



Northumberland County Council

Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan

Regulation 19 Decision Statement

Northumberland County Council has resolved to 'make' the Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan. The Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan has been brought into legal force. It now forms part of the statutory Development Plan for the Morpeth Neighbourhood Area which comprises the whole of the civil parishes of Morpeth, Hebron, Hepscott, Mitford and Pegswood. Decisions on planning applications must now be made in accordance with policies in the Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Northumberland County Council on 02 June 2015. Publicity was undertaken in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. A report following Independent Examination of the Plan was published on 29 September 2015. The Plan was modified in accordance with recommendations made in that report and was put to local referendum on 25 February 2016. A majority of those voting were in favour of the Plan being used by the County Council in making decisions on planning applications.

The submission version of the Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan, as modified following Independent Examination, complies with legal requirements governing the making of neighbourhood development plans introduced through the Localism Act 2011 and associated Regulations. Accordingly, I hereby confirm that the Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan has been made by resolution of the County Council's Cabinet on Tuesday 10 May 2016. Decisions on planning applications in the Morpeth Neighbourhood Area must now be made in accordance with policies in the Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on the County Council's website: www.northumberland.gov.uk

Signed: *Steven P Mason*

Steven Mason
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Dated: 16 May 2016