the online version of the spatial survey are shown in Appendix A to this report and a copy of the paper survey form is shown in Appendix B. A set of frequently asked questions (FAQs) and guidance notes on how to use the online spatial survey were also produced and made available during the consultation and these are presented in Appendix C and Appendix D respectively.
- 2.3. Those taking part in the consultation were shown a map of Northumberland with a number of important spatial factors that could influence the location of future housing and employment development (see Figure 2.1). This included a number of planning and environmental designations, examples of which include Green Belt and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

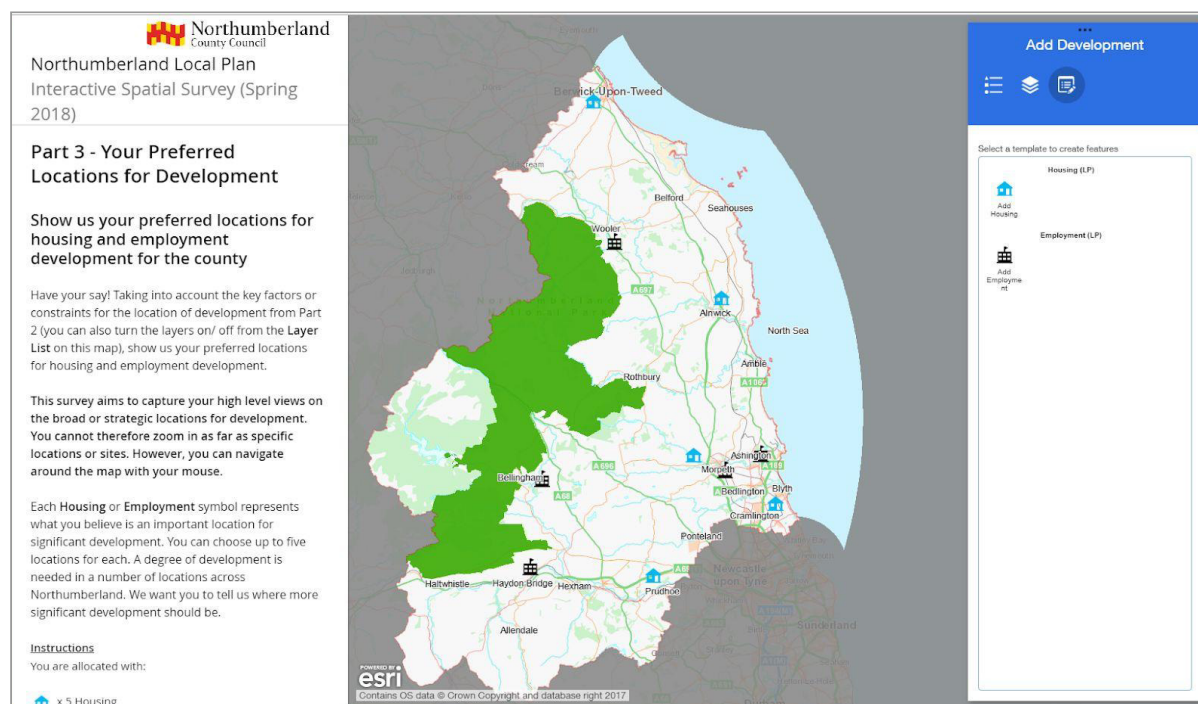
Figure 2.1: Map of Northumberland showing some of the spatial factors to consider



- 2.4. Those taking part were then shown a second map of Northumberland and asked to add symbols on to the map to show their broad preferred locations

for housing development and their broad preferred locations for employment development (see Figure 2.2). Each respondent could add up to five locations on the map for housing development and up to five locations for employment development.

Figure 2.2: Map of Northumberland where respondents were asked to add their preferred locations for housing and employment development



2.5. The consultation also asked those taking part about the key issues the Northumberland Local Plan needs to consider. It listed a number of issues shown below and asked those taking part in the survey to tick the issues that they thought were the most important to them.

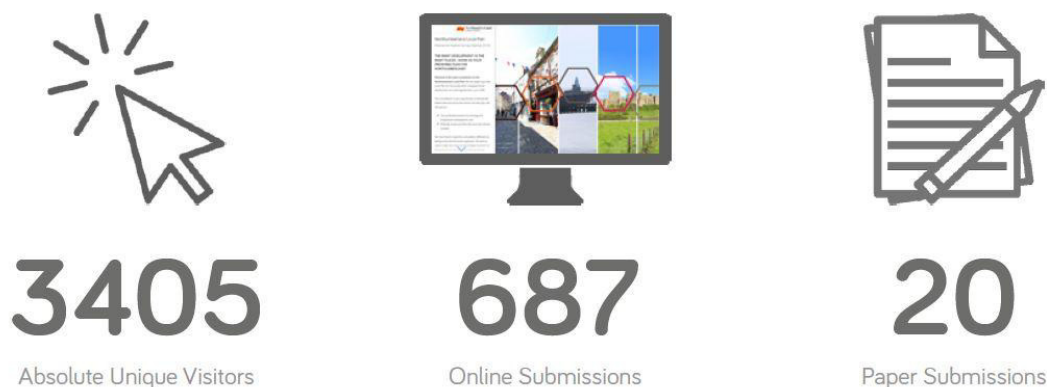
- Opportunities for employment
- Access to education and training opportunities
- Enough homes to meet needs
- Decent, affordable homes for everyone
- Protection of our natural environment
- Protection of our heritage and culture
- Transport and movement around the County and beyond
- Broadband and mobile phone communications
- Health and well-being of current and future residents
- The impacts of climate change
- How we use our natural resources
- The quality and design of new built environments

2.6. The survey also provided an opportunity to suggest any other key issues that the Northumberland Local Plan needs to consider and which were not included in the list above.

3. Consultation Responses

Number of Responses

- 3.1. Over 700 responses were received in reply to the consultation, with 687 online submissions and 20 paper submissions. The usage statistics from the consultation website also show there were 3,405 unique visits to it during the consultation period.



Locations for Housing and Employment Development

- 3.2. In terms of the preferred strategic locations for housing development, a total of 1,287 point locations were entered onto the relevant map by those responding to the consultation and for employment development a total of 1,044 were entered onto the relevant map by those responding to the consultation.
- 3.3. Figure 3.1 and Figure 3.3 show the point locations that were placed onto the map of Northumberland by those responding to the consultation for housing and employment respectively. Figure 3.2 and Figure 3.4 use the point locations in order to produce a 'heat map' which helps to illustrate the patterns and where there are clusters of suggested locations for development.
- 3.4. These figures show that there is a clustering of preferred locations for both housing and employment development in the main towns and service centres in Northumberland with the highest numbers of preferred locations in the south of the County.

Figure 3.1: Map showing the locations added by those responding to the survey to indicate preferred locations for housing development

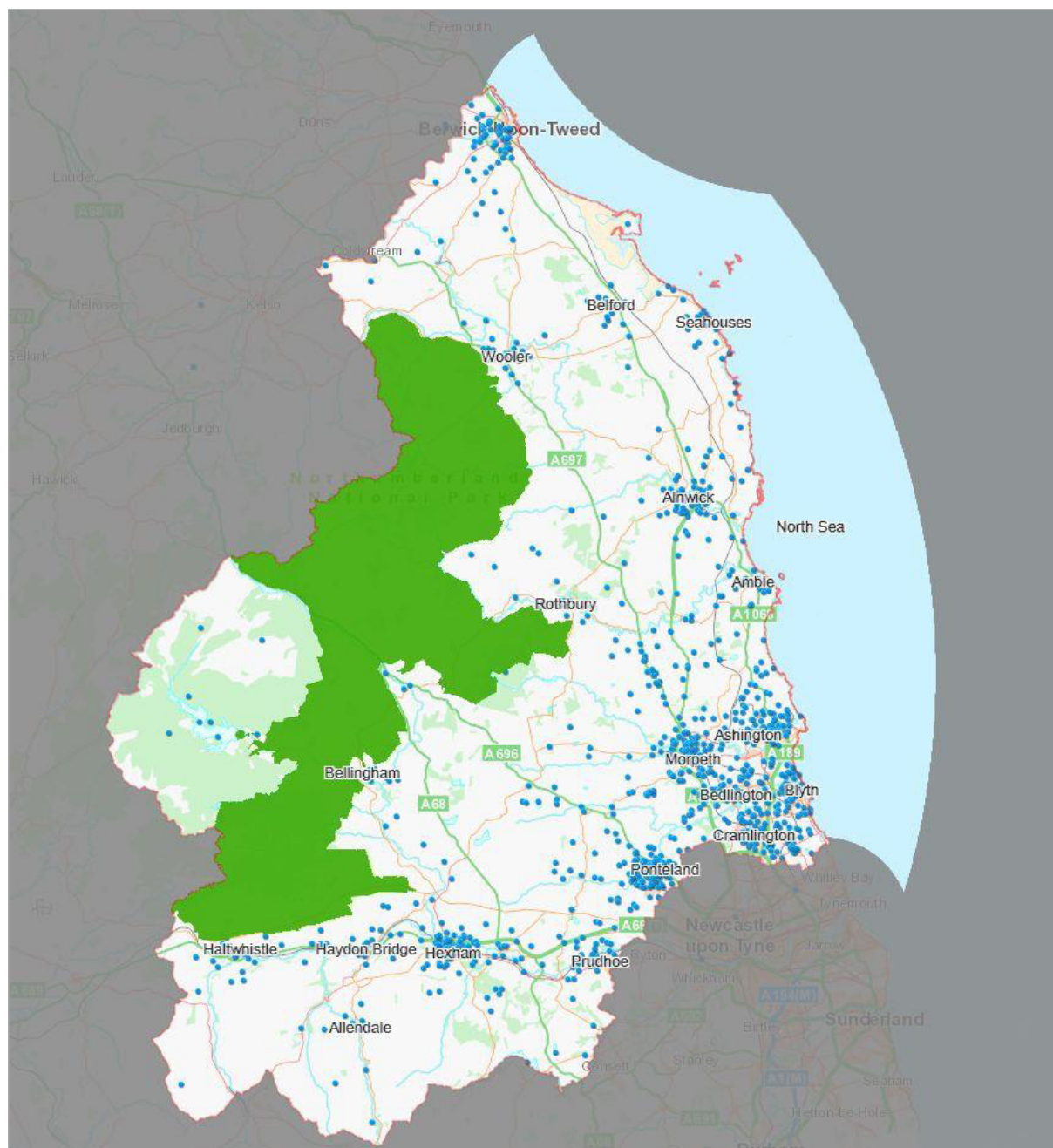


Figure 3.3: Map showing the locations added by those responding to the survey to indicate preferred locations for economic development

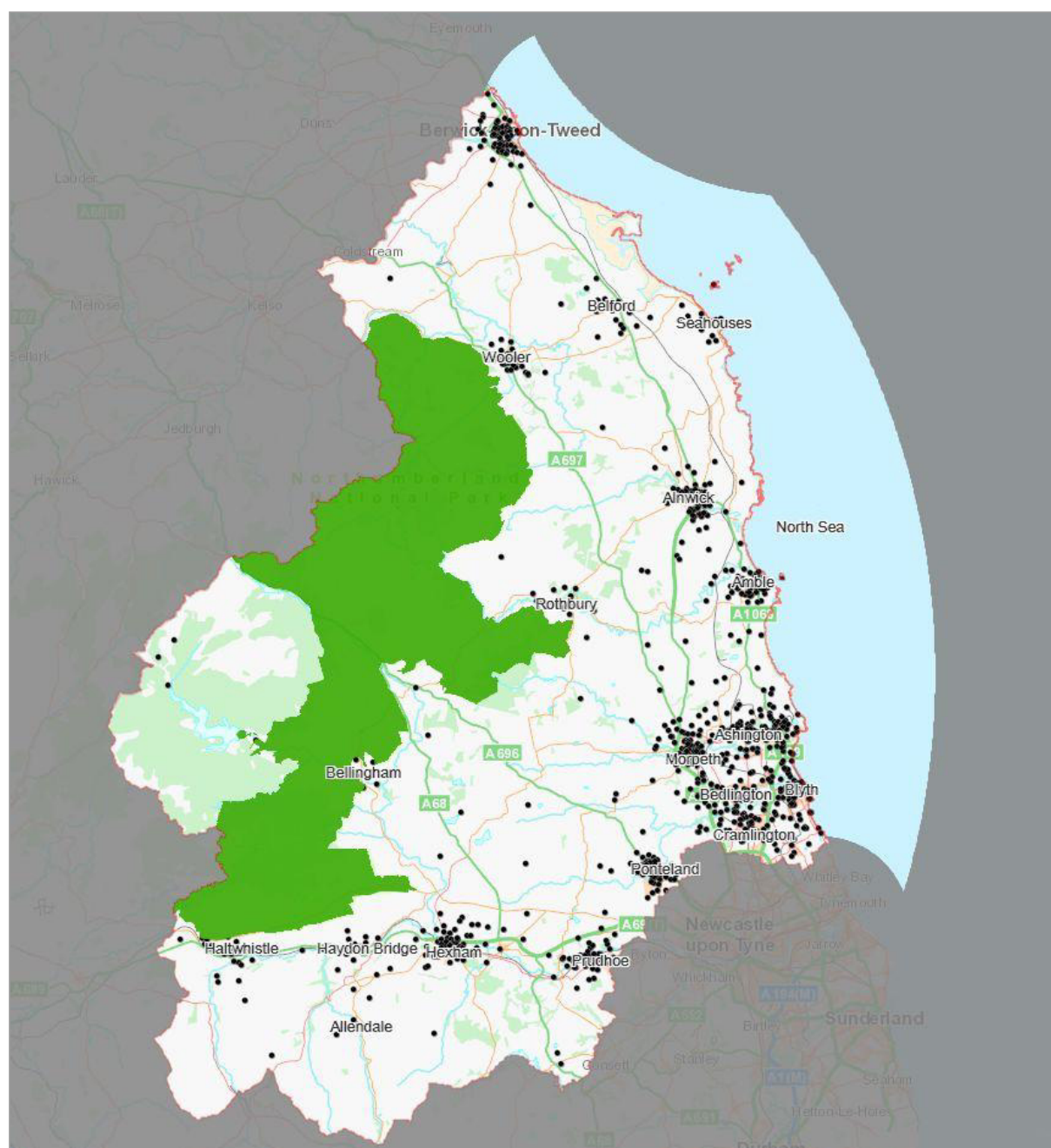
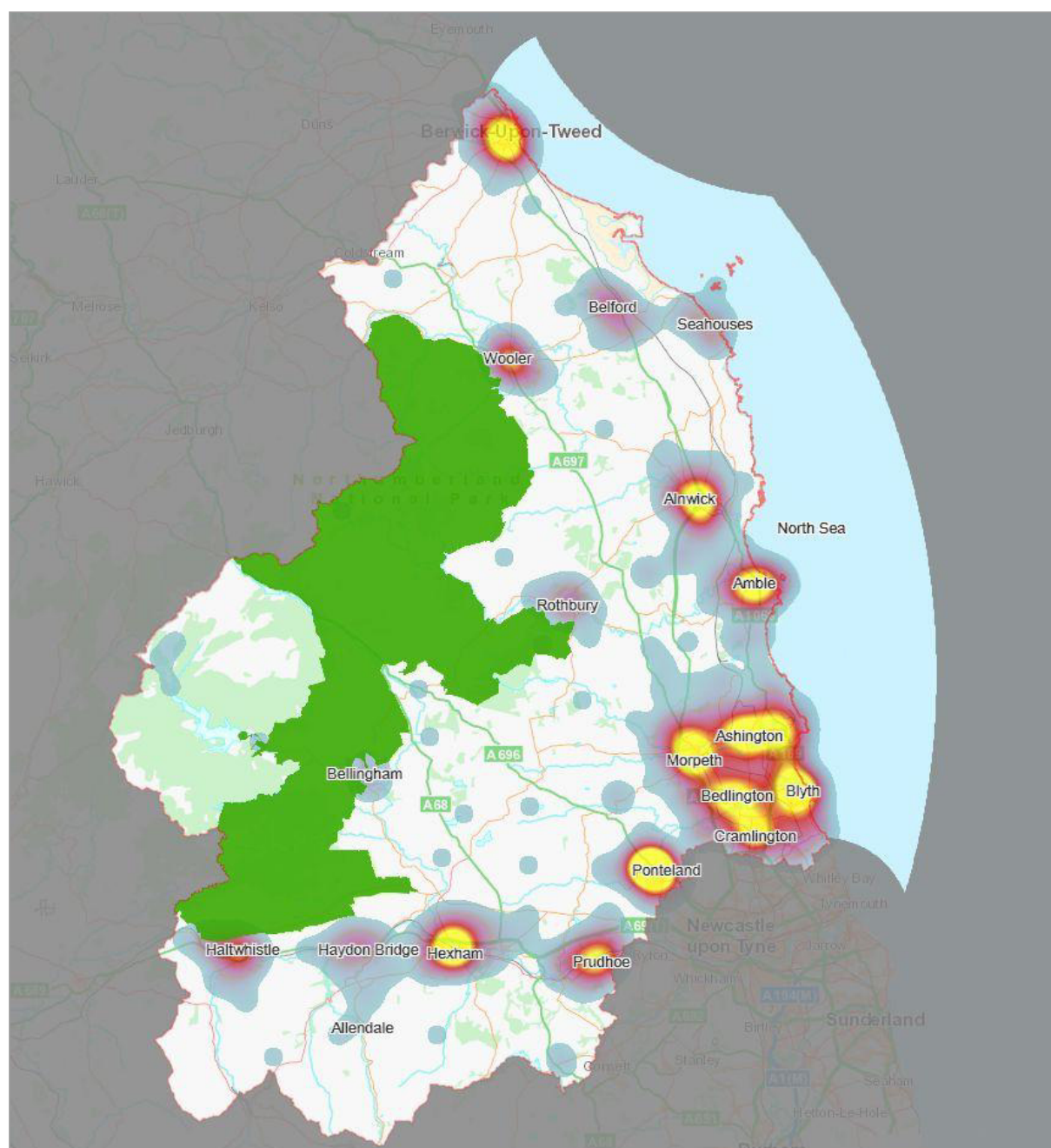


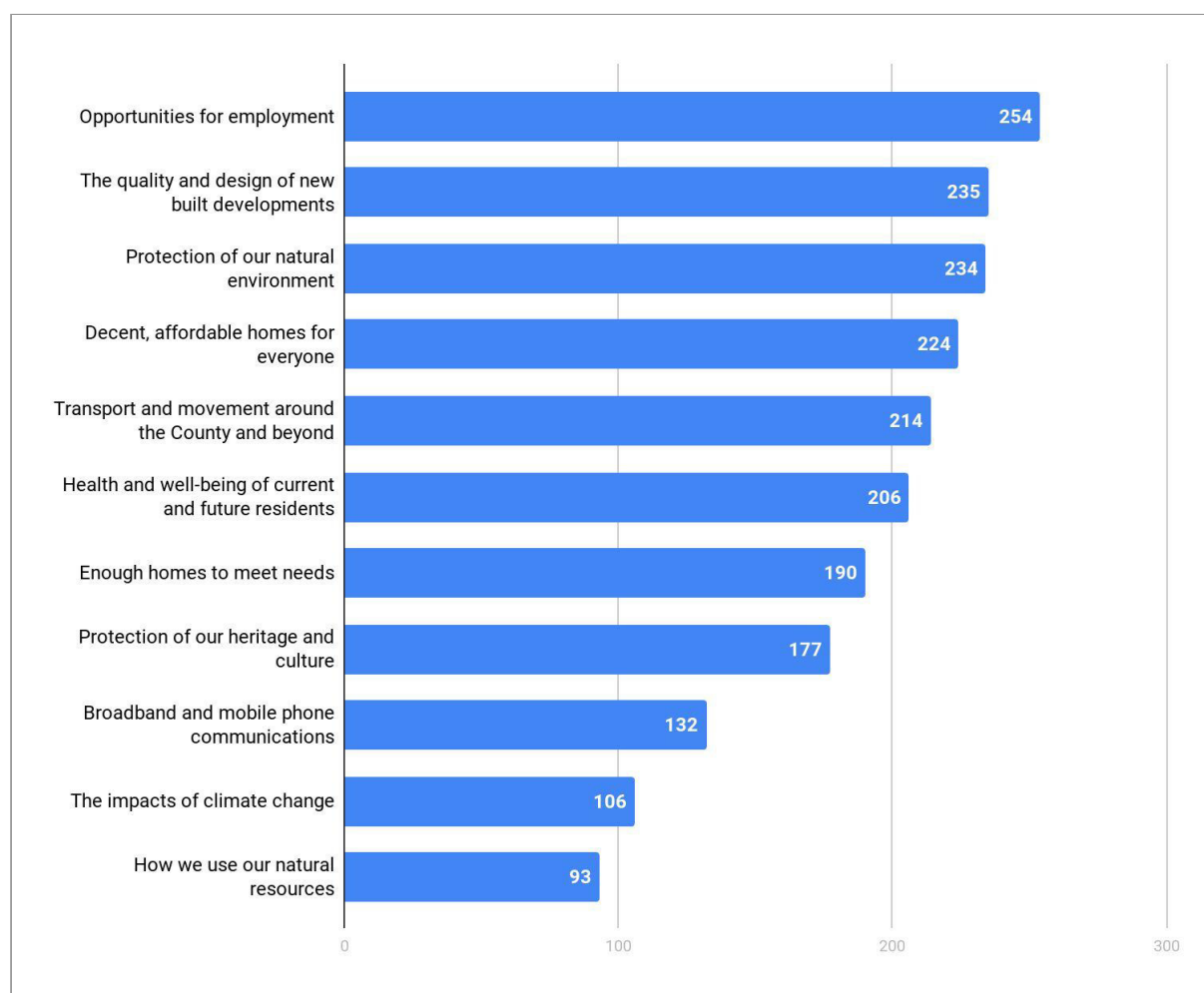
Figure 3.4: 'Heat Map' showing the preferred locations for economic development by those responding to the survey



Key Issues for the Local Plan to Consider

- 3.5. The consultation survey identified twelve key issues that the Northumberland Local Plan should consider and those responding were asked to select the issues that they considered to be the most important for the Local Plan to consider.
- 3.6. Responses were received from 403 individuals on this part of the survey and a summary of the results are provided in Figure 3.5. The issues that received the highest number of selections in the responses were:
- Opportunities for employment;
 - The quality and design of new built developments;
 - Protection of our natural environment; and
 - Decent, affordable homes for everyone.

Figure 3.5: Chart showing the number of responses for each key issue



- 3.7. The survey also provided an opportunity to provide comments on any other key issues that were not listed. A wide range of issues were raised in the responses received. Some of the matters raised expanded on the issues that were listed in the consultation, some of the responses expanded on the points

above and a number overlap with them. The comments are summarised below:

- Housing
 - Number of new dwellings in particular settlements and Northumberland as a whole;
 - Second and holiday homes, including impact of these on communities;
 - Housing types, including the availability of bungalows and smaller houses;
 - Availability of housing for younger people;
 - Suitability of housing for older people;
 - Self-build housing;
 - Housing to meet local needs; and
 - Availability and provision of housing in locations where people want to live.
- Economy, including employment, retail and tourism
 - Provision of employment opportunities in general;
 - Availability of land for employment development;
 - Offices and workspace for small businesses and self-employed people;
 - Town centres and need for regeneration on some settlements;
 - Retail provision in particular settlements; and
 - Tourism and the opportunities arising from this.
- Rural growth
 - Rural housing and jobs;
 - Support for rural communities and jobs; and
 - Support for rural communities and services.
- Infrastructure
 - Impact of development on a range of existing infrastructure, including roads, transport, healthcare and education;
 - Access to education, healthcare and leisure facilities;
 - School places
 - Potential of some development to support schools and other community facilities, particularly in rural areas; and
 - Protection of a range of community facilities, including pubs, village halls, leisure facilities, healthcare and schools.
- Transport and connectivity
 - Transport links both within the County and to places outside of the County, including for employment, healthcare and leisure;
 - Car parking provision, particularly in town centres;
 - Impacts of traffic generation, including on pollution and air quality;
 - Reducing car usage / reliance on private car;

- Encouraging sustainable transport; and
- Reducing need to travel.
- Environment
 - Protection of and access to open and green spaces;
 - Impact of development on wildlife;
 - Impact of development on landscape;
 - Impact of development on historic environment;
 - Pressure on agricultural land;
 - Waste and recycling; and
 - Flooding.
- Green Belt, protection of the countryside and prioritising the use of previously developed land in existing built up areas.
- Climate change - adaptation and mitigation.
- New settlements, including both support and opposition to 'garden villages' and the Dissington Garden Village proposal.
- Avoiding the 'overdevelopment' of some settlements.
- Design
 - Quality of design; and
 - Promotion of exemplar development.
- Neighbourhood planning
 - Support for neighbourhood planning; and
 - Relationship between existing and emerging neighbourhood plans and the Local Plan, including where there are housing allocations and settlement boundaries.
- Social and economic inequality.
- Viability and delivery of development.

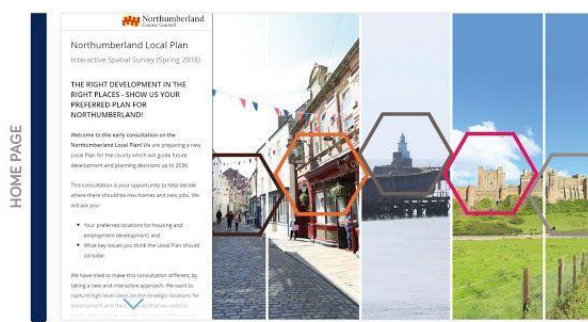
4. Next Steps

- 4.1. This consultation has provided some initial feedback on the big issues that the Local Plan for Northumberland should consider and captured high-level views on the broad strategic locations for both housing development and employment development.
- 4.2. The findings will be used alongside various other evidence base studies to help to inform a draft of the Northumberland Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation during July and August 2018.

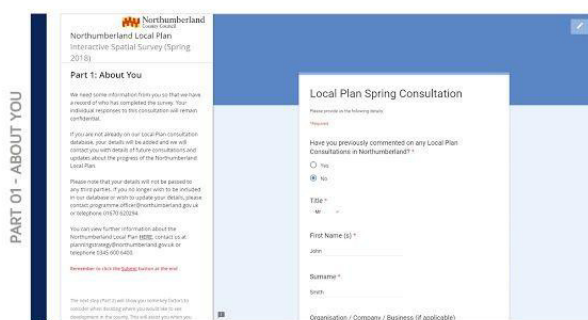
Appendix A:

Screenshots of the Online Spatial Survey

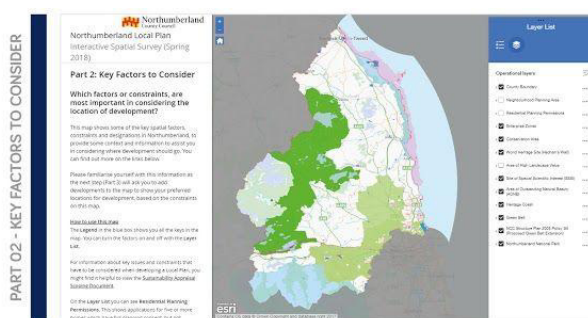
A number of screenshots from the online version of the spatial survey are provided below:



The home page provided general information on the purpose of the consultation and the Local Plan.



Part 01 required respondents to enter some personal information so we have a record of who has completed the survey. The information will be used to inform them of future consultations and provide updates on the Local Plan.



Part 02 provided respondents with information on the key spatial factors, constraints and designations in Northumberland, on an interactive map. It aimed to provide them with some context and information to complete the next task.



Part 03 asked respondents to indicate their preferred broad locations for housing and employment. To do this, they were required to place their 5 preferred housing and 5 preferred employment locations on the map.

Appendix B: Consultation Materials

Paper Version of the Spatial Survey

INTERACTIVE SPATIAL SURVEY (PAPER VERSION)

THE RIGHT DEVELOPMENT IN THE RIGHT PLACES: SHOW US YOUR PREFERRED PLAN FOR NORTHUMBERLAND!

Welcome to this early consultation on the Northumberland Local Plan! We are preparing a new Local Plan for the county which will guide future development and planning decisions up to 2036.

This consultation is your opportunity to help decide where there should be new homes and new jobs. We will ask you:

- Your preferred locations for housing and employment development; and
- What key issues you think the Local Plan should consider.

We want to capture high-level views on the strategic locations for development and the big issues that we need to tackle. At this stage we are not looking at the exact boundary of a development site or the detailed wording of a policy. We will feed your responses into a more detailed 'Draft Northumberland Local Plan' and consult on this in the Summer. At that stage you will be able to make more detailed comments.

We have tried to make this consultation different, by taking a new and interactive approach with the introduction of an Interactive Online Spatial Survey. For the best user experiences, we would recommend and encourage you to use it via <http://bit.ly/NCC-LP-Spatial-Survey> to submit your comments.

Other work on the Local Plan is already well underway, including updating the existing background evidence base as well as the production of new material. You can view further information about the Northumberland Local Plan at <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/localplan>.

This consultation is from **28 March to 02 May 2018**. All submission of this consultation must be returned on or before **5PM on Wednesday 02 May 2018**.

Before you start the survey it will be helpful to read the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) for this consultation. If you require any further information or guidance, please contact the Planning Policy Team at planningstrategy@northumberland.gov.uk.

Which factors or constraints, are most important in considering the location of development?

This map shows some of the key spatial factors, constraints and designations in Northumberland, to provide some context and information to assist you in considering where development should go.

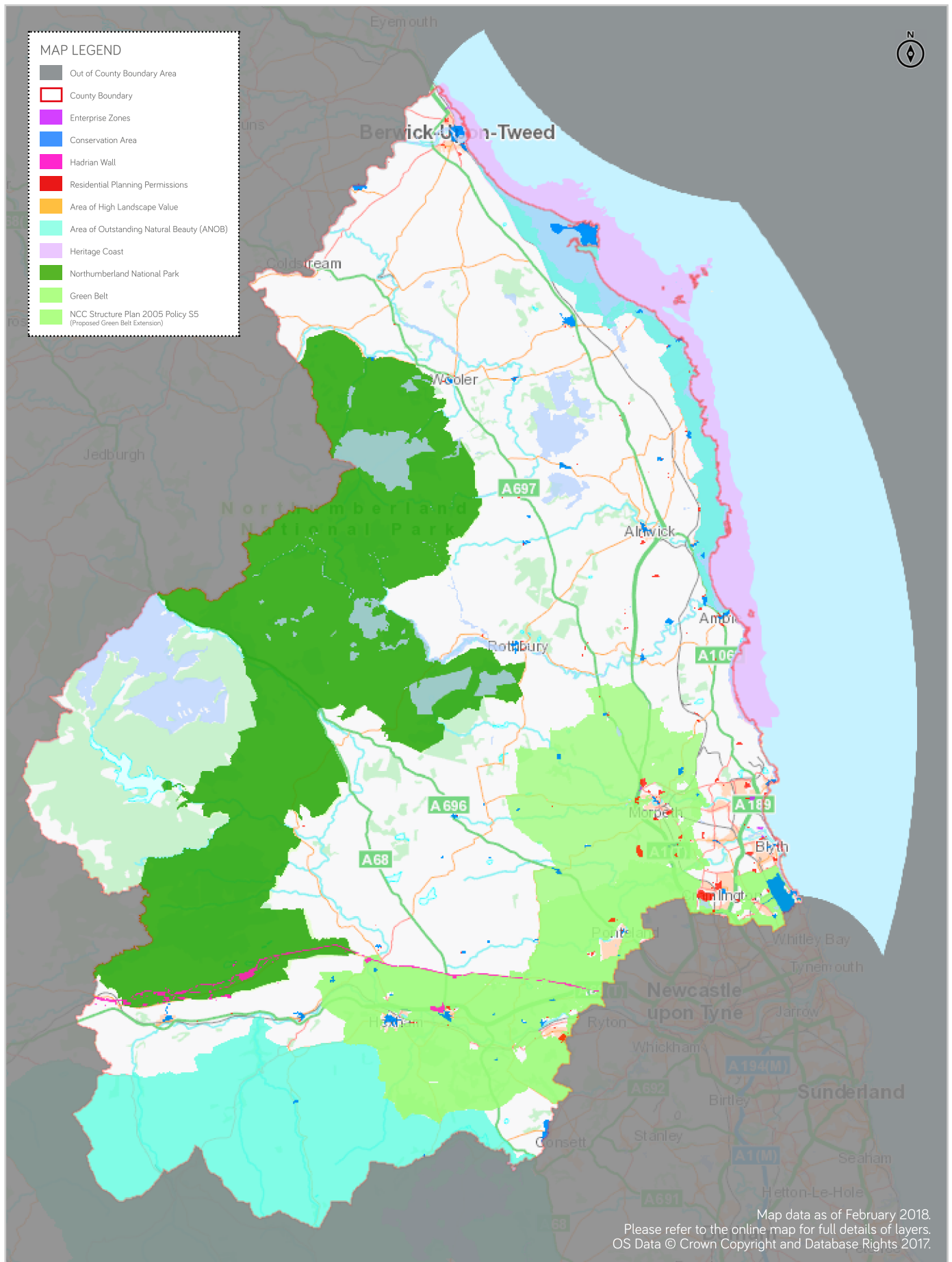
Please familiarise yourself with this information as the next step (Part 02) will ask you to add developments to the map to show your preferred locations for development, based on the constraints on this map.

The content of the key factors or constraints data provided on the adjacent map is determined by the A4 paper size. For more details on each factor, please use the Online Interactive Constraint Map.

This section is optimised with the Online Interactive Constraint Map for the best user experience. You will be able to zoom in and out, find out more information and see all detailed factors all in one map digitally. To use all these functionalities and to view the full context of the map, please visit <http://bit.ly/NCC-LP-CMap>.

Please note that the Council does not control planning within the Northumberland National Park area. If you have any questions, you can view the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) for this consultation.

FACTORS AND CONSTRAINTS MAP



Show us your preferred locations for housing and employment development for the county

This survey aims to capture your high level views on the broad or strategic locations for development, and we are not looking at detailed areas and boundaries of development sites.

Have your say! Taking into account the key factors or constraints for the location of development from the previous map (Part 01), show us your preferred locations for housing and employment.

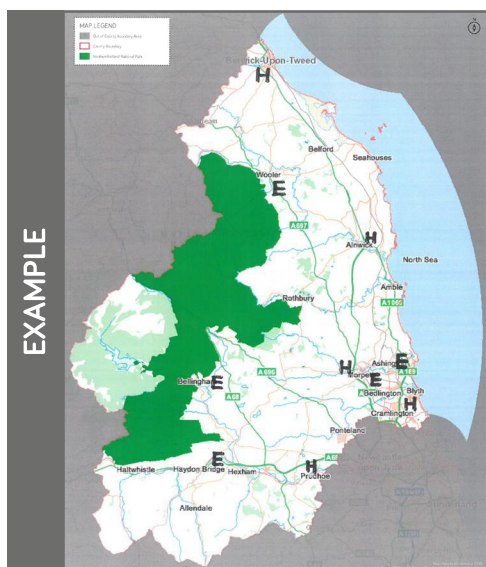
INSTRUCTIONS

- Use the 'H' symbol, mark **five** housing development on the map.
- Use the 'E' symbol, mark **five** employment development on the map.

Each **Housing** or **Employment** symbol represents what you believe is an important location for significant development. You can choose up to five locations for each. A degree of development is needed in a number of locations across Northumberland. We want you to tell us where more significant development should be.

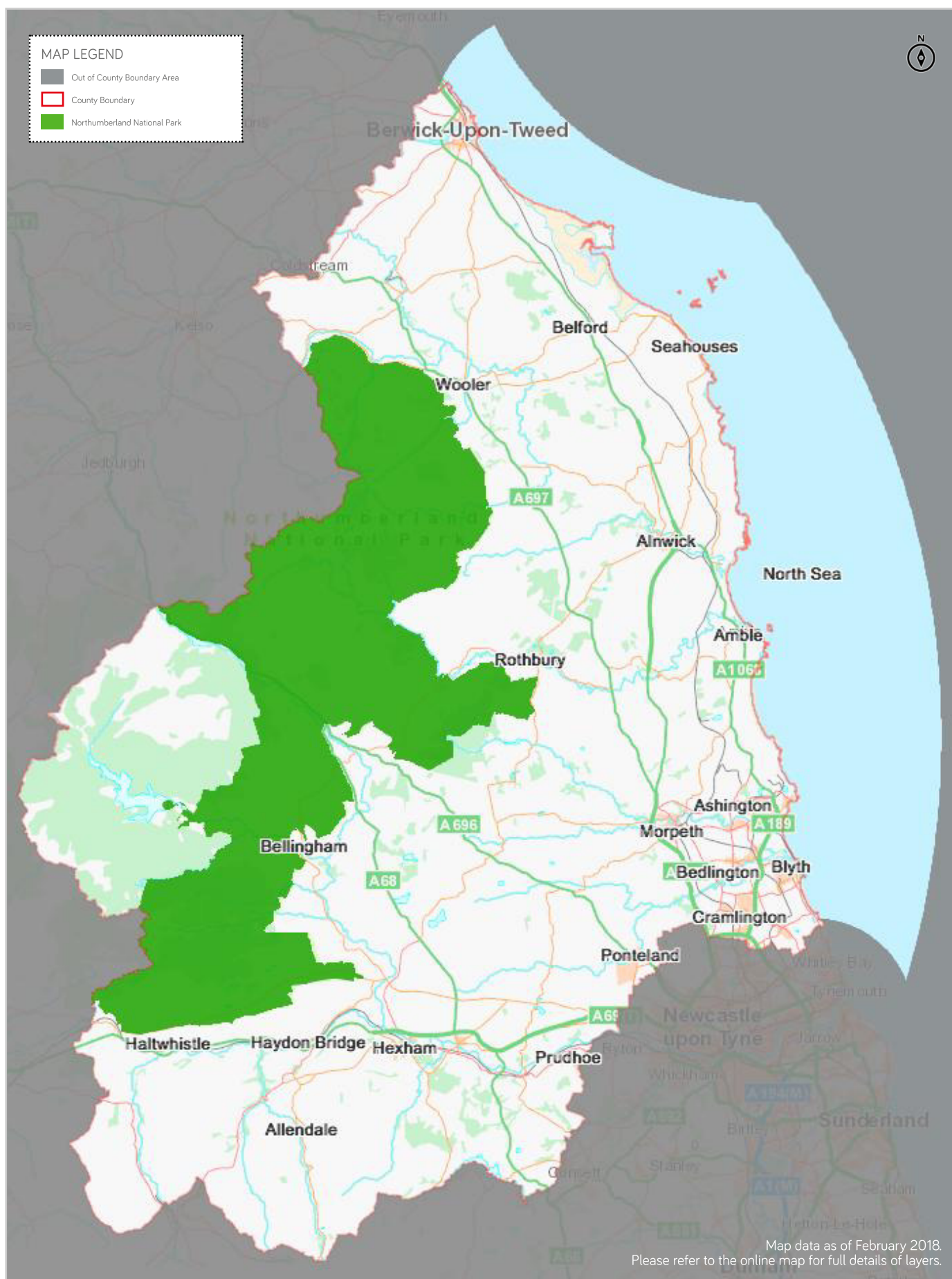
Please note that we can only take account of suggested locations within Northumberland. Northumberland National Park is not within our boundary for planning purposes. If you have any questions, you can view the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) for this consultation.

This section is optimised to be interactive and engaging with the Online Interactive Map. For best user experience, we would recommend and encourage you to use the Online Spatial Survey via <http://bit.ly/NCC-LP-Spatial-Survey>.



This is an example of how a completed preferred locations map could look, after marking five housing development and five employment development symbols.

MARK YOUR PREFERRED LOCATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT BELOW



Tell us the key issues that you think the Local Plan should consider

We want to know what you think are the key issues that the Northumberland Local Plan needs to consider.

Please tick the key issues that you think are most important to you below:

- ☐ Opportunities for employment
- ☐ Access to education and training opportunities
- ☐ Enough homes to meet needs
- ☐ Decent, affordable homes for everyone
- ☐ Protection of our natural environment
- ☐ Protection of our heritage and culture
- ☐ Transport and movement around the county and beyond
- ☐ Broadband and mobile phone communications
- ☐ Health and well-being of current and future residents
- ☐ The impacts of climate change
- ☐ How we use our natural resources
- ☐ The quality and design of new built developments

Do we need to consider any other key issues? Please comment in the box below:

We need some information from you so that we have a record of who has completed the survey. Your individual responses to this consultation will remain confidential. If you are not already on our Local Plan consultation database, your details will be added and we will contact you with details of future consultations and updates about the progress of the Local Plan.

01. Have you previously commented on any Local Plan Consultations?

(including those on the Northumberland Core Strategy)

☐ Yes ☐ No

02. Your title

☐ Miss ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Mr ☐ Mx ☐ Dr ☐ Rev ☐ Prof

03. Your first name(s)

04. Your surname

05. Organisation / Company / Business (if applicable)

06. Your full address

Postcode

07. Your email address

08. Your phone number

Please note that your details will not be passed to any third parties. If you no longer wish to be included in our database or wish to update your details, please contact programme.officer@northumberland.gov.uk or telephone 01670 620 294.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your input, which will help shape the future of Northumberland.

Although your individual responses will remain confidential, we will provide overall feedback and analysis on where respondents said development should go and what people think are the key issues that the plan should consider. This will be provided alongside the Summer Consultation on a Draft Northumberland Local Plan.

It is requested that no additional written information is submitted in response to this consultation, other than that requested in the consultation survey. There will be an opportunity to comment on detailed sites for development and the wording of policies in Summer 2018 when we consult on a draft of the Local Plan.

HOW TO SUBMIT THIS PAPER SURVEY?

Please return the completed survey to the Planning Policy Team with these methods:

- ✉ Planning Policy, Northumberland County Council
County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 2EF
- @ planningstrategy@northumberland.gov.uk

**Printed copy of this survey must be submitted and received by us no later than
5PM on Wednesday 02 May 2018.**



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Appendix C: Consultation Materials Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

These Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) have been prepared to help answer some common queries regarding this Local Plan consultation and how to respond. It has been divided into three parts as follows.

We have also produced some additional guidance on using the Online Spatial Survey, which provides step-by-step instructions. This is available to download at <http://bit.ly/NCC-LP-Survey-Guide>.

GENERAL

01. What is the purpose of this new Local Plan consultation?
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SPATIAL SURVEY (PAPER VERSION)

16. In Part 01 of the survey, is there a larger map showing the development constraints and designations?
17. How do I put my preferred locations on the map in Part 02?
18. Can I place more than five preferred locations for housing and employment development, respectively, on the map in Part 02 of the survey?
19. What is the deadline for responses to be received?
20. How do I submit my response to the consultation?

01. What is the purpose of this new Local Plan consultation?

[TOP](#)

The Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan for Northumberland, covering the period 2016 to 2036. The Local Plan will cover the whole of Northumberland, with the exception of the area of the Northumberland National Park.

At this early stage in the preparation of the new Local Plan, we want to capture high-level views on preferred strategic locations for development and the big issues that we need to tackle in the plan. We are not looking at the exact boundaries of development sites or the detailed wording of policies.

Your responses to this consultation will feed into a more detailed 'Draft Northumberland Local Plan', which will be open to consultation in Summer 2018. At that stage, you will be able to make more detailed comments.

02. Who can submit a response in this consultation?

[TOP](#)

Anyone can submit a response for this consultation. We would like to capture as many responses as possible and we welcome anyone who has an interest in Northumberland to participate in this consultation.

03. How has the consultation been publicised?

[TOP](#)

Emails and letters have been sent to all of those registered on our Local Plan database to notify them of this consultation. The database includes those who have submitted comments previously in response to a local plan consultation or have expressed an interest in receiving information regarding such consultations. The database includes a wide audience such as local residents, landowners, developers, businesses and other local interest groups. Parish and Town Councils and statutory bodies have also been notified.

The consultation has been publicised in the Council's magazine Northumberland News, via social media posts, press releases and on the Council's website at <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk>.

04. How do I respond to this consultation?

[TOP](#)

We recommend and encourage you to use the [Online Spatial Survey](#) to submit your response to this consultation. This method is interactive and provides for the best user experience.

Alternatively, a [printable version of the survey](#) is available to download from our website. These paper copies of the survey are accessible from our libraries or from the Planning Policy Team on request. This version of the survey can either be filled in electronically or scanned and returned by email to planningstrategy@northumberland.gov.uk, or returned to us by post to Planning Policy, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF.

It is requested that no additional written information is submitted in response to this consultation, other than that requested in the consultation survey. There will be an opportunity to comment on detailed sites for development and the wording of policies in Summer 2018 when we consult on a draft of the Local Plan.



05. What is the deadline for responses to be received?

[⬆ TOP](#)

All submissions (including electronic and paper submissions) must be returned no later than **5PM on Wednesday 02 May 2018.**

06. Where can I find additional information to help my submission?

[⬆ TOP](#)

Part 02 of the Online Spatial Survey and Part 01 of the Paper Spatial Survey should provide you with all the essential information you require to respond to this consultation. Should you require additional information about the Northumberland Local Plan, you can find this on the Council's website at <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/localplan>. Wider evidence base studies, reports and data which support the Plan can also be viewed on the Council's website at <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Planning/Reports.aspx>.

07. What will happen next?

[⬆ TOP](#)

Following the consultation, we will provide some overall feedback and analysis on where respondents said development should go and what people think are the key issues that the plan should consider. This will be provided alongside the consultation on the Draft Northumberland Local Plan in Summer 2018. The timetable for the preparation of the Local Plan and consultation is set out in the published Local Development Scheme (November 2017).

08. Who can I contact for further information?

[⬆ TOP](#)

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the Planning Policy Team via email at planningstrategy@northumberland.gov.uk or by telephone on 0345 600 6400.



09. What internet browser can I use? TOP

For the best performance when using the consultation portal, we recommend you to use the latest version of one of the internet browsers listed below:

- Chrome
- Firefox
- Safari
- Edge
- Internet Explorer 11 (Compatibility View is not supported)

10. My Online Spatial Survey is not loading? TOP

If the Online Spatial Survey is not loading, try refreshing the page by pressing **Ctrl + F5** keys on your keyboard whilst on the webpage. This instruction will command your browser to force a cache refresh, and will guarantee a fresh content reload of the consultation portal.

If the problem persists, please view the [Guidance to the Online Spatial Survey](#) or contact us for further guidance. Alternatively, you can use the [paper version of the spatial survey](#) and follow the relevant instructions.

11. Why are some layers not showing on my interactive map? TOP

Check that the layer you wish to view is ticked in the Legend on the right hand side of the map.

If the error message is showing some layers are not loading in the interactive map, you can try to relaunch the Online Spatial Survey by pressing **F5** key on your keyboard. If the problem remains, then please try the method in Question 10 or use a different web browser.

12. How can I view the details of the map layers? TOP

On the Development Constraints Map (Part 02), you can zoom in and zoom out and click on the specific map layer and location to see further information about that constraint or designation. For more information about how to use these features on the online map, please view the [Guidance to the Online Spatial Survey](#).

13. How do I place my location choices on Part 03? TOP

To start placing your preferred locations on the map of Northumberland, click on either the housing symbol or the employment symbol on the right side of the map, and then click on the location on the map where you would like to see development located.

You should repeat the above steps for each of your five choices for housing development and each of your five choices for employment development. Each time you add a symbol to the map, it will be saved automatically.

If you encounter any difficulties on this task, please view the [Guidance to the Online Spatial Survey](#) for more information. Alternatively, contact us for assistance.



14. Can I place more than five preferred locations for housing and employment development, respectively, on the map in Part 03 of the survey? [^ TOP](#)

No, only your first five choices will be recorded. You are allocated with five housing and five employment symbols to add to the map. Each housing or employment symbol represents what you believe is an important location for significant development. A degree of development is needed in a number of locations across Northumberland. We want you to tell us where more significant development should be.

Please note that even if you try to place more than your allotted five symbols on the map then, only your first five choices for each type of development will be recorded, and any additional placements will be deleted automatically in the database.

15. Can I add comments after placing my selected choices on the map in Part 03 of the survey? [^ TOP](#)

Yes, you could include a short comment (up to 100 characters in length) every time you place either a housing or employment symbol on the map. Please note that you cannot move a symbol or add a comment once you have positioned it on the map - so please think carefully about your preferred locations and any comments before placing a symbol on the map.

16. In Part 01 of the survey, is there a larger map showing the development constraints and designations? [^ TOP](#)

The size of the map on the paper version of the survey is determined by the size of the page.

If you use the online version of the map, which is available at <http://bit.ly/NCC-LP-CMap>, you will be able to zoom in and zoom out on the map and click on the designations to find out more information.

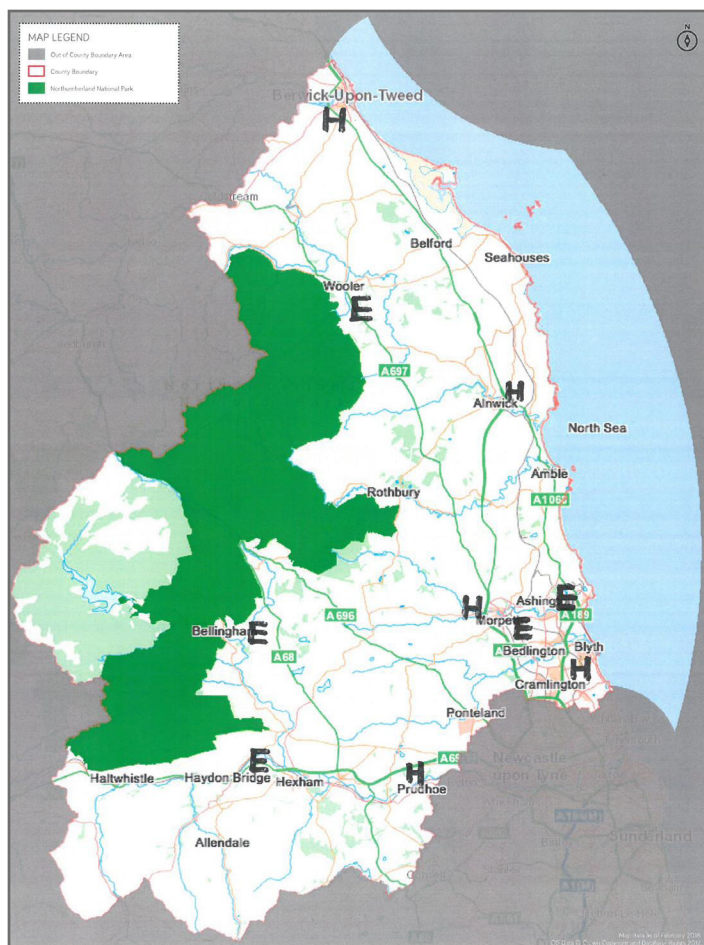
We also recommend and encourage you to use the [Online Spatial Survey](#) to submit your response as this provides for the best user experience.

17. How do I put my preferred locations on the map on Part 02? [^ TOP](#)

To indicate a preferred location for housing development, please mark an 'H' symbol on the map at the desired location. Repeat this step to show your five preferred locations for housing development.

To indicate a preferred location for employment development, please mark an 'E' on the map at the desired location. Repeat this step to show your five preferred locations for employment development.

An example of a completed map could look similar to this:



18. Can I place more than five preferred locations for housing and employment development, respectively, on the map in Part 02 of the survey? TOP

No. You are allocated with five housing and five employment symbols to add to the map. Each housing or employment symbol represents what you believe is an important location for significant development. A degree of development is needed in a number of locations across Northumberland. We want you to tell us where more significant development should be.

19. What is the deadline for responses to be received? TOP

All responses must be submitted and received by us no later than

5PM on Wednesday 02 May 2018.

20. How do I submit my response to the consultation? TOP

Completed survey forms can be returned either by post to Planning Policy, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF or by email to planningstrategy@northumberland.gov.uk.



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Appendix D: Consultation Materials

Guidance Notes for the Online Spatial Survey

GUIDANCE TO THE ONLINE SPATIAL SURVEY

Introduction

We are preparing a new Local Plan for Northumberland. The preparation of the Local Plan is currently at an early stage and at this stage we want to capture high-level views on preferred strategic locations for development and the big issues that we need to tackle in the plan. This consultation takes the form of an Interactive Online Spatial Survey, to collect initial views.

This guide has been produced to help you complete the Online Spatial Survey and includes step-by-step instructions with illustrations to assist you. To access the survey, please visit <http://bit.ly/NCC-LP-Spatial-Survey>.

If you have any further questions, you can also view the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#). Alternatively, contact the Planning Policy Team using the contact details on the final page of this document.

Overview of Home Page

This is the home page of the consultation portal. This website is divided into two sides, with the **Left Side Panel** showing all the background information, instructions and the descriptions of the task. The **Right Side Panel** holds the main task for each sections.

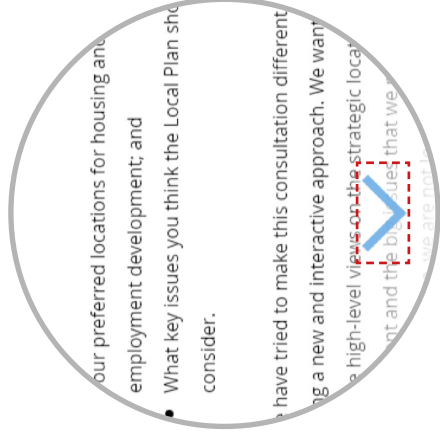
LEFT SIDE PANEL


RIGHT SIDE PANEL

<p>Northumberland County Council</p> <p>Northumberland Local Plan Interactive Spatial Survey (Spring 2018)</p> <p>THE RIGHT DEVELOPMENT IN THE RIGHT PLACES - SHOW US YOUR PREFERRED PLAN FOR NORTHUMBERLAND!</p> <p>Welcome to this early consultation on the Northumberland Local Plan! We are preparing a new Local Plan for the county which will guide future development and planning decisions up to 2036.</p> <p>This consultation is your opportunity to help decide where there should be new homes and new jobs. We will ask you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your preferred locations for housing and employment development; and What key issues you think the Local Plan should consider. <p>We have tried to make this consultation different, by taking a new and interactive approach. We want to capture high-level views on the strategic locations for development and the big issues that we need to tackle. At this stage, we are not looking at the exact</p>	
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Home Page

How do I navigation through the Portal?


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1. To view all of the information in the left side panel, click the 'Arrow' to scroll down.
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2. You can navigate between different steps of this survey using these buttons. You will see them when you scroll down to the bottom of the left side panel.

Overview of Part 01

Before you begin the spatial survey, we need some information from you so that we have a record of who has completed the survey. Your details will be added to the Local Plan Consultation Database and we will contact you with details of future consultations and updates about the progress of the Northumberland Local Plan. Simply fill in and submit the form to complete this page before moving on the Part 02.


 Northumberland County Council Northumberland Local Plan Interactive Spatial Survey (Spring 2018)	<p>We need some information from you so that we have a record of who has completed the survey. Your individual responses to this consultation will remain confidential.</p> <p>If you are not already on our Local Plan consultation database, your details will be added and we will contact you with details of future consultations and updates about the progress of the Northumberland Local Plan.</p> <p>Please note that your details will not be passed to any third parties. If you no longer wish to be included in our database or wish to update your details, please contact programme.officer@northumberland.gov.uk or telephone 01670 620294.</p> <p>You can view further information about the Northumberland Local Plan HERE, contact us at planningstrategy@northumberland.gov.uk or telephone 0345 600 6400.</p> <p>Remember to click the Submit button at the end</p> <p>The next step (Part 2) will show you some key factors to consider when deciding where you would like to see development in the county. This will assist you when you</p>
<div><div><div><h3>Local Plan Spring Consultation</h3><p>Please provide us the following details:</p><p>*Required</p><p>Have you previously commented on any Local Plan Consultations in Northumberland? *</p><p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p><p>Title * Mr ▾</p><p>First Name (s) * John</p><p>Surname * Smith</p><p>Organisation / Company / Business (if applicable)</p></div></div></div>	

An example of a completed Personal Information Form (Part 01)



Overview of Part 02

This page provides you with some information on the key spatial factors, constraints and designations in Northumberland. It seeks to provide some context and information to assist you in considering where development should go. Additional information has also been provided on the left side panel to help you inform your responses on the next page (Part 03).



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Part 2: Key Factors to Consider

Which factors or constraints, are most important in considering the location of development?

This map shows some of the key spatial factors, constraints and designations in Northumberland, to provide some context and information to assist you in considering where development should go. You can find out more on the links below.

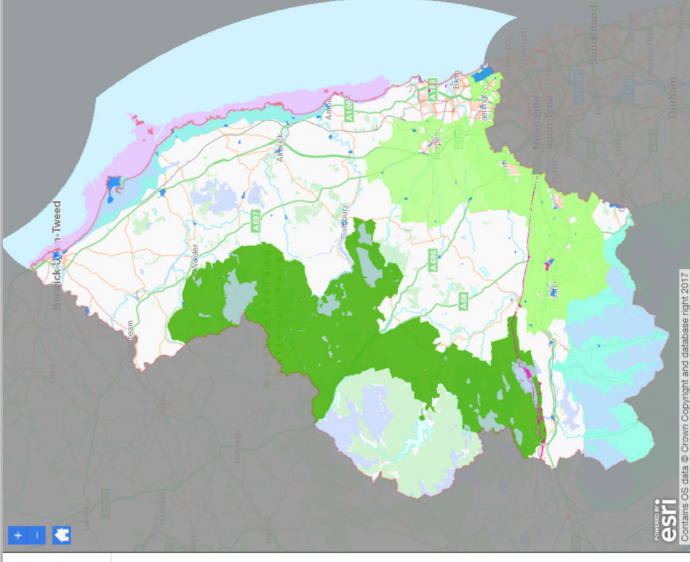
Please familiarise yourself with this information as the next step (Part 3) will ask you to add developments to the map to show your preferred locations for development, based on the constraints on this map.

How to use this map

The **Legend** in the blue box shows you all the keys in the map. You can turn the factors on and off with the **Layer List**.

For information about key issues and constraints that have to be considered when developing a Local Plan, you might find it helpful to view the **Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Document**.

On the **Layer List** you can see **Residential Planning Permissions**. This shows applications for five or more homes which have full planning consent, but not



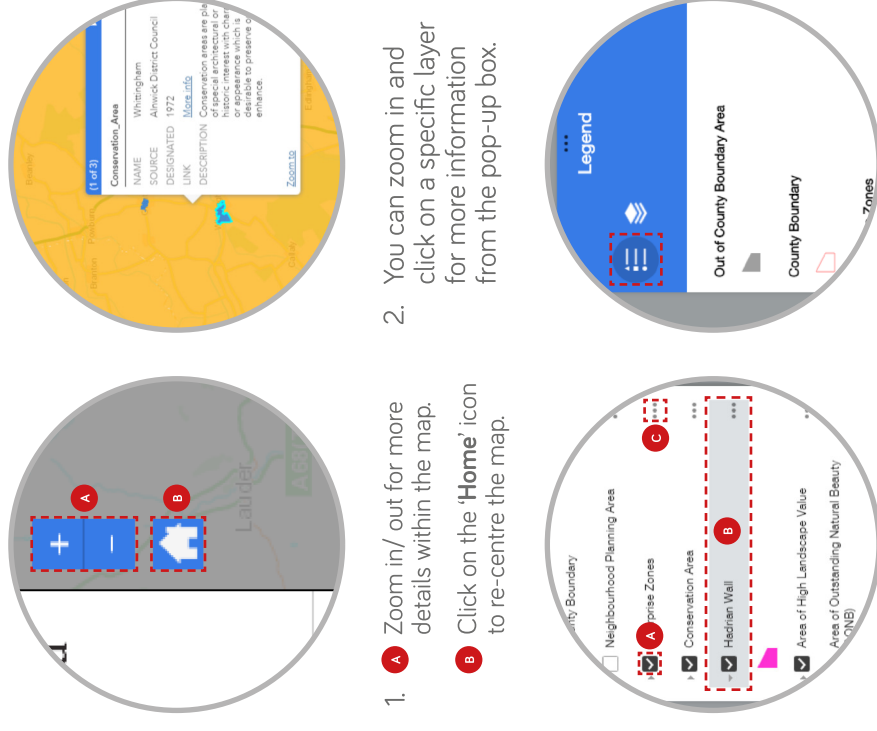
Layer List

Operational layers

- ☒ County Boundary
- ☐ Neighbourhood Planning Area
- ☐ Residential Planning Permissions
- ☐ Enterprise Zones
- ☒ Conservation Area
- ☒ World Heritage Site (Hadrian's Wall)
- ☐ Area of High Landscape Value
- ☒ Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
- ☒ Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)
- ☒ Heritage Coast
- ☒ Green Belt
- ☒ NC2 Structure Plan 2005 Policy S5 (Proposed Green Belt Extension)
- ☒ Northumberland National Park

Interactive Development Constraints Map (Part 02)

How do I use the interactive map?



- A** Zoom in/ out for more details within the map.

B Click on the 'Home' icon to re-centre the map.
- You can zoom in and click on a specific layer for more information from the pop-up box.
- A** Turn on/ off any individual layers.

B Click on the layer to see the relevant key.


C Click on this button for more functions.
- Click once on the **Legend** symbol, and it will show you a list of keys for the map.



Overview of Part 03

On this page you will be asked to provide us with your high level views on the broad or strategic locations for housing and employment development. The task requires you to place your preferred five locations for housing  and five locations for employment  on the map. You will have the option to include a short comment (up to 100 character in length) for every choice.

Please note that only your first five choices for each type of development will be recorded even if you try to place more than your allotted symbols. Also, you cannot move a symbol or add a comment once you have positioned it on the map. Therefore please think carefully about your preferred locations and any comments before placing a symbol on the map.



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Part 3 - Your Preferred Locations for Development


Show us your preferred locations for housing and employment development for the county

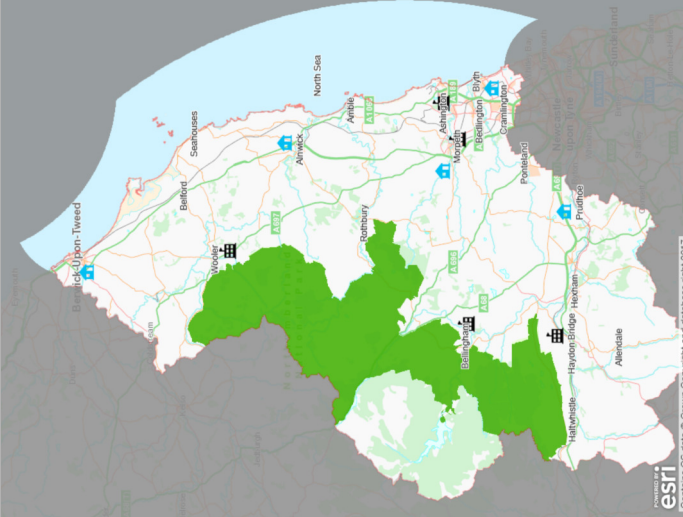
Have your say! Taking into account the key factors or constraints for the location of development from Part 2 (you can also turn the layers on/off from the Layer List on this map), show us your preferred locations for housing and employment development.

This survey aims to capture your high level views on the broad or strategic locations for development. You cannot therefore zoom in as far as specific locations or sites. However, you can navigate around the map with your mouse.

Each Housing or Employment symbol represents what you believe is an important location for significant development. You can choose up to five locations for each. A degree of development is needed in a number of locations across Northumberland. We want you to tell us where more significant development should be.

Instructions
You are allocated with:

 x 5 Housing



Add Development

Select a template to create features

Housing (LP)

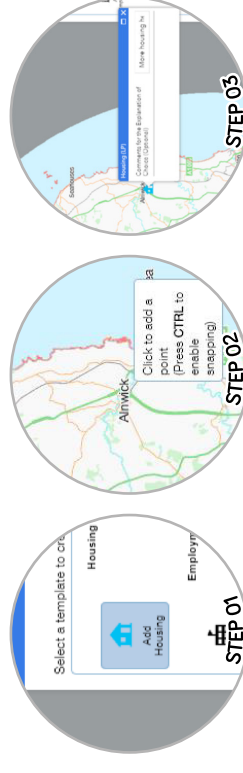
Employment (LP)

Add Housing

Add Employment

An example of what a completed Preferred Locations Map could look like (Part 03)

How do I place my location choices?



Click once on the **Housing** or **Employment** Symbol.

Find your preferred location and click once on the map in that location.

You can insert a short comment on the location choice should you wish.

You are to place five housing and five employment symbols on the map. Repeat the above steps to complete your 10 choices.

How do I look at the factors/ constraints here?



Click once on the **Layer List Symbol**.


Tick on the factor/ constraint that you want to see.

The factor/ constraint will appear on the map.



Overview of Part 04

We would like to know what key issues you think the Local Plan needs to consider. To indicate which key issues you think are most important for the Northumberland Local Plan, tick the box next to the relevant as shown below. If there are any other key issues that you think the Local Plan should consider, you can include a short comment at the end of the form.



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Part 4: Key Issues

Tell us the key issues that you think
the Local Plan should consider

We want to know what you think are the key issues
that the Northumberland Local Plan needs to
consider. Please select the issues that you think are
most important for the Local Plan to address.

Remember to click the [Submit](#) button at the end

NEXT STEP
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***Required**


Please tick the key issues that you think are most important to
you: *

- ☐ Opportunities for employment
- ☐ Access to education and training opportunities
- ☐ Enough homes to meet needs
- ☒ Decent, affordable homes for everyone
- ☐ Protection of our natural environment
- ☐ Protection of our heritage and culture
- ☐ Transport and movement around the county and beyond
- ☒ Broadband and mobile phone communications
- ☐ Health and well-being of current and future residents
- ☐ The impacts of climate change
- ☐ How we use our natural resources
- ☒ The quality and design of new built developments

An example of what a completed Key Issues Form could look like (Part 04)


Overview of Part 05


The final page asks for some very quick feedback on how you found the experience of using this. Click on one of the options and then submit to finish.

<p> Northumberland County Council</p> <p>Northumberland Local Plan Interactive Spatial Survey (Spring 2018)</p>	<p>Thank You!</p> <p>Thank you for your input, which will help shape the future of Northumberland. Although your individual responses will remain confidential, we will provide overall feedback and analysis on where respondents said development should go and what people think are the key issues that the plan should consider. This will be provided alongside the Summer Consultation on a Draft Northumberland Local Plan.</p> <p>We value your feedback and want to know about your experience on this Interactive Spatial Survey for the Local Plan. Please share with us.</p> <p>You can now exit the Consultation Portal.</p>
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Local Plan Spring Consultation Feedback

What did you think of this Online Spatial Survey for the Local Plan?

☐ I like it! 

☐ I dislike it! 

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Google Forms

An example of the Consultation Feedback Form





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