

Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation Statement

March 2024

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This consultation statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations set out in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Section 15(2) of the regulations, define that a consultation statement must contain:
- Details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
 - An explanation of how the persons and bodies were consulted;
 - A summary of the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
 - A description of how those issues and concerns have been considered and where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.
- 1.2 To meet the requirements of the Regulations, this consultation statement sets out:
- The background to the preparation of the Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan ('the Plan');
 - A summary of the publicity, engagement and consultation that has helped to shape and inform preparation of the plan;
 - Details of those consulted about the plan during its preparation and the extent to which efforts were made to ensure the plan was prepared with support and input from the local community; and
 - A description of the changes made to the plan in response to consultation and engagement.
- 1.3 Humshaugh Parish Council consider that the extent of the engagement meets the obligations set out in the regulations.
- 1.4 This consultation statement is intended to help the independent examiner review the process of the preparation of the Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan and make any appropriate recommendations in relation to the Plan.

2. Background to the Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan

- 2.1 The Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by Humshaugh Parish Council, the qualifying body for the Humshaugh Neighbourhood Area. The Neighbourhood Area lies within the Local Planning Authority areas of Northumberland County Council and Northumberland National Park Authority. The Neighbourhood Area was designated by Northumberland County Council on 17 March 2022 and Northumberland National Park Authority on 16 March 2022.
- 2.2 Humshaugh Parish Council established a Steering Group and delegated authority to the group to prepare the plan on 10 March 2022 (Minute 11.6)¹. The Steering Group membership includes the Chair of the Parish Council, three or four additional members of Humshaugh Parish Council, the NCC Ward Member and three or four residents². Throughout the preparation of the Plan, the Steering Group has met regularly, with minutes available on the Parish Council website³.
- 2.3 Key activities which informed the preparation of the plan can be summarised as follows:
- **January 2022** – presentation to Humshaugh Parish Council on neighbourhood planning from an officer from Northumberland County Council where it was agreed to develop a plan;
 - **March 2022** – Humshaugh Neighbourhood Area designated by Northumberland County Council and Northumberland National Park Authority;
 - **March 2022** – Humshaugh Parish Council established Steering Group and first meeting took place in May 2022. All Parish Councillors were invited to join the Steering Group and residents with relevant expertise (e.g. architect, community energy consultant) and/ or affiliations (e.g. St Peter's Church) were approached;
 - **June 2022** – planning consultant appointed to assist with the preparation of the neighbourhood plan;
 - **October 2022** – dedicated Neighbourhood Plan website established;
 - **October 2022** – drop in event to help to define the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan;
 - **November to December 2022** – resident survey and stakeholder engagement;
 - **February 2023** – feedback requested on draft vision and objectives;
 - **August 2023** – engagement with local businesses;
 - **December 2023 to January 2024** - engagement on the Pre-Submission Draft Plan and associated evidence base;
 - **January to February 2024** – review of feedback and amendments to Draft Plan and background papers;
 - **March 2024** – Submission Draft Plan agreed by Humshaugh Parish Council.

¹ <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/humshaugh/documents/minutes>

² <https://humshaugh.info/governance/>

³ <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/humshaugh/documents>

3. Early engagement and awareness raising

Early issues consultation

- 3.1 In January 2022 Humshaugh Parish Council resolved to begin work on a Neighbourhood Plan and an application was made for the designation of the Humshaugh Neighbourhood Area, this was approved by Northumberland County Council and Northumberland National Park Authority in March 2022.
- 3.2 A dedicated Neighbourhood Plan website was established in October 2022 (<https://humshaugh.info/>) to provide updates on the preparation of the Plan. A drop in event took place in October 2022 (appendix 1) to raise awareness of the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan and to capture issues for the Plan to look to address. Leaflets were delivered to all addresses within the Parish and posters were placed in key locations across the parish.
- 3.3 During November and December 2022 a residents survey took place. Flyers were delivered to all dwellings within the Parish. Residents were encouraged to complete the survey online, however hard copies of the survey were available on request (appendix 2). The residents survey was completed by 145 people, approximately 25% of electors. The feedback report was published on the Neighbourhood Plan website and is included in appendix 3.
- 3.4 In November 2022 key stakeholders were contacted to raise awareness of the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan and ask for feedback on issues that should be addressed (appendix 4).

Engagement on draft vision and objectives

- 3.5 In February 2023, a draft vision and objectives for the plan were made available online and in the February 2023 Humshaugh News which was delivered to every house in the Parish. (appendix 5).

Engagement with local businesses

- 3.6 In August 2023 local businesses were contacted and asked for feedback as to whether their business had faced any challenges as a result of planning restrictions and also whether there were any ways they considered the Parish Council, working with stakeholders, could help the future sustainability of their business (appendix 6). The only issue identified was the challenge of increasing the energy efficiency of older properties.

General updates

- 3.7 Regular updates have been provided on the preparation of the Plan including within the bimonthly Humshaugh News delivered to all houses in the Parish, the weekly 'Humshaugh Notes' column in the local paper, the Hexham Courant, and the minutes of bimonthly Parish Council meetings (appendix 7).

4. Pre-submission engagement

- 4.1 Consultation on the Pre-Submission Draft Plan took place for seven weeks between 7 December 2023 and 25 January 2024. Awareness was raised of the consultation in the following ways:
- Consultation bodies, identified by NCC and other interested parties (appendix 8) were sent a letter (appendix 9);
 - The Draft Plan, policies maps and all evidence documents were available on the Neighbourhood Plan website (with a link from the Parish Council website) (appendix 10);
 - Hard copies of the Plan were available to view at The Humshaugh Village Shop and hard copies of the plan were also available on request;
 - A leaflet was set to all households informing them of the consultation (appendix 11);
 - Posters were displayed at key locations across the Parish (appendix 12);
 - Articles were included in Hexham Courant (appendix 13)
 - Comments could be provided online, via a feedback form (appendix 14) or in writing (by email or post).
- 4.2 Two drop in events took place in Humshaugh Village Hall (Thursday 7 December between 7pm and 9pm and Saturday 9 December between 10am and 12pm). Hard copies of the Plan and background papers were available to view, and a summary of the plan proposals included on display boards (appendix 15). The drop in events were attended by 30 residents.
- 4.3 Responses were received from 11 consultation bodies, five other organisations/ bodies (including landowners) and 30 parish residents (20 of who submitted comments via the online form, nine on the hard copy response form and one by letter). Appendix 16 provides a table of responses and details of how the comments have been taken into account in the submission draft plan.
- 4.4 The submission draft plan was considered and approved at the Humshaugh Parish Council meeting on 14 March 2023.

5. Conclusions

- 5.1 The Submission Draft Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan has been informed by broad engagement with the community since January 2022 until the plan was finalised for submission in March 2024. The outcome is a submission plan that reflects both the aspirations of the local community and is in general conformity with both local and national planning policy, meeting the 'Basic Conditions'.
- 5.2 This Consultation Statement demonstrates that the consultation and engagement process for the Plan has been substantial, effective and proportionate. It has also been extremely effective in shaping a plan that is aimed to benefit both current and future generations of Humshaugh Parish.

Appendix 1: Early issues engagement (October 2022)

Leaflet distributed to all households

Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan

Help us shape the future of our parish

Humshaugh Parish Council has started work on a neighbourhood plan. We need as many people as possible to help inform the policies and proposals that we include.



Come along to our event on Saturday 15th October 2022 between 10am and 12pm in Humshaugh Village Hall to find out more about the neighbourhood plan and how to get involved.

What is a neighbourhood plan?

- Neighbourhood plans enable people living and working in an area to guide where and how future development happens.
- Plans are prepared by the local community through their parish council, rather than being prepared by Northumberland County Council.
- They must be supported by the local community and will be used by Northumberland County Council to make decisions on planning applications in the parish.



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Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan

What can a neighbourhood plan include?

- Plans can include a range of planning policies to guide the sustainable location and delivery of new development. This could include design, delivery of affordable and community led housing, identification of important green spaces, and the protection and enhancement of community facilities.
- They can also include community actions for those things that do not require planning permission, such as environmental enhancement projects.



Why should I get involved?

The parish council is at the early stages of preparing our plan. We need **your** views on the issues that our plan should try to address. If you are unable to come along to our event on the 8th of October you can find out more on our website www.humshaugh.info. You can send us an email with your thoughts on issues for our plan to plan@humshaugh.info or write to us at Humshaugh Parish Council, 9a St Peters Way, Humshaugh, Hexham, NE46 4FD.

There will be further opportunities to input into the preparation of our neighbourhood plan over the coming months. Look out for our resident's survey which will be sent to all households in November.

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Poster raising awareness of drop in event

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If you have any questions please email: plan@humshaugh.info



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Text included in Hexham Courant Village Notes (29 September 2022)

Very many thanks to all those who attended the Crown Inn Pub Quiz last week in aid of our community choir North Tyne Voices. A splendid £213 was raised and many thanks to all those who organised the quiz, and who donated prizes. North Tyne Voices meets every week and is open to all who enjoy singing, regardless of prior experience. Those interested should speak to existing Choir members or email northytynevoices@gmail.com.

A final reminder that the Bob Fox concert is tonight Thursday 29 September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, with support by Humshaugh's very own songsters the "B's". A great evening is guaranteed.

Apple pressing at the Village Hall will continue this weekend on Saturday 1 October and Sunday 2 October. Fruit will be very welcome at the Hall from 10am onwards.

Following the decision of Humshaugh Parish Council to develop a Neighbourhood Plan, there will be extensive public engagement starting with a drop-in event at the Village Hall on **Saturday 15 October from 10am-noon**. All are encouraged to come along to learn about this important community initiative.

A reminder that following the death of Queen Elizabeth II the September meeting of Humshaugh Parish Council has been rescheduled for 7pm Thursday 13 October at the Village Hall. As always, all residents will be very welcome.

The service at St Peter's this Sunday 2nd October is the Late@8 service at 8pm. All are very welcome.

Text included in Hexham Courant Village Notes (6 October 2022)

Longstanding Humshaugh and Wark General Practitioner Dr Hayley Wright will be retiring from our practice at the end of October. Dr Wright has provided care for residents for many years, and the community wishes her all the very best in her next endeavour. There are books in both Humshaugh and Wark Surgeries in which patients can write a few words.

Humshaugh Arts Programme hosted a fantastic evening of folk music last Thursday. Local group The Dodgy Bs opened the night with a polished debut performance and headliner, Bob Fox, charmed the audience with his expansive repertoire of traditional folk; a hugely successful night, delighting folk veterans and rookies alike.

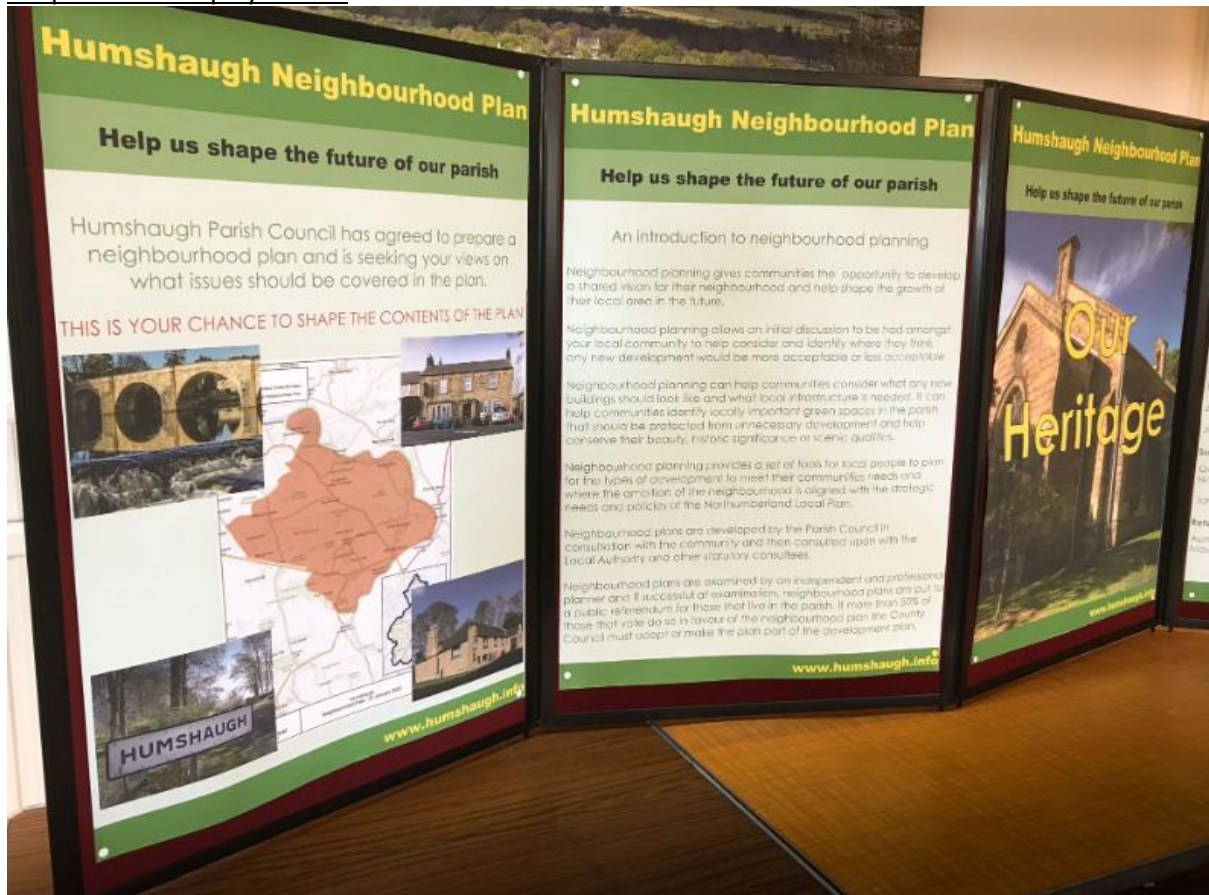
The next Village Hall coffee morning is this Saturday 8 October at the usual time of 10am to 12 noon and is in aid of St Peter's Church. All are very welcome to pop along for a slice of cake, a cuppa and a chat.

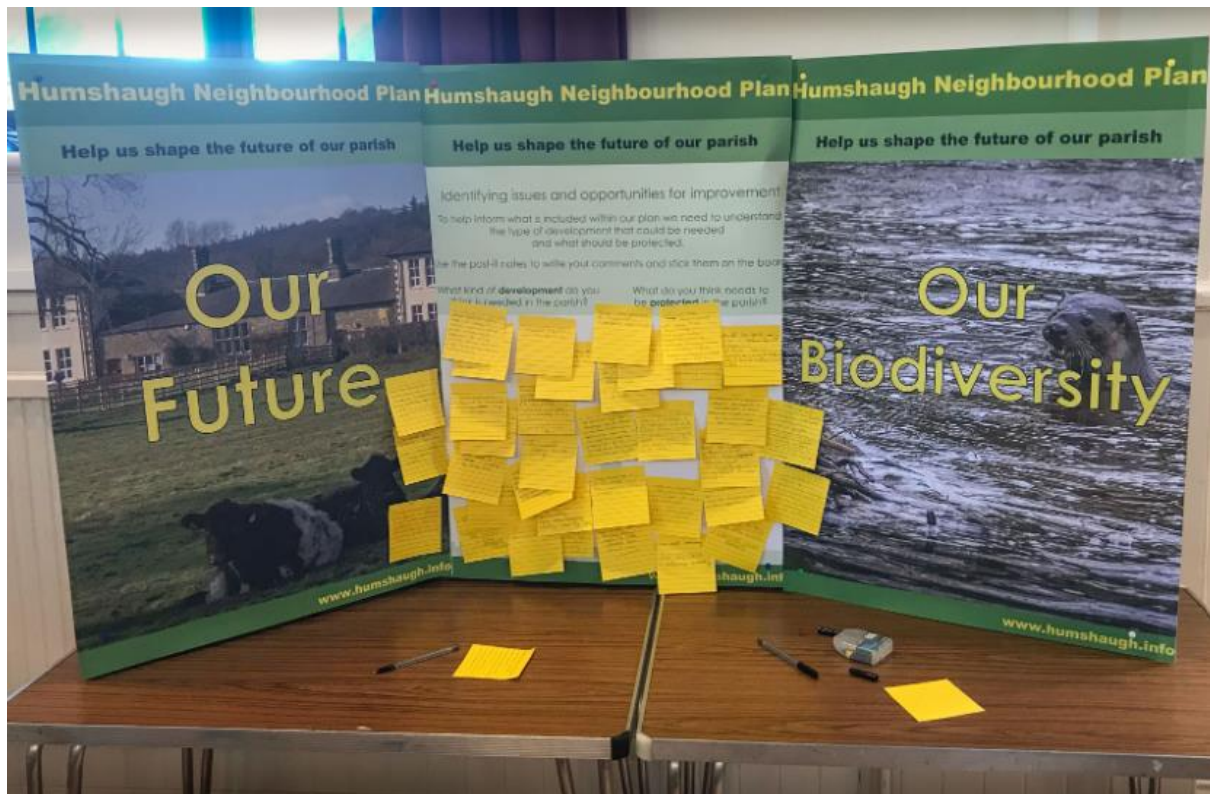
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The service at St Peter's this Sunday 9 October is Holy Communion for Harvest at 10am. All are very welcome at this traditional service.

Drop in event display boards





Additional photograph from drop in event



Drop in event feedback forms

Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan Issues Consultation Response form

You can use this form to provide feedback on the issues and opportunities for the Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan.

1. What do you think is good about living or working in the parish?

2. What do you least like about living or working in the parish?

3. What kind of changes if any do you think is needed in the parish?

4. What do you think needs to be protected in the parish? If your comments relate to a specific building or site, please explain its location.

5. Are there any specific parts of the parish where there are issues to be addressed? If your comments relate to a specific building or site, please explain its location.

Contact details – to make sure you are resident of Humshaugh:

Name:	<div></div>
Address:	<div></div>
Email:	<div></div>

Any personal data supplied will only be used in relation to the preparation of the Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. You can view a copy of the parish councils privacy policy online <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/humshaugh/privacy-policy>

Please send completed response form to: Humshaugh Parish Council, 9a St Peters Way, Humshaugh, Hexham, NE46 4FD, or by email to plan@humshaugh.info

Feedback

What do you think needs to be protected in the parish?

- The proposed Greenway to Hexham and possibly up to Kielder would be an incredible development
- Bus service is regular but not frequent. More people might use it if it were possible to go to Hexham & back without spending so long in Hexham
- No more building on green spaces or gardens
- Improved bus service - more frequent
- Approach Evans Trust re their land in the village to explore community leasing areas so they can be managed for wildlife, creating diverse environments rather than poorly managed sheep farming
- Affordable homes for families (not expensive executive housing)
- Supportive living for older adults
- EV charging
- Kerbs require looking at - make footpaths accessible for all
- Affordable housing for young families to stop the village becoming irreversibly geriatric
- The villages' housing stock is imbalanced and will if builders needs are allowed without check
- Affordable housing for young families and suitable accommodation for older residents should be prioritised
- Reopen Border Counties Railways as cycleway/footpath
- Storage for households
- Common services for houses : tools, gardening equipment, workshop
- Minibus service to Corbridge - 2 x weekly, by volunteer driver
- Protect our Green spaces
- No more houses
- No more traffic
- Activities to engage all sections of our community
- Renewable energy for the village
- Good mix of housing especially young families - important for the school as well
- Footpath protection/development
- Green spaces within village
- HNZ = admirable project
- More access to farmland - new permissive footpaths
- Cycle paths
- Bike maintenance station near The Crown
- Speed limit to be reduced on main road through the village to 20mph
- Footpaths along both sides of the North Tyne

What kind of development do you think is needed in the parish?

- Since Covid the Humshaugh Surgery appears to have retreated from personal care
- There should be a 20mph speed limit throughout the village
- Post Office letterbox bring back afternoon collection, Saturday 7am too early for weekend
- Allow solar panels on Main Street (conservation area)
- Low cost housing
- Less livestock & intensive arable
- I've noticed that the surgery's website doesn't show the doctors and feels very impersonal. The relationship between patient and doctor is crucial to a strong sense of community and trust

- Preserve "walks" around village
- Improve the opportunities for local walking and more permissive footpaths, and cycling - open up railway line?
- Speed limits decreased to 10/20mph throughout the village
- Better public transport links/more reliable times and connections, and consider Young people in village wanting to go to Hexham & back, older population unable to move around without dependants
- The farmer has almost fully ploughed over the lane along the river towards Chollerford - despite the fact there is a sign directing people on that route
- Surgery - provision of access to actually seeing a doctor needs improving - you can't rely on the secretary to do the access
- Bar existing planned building permission given Humshaugh has contributed to the housing stock. A caveat is affordable housing, could be by acquiring existing buildings and converting to affordable units and for assisted living accommodation to allow for movements for new families into the village
- No further development of any kind. The village has elderly bungalows, affordable housing, lots of family homes of varying sizes - Nothing further needed
- Green spaces
- Community facilities: surgery, shop, school, village hall
- Bus service
- Sense of community
- Protect green spaces and to look at reopening the old railway line
- Bus service - look at timings - do a survey to determine when are the most important times for users
- The village is quiet and this needs to be protected
- A 40mph speed limit on B3620 between Chollerford & Humshaugh turn off junction would help to stop ear-shattering motorcycles in the summer
- Protecting all things good for kids & families: play areas (e.g. the playing field behind The George
- Encouraging local mobile services e.g. hair dressing, bus, fish & chips and others
- 20mph speed limit throughout the village and speed restriction on Brunton Bank, Bellingham road
- Make use of the old railway line - no footpath to Barrasford
- A school - lets encourage & help kids to live in the village - play areas, open land surrounding.
- The field behind The George to be opened up for kids.
- Village hall available for kid's activities in school holidays
- Property suitable for downsizing as we grow older and ensure we do not have to leave village
- Supported living spaces

What do you think is GOOD about living or working in the village?

- GP practice is good but access to it and the totally impersonal feel to it since the pandemic is to be regretted
- Easy access open country
- It is quiet with very little through traffic
- Sense of community, shop, village hall, church, pub, GP practice -gives good village facilities
- Development over the past 5 years or so, particularly Chester's Meadows, have detracted considerably to visual appeal of village without adding diversity to housing stock
- Small village, everyone is friendly
- No retirement developments
- Space & quiet

- Being surrounded by green space
- Sense of community, shop, village hall, church, pub, GP practice -gives good village facilities
- Good facilities: school, surgery, shop village hall, etc
- Community spirit, pub, shop
- Green space - don't spoil any further
- Friendly community
- Beautiful surroundings
- Quiet - apart from motorbikes at weekends
- Green space & atmosphere to be maintained
- Good school, shop and active village hall
- Keep village as a village - protect pub, shop, school and all village activities
- Keep lighting at a minimum but allow pavements to be used by wheelchair users
- Distinctive architectural and landscape character of the village which can easily be damaged by unsympathetic development
- Reduce street lighting
- A cycle path on the disused railway line from Hexham
- Speed control measures - 20mph in the village
- Supportive & active community
- Compact area
- Green spaces
- Excellent information channels
- The village is a mix of housing & green spaces. We need to protect green spaces as they define the character of our village
- Discourage the village as a "supercar" destination
- Wonderful community spirit

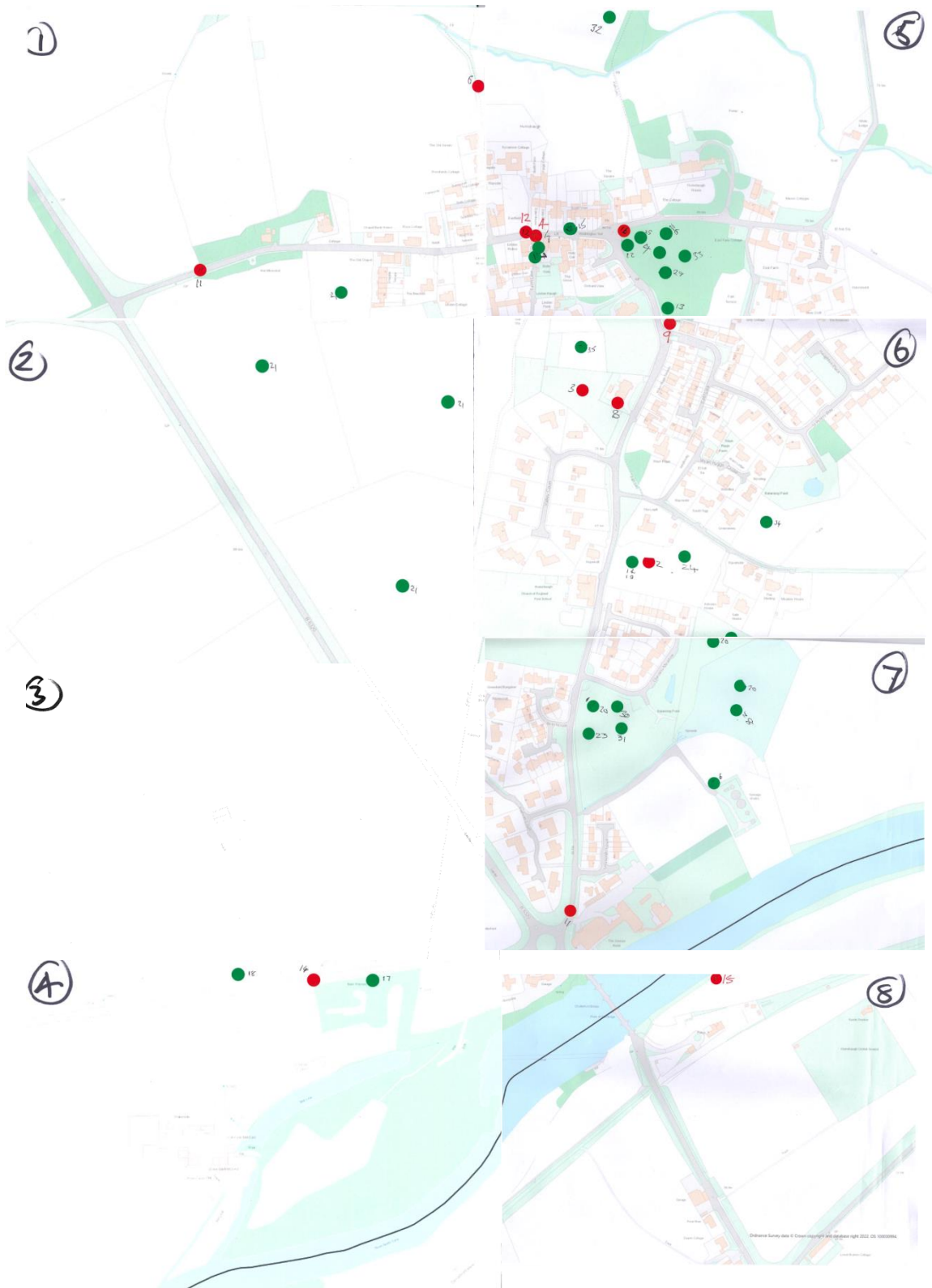
What do you think is BAD about living or working in the village?

- Too many commercial vans and cars parked on Main Street
- Need better bus service
- Access to doctors poor at the moment, used to be excellent
- 20mph speed limit
- More buses to ease car parking. Good time to try & increase bus service as many villagers reducing to one car instead of two
- How about a small collection of self catering/independent flats/houses with permanent care available on request if needed (there is such an arrangement in Ponteland where friends of mine have lived quite a long time and are very content)
- Speeding on main roads - humps? Different speed limits?? Camera?
- Unsympathetic development already spoiling village look
- Poor transport facilities
- Speeding traffic
- Too many street lights spoiling Dark Skies
- Get rid of the "Green Fence" next to the Village Hall. There has been enough time to complete the development. STOP IT. Convert the rubbish tip into a paddock!
- We have had too much development already - needs to stop now
- Too much fast & noisy cars through Chollerford and the village
- Don't like fast traffic coming up through the village - and bikers racing up the "New Road" from Chollerford
- Dropped kerbs are too much of a step making it difficult to negotiate when on a mobility scooter
- Pavements are uneven & camber is variable

- Bus service is poor, particularly at weekend
- Parking an issue but please no yellow lines
- Speeding traffic
- Excessive speeding throughout the village - should have measures in place from the War Memorial to The George. There are too many amenities, on after the other, should be 20mph - especially by the School

Mapping feedback

(green = good positive aspects to improved/ protected and red = issues to be addressed)



Good/ positive aspects of the village:

GREEN page 1

- 1/2 Adjacent to Chester's Meadows - should be protected - could be wildlife meadow
- 1/2 Field next to Chester's Meadows should be cleared up and developed for community use - wildflower meadow, farmland, allotment
- 2/2 When Simmonds Court was built (2010ish) I understood that the playing field behind The George would be preserved as open land & playing field. I would like to see that promise kept and the playing field/football pitch restored for public use
- 3/2 The Orchard - currently in private hands. Please preserve this precious bit of open field at centre of village
- 4/2 Field beyond the snicket by The Crown. This amazing open field with open countryside out to road beyond (leading to the castle) This is so much part of the village - please keep it as unbuilt area
- 5/2 Complete rerouting of bridleway over Haughton Pasture and repair gates
- 6/2 Opportunity for pathway along river to Haughton Castle
- 7/2 (next to R4) Remove phone box, shift bus stop pole, move parish notice board and use area for EV charger or additional parking
- 8/2 Fields at end of Burn Lane and adjacent fields to be protected for future planning/building developments. Fields behind the Lane (the public footpath route to the War Memorial managed by the Evans Trust)
- 9/2 Open up old railway track as public footpath
- 10/2 Bridge to be pedestrians only. Build separate 2 way bridge for heavy polluting commercial vehicles
- 11/2 Orchard Field in village centre needs protection
- 12/2 Mature trees generally need protection
- 13/2 Use garage as EV charge point
- 14/2 Protect all arable land to the west of the footpath
- 15/2 Keep Hadrian's Wall bus. Opportunity as many people may be considering going down to one car so could be more of a market for bus travel

GREEN page 2

- 4 Keep open and not develop in Orchard/wildlife space - beekeeping & community use
- 11 Remove phone box, shift bus stop pole, move parish notice board and use area for EV charger or additional parking
- 12 Access to riverside for walking
- 13 Stop the farmer ploughing up the public footpath
- 14 Protect The Leggit and surrounding fields from development for building
- 15 Allow solar panels facing the Main Street
- 16 Road surfacing needed
- 17 Wild flower/daffodil planting - to promote village feel and promote adherence to speed limits
- 18 Park bench - walkers & cyclist often stop here so would be a nice thing to do
- 19 Protect The Leggit field green space
- 20 Protect the Green Spaces to the south and east of Chester's Meadows
- 21 Protect all of the land east of B6320 and the existing boundary of housing development
- 22 How about a cycle maintenance station here?
- 23 Protect from development. An opportunity for community orchard or similar
- 24 Protect this Green Space
- 25 Protect this Green Space
- 26 Protect this Green Space
- 27 Protect this Green Space

- 28 Protect this Green Space
- 29 Protect as village amenity
- 30 Protect the land south of Chester's Meadows and get it tidied up
- 31 Protect and enhance this green space for community enjoyment
- 32 Houghton Common - ideal site for wind turbine to help reach Net Zero
- 33 Protect as central to look & feel of village
- 34 Protect this Green Space around the boundary of the village to maintain the village character
- 35 Preserve as Green Open Space

Red – issues to be addressed

RED page 3 & 4

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- 2 - No future buildings
- 3 - Clear, tidy and leave as open space
- 4 - Inconsiderate parking. Access to Farm Lane limited for large buildings, especially emergency vehicles. Two lime trees fell hindering telephone line which goes through trees. Tree roots possible damaging nearby houses
- 5 - Install speed camera to stop motor bikes thinking they are on a rag circuit
- 6 - Public footpaths need to be maintained for the enjoyment of all - the "circuit" to the War Memorial is generally overgrown
- 7 - The backroad to Walwick Hall is terrible. Overgrown hedgerows hide dangerous gulleys. Most visitors use this road, via SatNav to access Walwick. The roads are terrible
- 8 - Remove free EV charger. Tax payers are paying for electricity charges so EV owners can drive for free - pathetic
- 9 - Fit EV chargers
- 10 - Fit EV chargers inc fast chargers
- 11 - 20mph speed limit throughout village
- 12 - Inconsiderate parking at end of Farm Lane mainly by vans, which prevent access down Farm Lane for delivery or emergency vehicles
- 13 - Build centralised EV charging area to suit growing need over next 20 years
- 14 - Speed camera needed to fine criminal drivers
- 15 - Public footpath ploughed up by farmer recently - make sure all public footpaths in village are maintained & strimmed regularly
- 16 - Very overgrown footpath. Very wet as trees/bushes so over grown
- 17 - Footpath very overgrown and not well maintained
- 18 - The field next to the Village Hall: green fence is an eyesore. This development has been going on far too long. No progress for years. There seems no likelihood of completion. Call in the Planning Approval, remove the fence and have the owners reinstate the green paddock.
- 19 - Ban parking on the green
- 20 - Road gully emptying and road edge sweeping more often, particularly after autumn leaf fall.
- 21 - 20mph speed limit throughout village
- 22 - Put a stop to vehicles parking on footpaths particularly on "Car Sundays"
- 23 - Make the Village Hall a "warm hub", make it generator ready. Northern Powergrid will advise what is needed to enable this
- 24 - Need for footpath
- 25 - As above but n.b the farmer has ploughed over the existing footpath despite the fact that there is a sign directing people on that route

- 26 This is a public footpath that should connect with B6318 & needs to be reopened
- 27 Improved bus service & definitely another bus between 0815 and 1045 in the morning
- 28 Removal of the green fence

Appendix 2: Parish resident survey (December 2022)

Residents Survey Flyer

Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan Residents Survey

Humshaugh Parish Council has started work on a neighbourhood plan. To help inform the preparation of the plan we need you to complete an online survey. Scan the QR code or go to our website to complete the survey. We would like to hear from all residents of the parish so everyone in the household is encouraged to complete the survey.

You can pick up a hard copy of the survey from Humshaugh Village Shop or St Peter's Church or contact Kaeti Seth Parish Clerk on 07980 358295 to have a paper copy delivered.

Please complete the survey by Wednesday 30 November 2022.

www.humshaugh.info



Residents Survey

Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan Household Survey November 2022

If you would prefer to complete the survey online scan the QR code or go to humshaugh.info/ We would like to hear from all residents of the parish – responses are not limited to one per household.



Section 1: About you

1. Where in Humshaugh Parish do you live?

Humshaugh village	Chollerford	Walwick	Haughton	Lincoln Hill
Other (please state):				

2. What is your age?

Under 16	16-24	25-44	45-64	65-74	75+
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3. How long have you lived in Humshaugh Parish?

Less than 1 year	1-4 years	5-9 years	10+ years
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4. What is your current employment status?

Employed full time	Employed part time	Self employed	Student
Retired	Other (please state)		

5. Do you work in Humshaugh Parish?

Yes	No	Don't work – N/A
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Section 2: About living in Humshaugh Parish

6. What do you most value about living in Humshaugh Parish? (Tick all that apply)

Access to services and facilities (school, GP, village shop, village hall, pub)	
Close to place of work	Green spaces
Access to the countryside	Close to family and friends
Strong village community	Attractive setting and views
Tranquil	Access to cycle paths/ footpaths
Access to wildlife	History and heritage of the area
Other (please state)	

7. What could be improved? (Tick all that apply)

Volume of traffic	Speed of traffic
Dog fouling	Litter
Condition of footpaths	Health facilities
Public transport	Availability of parking spaces
Other (please state)	

8. What concerns you about the future of Humshaugh Parish? (Tick all that apply)

Lack of affordable housing	Loss of green spaces
Contribution to climate change	Lack of renewable energy
Effects of climate change	Design of new development
No supported accommodation for older people	Availability of parking spaces
Other (please state)	

Section 3 – The environment

9. Which of the following green spaces in Humshaugh would you want to see protected and why?

	Recreational value	Richness of wildlife	Historic significance	Tranquillity	Beauty/ character
Children's playing field					
Play area in the playing field					
The Orchard (behind the doctor's surgery)					
The Leggit Field					
Fields around Chesters Meadow/ Bog Field					
Field to the north of The Crown					
Fields at the end of Burn Lane					
War Memorial					
Fields next to the war memorial					
Open space at Haughton Square					
Church yard and Glebe Field					
Grass verges on Doctors Lane					
Other areas (please explain why they should be protected)					

10. Are there any buildings or structures you feel are important to the history of our parish? If so, please identify them and explain why they are important.

11. Taking account of the planned shift away from non-renewable energy, do you support the development and use of any of the following energy sources on either a domestic or large-scale basis in the parish?

	Support for domestic/ small scale purposes		Support for larger scale/ commercial scheme	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Solar panels				
Solar panels on house roofs within the conservation area			N/A	
Wind turbines				
Air source heat pumps				
Ground source heat pumps				
Biomass schemes				

12. Would you support the development of community spaces to enhance the natural environment, mitigate the effects of climate change, support sustainability or provide learning opportunities? If yes, please answer both questions 12a and 12b. Yes ☐ No ☐

a. Would you be prepared to loan or gift land?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

b. What types of community projects would you support/ get involved in?

	Support	Would get involved
Community woodland		
Community orchard		
Community allotments		
Community supported agriculture ¹		
Community nature reserve		
Wildflower meadow		
Outdoor gym		
Pump track ²		
Other (please state)		

Section 4 - Community

13. Which community services and facilities are important to protect in Humshaugh Parish? (Tick all that apply)

Doctors Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/>	School	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shop	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pub	<input type="checkbox"/>	Church	<input type="checkbox"/>	Play area	<input type="checkbox"/>	Village hall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please state)													

14. How do you find out/ keep up to date about activities in the parish? (Tick all that apply)

Word of mouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please state)
The Broadsheet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Notice board	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Parish Council Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social media	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Section 5 - Future housing needs

15. Would you be in favour of any of the following housing development in the parish:

	Yes	No
Housing for older people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Starter homes/ homes for first time buyers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self build and custom build housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community-led housing (led by community groups to make sure that new homes meet local housing needs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Affordable housing (subsidised housing for sale or rent)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Market housing (housing sold on the open market without restrictions)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

¹A partnership between farmers and consumers <https://communitysupportedagriculture.org.uk/>

² A continuous circuit for cyclists of banked turns, interspaced by rollers and other features that can be ridden on a bike without pedalling – similar to a BMX track for all ages and abilities

16. Has anyone from your family (children, parents, brothers, sisters) moved away from the parish in the last 5 years due to difficulties in finding a home locally or do you know of any former residents who would like to move back but are struggling to find a home? If yes, please provide details of why they moved away.

Yes ☐ No ☐

17. Is your current home suitable for your needs over the next 5 years?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please tick all the issues that apply to you/ your household within the next 5 years:

Too small	Too large	
Needs repairing	Can't manage stairs	
Want to move but there are no suitable homes available locally	Appropriate care and support is not available where we live	
Too expensive	In the wrong place	
Family circumstances are changing	Needs adapting due to disability/ health	
One or more members of the household need their own home	Alternative accommodation would enable one or more members of the household to remain independent for longer	
Other (please state)		

18. If a member (or part) of your household needs their own home, what type of housing would they prefer:

Rent from a housing association		Rent from a private landlord	
Buy on the open market with a discount (e.g. 30%) or help to buy		Buy on the open market with a mortgage	
Buy on the open market without a mortgage		Shared ownership (part own/ rent)	
Other (please state)			

19. What type of property and minimum number of bedrooms would this new household need?

	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed+
House					
Bungalow					
Flat/ apartment					
Sheltered / retirement housing					
Other (please state)					

Section 6 - Economy

20. Future employment needs:

Do you...	Yes	No	Comments
Own a business in Humshaugh Parish?			
Run a business from home?			
Work from home at least some of the time?			
Want access to a business hub/ occasional office facility?			
Want to start up a new business in the parish?			

21. Which of the following tourism initiatives would you support?

	Support	Do not support	Comments
Encouraging an increase in day visitors			
More holiday accommodation			
Other (please state)			

Section 7 - Transport and accessibility

22. How far do you typically travel to access the following? (note – Hexham is just over 5 miles from Humshaugh)

	Less than 5 miles	5 to 10 miles	More than 10 miles	N/A
To get to work/ study				
To do main shopping				
For leisure/ social activities				

23. When you are travelling for work, shopping or leisure or accessing services such as healthcare, what method of transport do you typically use?

	Walk	Cycle	Bus	Car	Train	N/A
To get to work/ education						
To do main shopping						
For leisure/ social						
Accessing other services such as healthcare						

24. Which of the following vehicles do members of your household have access to? Please indicate the number of vehicles in your response.

Car/ van (diesel/ petrol)	Car/ van (electric/ plug in hybrid)	Bicycle (non electric)	
Motorbike/ scooter (petrol)	Motorbike/ scooter (electric)	Bicycle (electric)	
Other (please state)			

25. If you do not own an electric or plug-in hybrid vehicle, do you intend to buy one in the next 10 years (note – the sale of new petrol and diesel cars is currently planned to end in 2030)?

Yes	No	N/A
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26. Do you have off-road parking?

Yes	No
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If yes, do you have or intend to install a home EV charging point?

Already have an EV charging point	Intend to install an EV charging point	Do not intend to install an EV charging point
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27. Do you, members of your household or visitors regularly park on the road or layby near your house?

Yes	No
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28. Would you support any of the following measures to improve travel routes to and within the parish? (Tick all that apply)

Alteration/ creation of footpaths for wheelchair/ mobility scooter users and pushchairs	Other (please state)
New links to connect footpaths, cycle paths, bridleways and byways	
Development of safe walking and cycle routes within the parish	
Secure cycle parking in the village	
Electric bike charging within or close to the village	

29. How often do you use the 680 or AD122 bus services?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less frequently	Do not use
680 service					
AD122 service					

What changes would make these services more attractive to you? (Please state)

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30. What issues currently prevent you from cycling or walking more? (Tick all that apply)

Health	No suitable paths	Busy roads	Distance	Hills
Other (please state)				

Please add any further comments below about issues that you feel the neighbourhood plan should look to address.

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

We need your personal details so that we can ensure you live within the parish. These will only be used in relation to the work on the neighbourhood plan and in accordance with the parish council's privacy statement.

Name	
Address	
Email	
Phone	
Contact preference	

You can return paper copies of completed questionnaires in the following ways:

- Drop off at Humshaugh Village Shop or St Peter's Church;
- By post to 9a St Peters Way, Humshaugh, NE46 4FD;
- By email to humshaughpc@gmail.com; or
- Arrange collection by contacting Kaeti Seth (Parish Clerk) on 07980358295

Please return the completed survey by Wednesday 30 November 2022.

Text included in Hexham Courant Village Notes (17 November 2022)

Humshaugh Parish Council covered a wide range of issues last Thursday and minutes will be available in due course at <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/humshaugh/documents/minutes>. Angela Watts from Northumberland Communities Together informed the Council of a wide range of support available to residents with financial concerns, those feeling isolated, or those with domestic problems, by calling 01670 620015 or emailing NCT@northumberland.gov.uk.

Film Night last Friday featured "Woman at War" which was truly outstanding, as were the Icelandic-themed interval desserts! Film Nights resume in the New Year and many thanks to Humshaugh Arts Programme for staging this much appreciated entertainment.

The Village Hall coffee morning last Saturday in aid of St Peter's Church was extremely enjoyable. The last coffee morning of the year will be 26 November and run by our community choir North Tyne Voices.

The next Dodgy B's sing around session at The Crown is on Monday 21 November from 7.30pm. All are welcome to come with a song, a tune or a poem or just listen and enjoy the company.

The Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan Residents Survey is now open and can be completed at www.humshaugh.info or by requesting a paper copy from our Parish Clerk Kaeti Seth by calling 07980 358295.

The Act of Remembrance at Humshaugh War Memorial last Sunday was a simple and poignant commemoration of the 18 brave men who set forth from our peaceful Village never to return, and of all those who have served and suffered in conflicts. There is no service at St Peter's this weekend.

Text included in Hexham Courant Village Notes (24 November 2022)

Last Tuesday's Crown Inn quiz winners were "Storkney Auks" with a distinguished score of 56/60. An excellent £217 was raised for the Friends of Humshaugh School. The next scheduled quiz will be on Tuesday 17 January, in aid of the Leek Club.

The Village Hall coffee morning 10am-noon this Saturday 26 November is in aid of our community choir North Tyne Voices. In addition to a refreshing cuppa and sumptuous cakes there will be songs! Do come along.

To help in these difficult times a Donation Point for the West Northumberland Food Bank has been set up in St Peter's Church, which is open every day from 9am until dusk. Donations of non-perishable food, household and baby items will be very much appreciated. Well done St Peter's!

A reminder that the Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan Residents Survey is open and can be completed online at www.humshaugh.info, by picking up a paper copy at the Village Shop or by requesting a paper copy from our Parish Clerk by calling 07980 358295. Surveys should be completed and returned by 30 November.

Dates for the diary: The Northumberland Christmas Wagon Run will be coming through Humshaugh early evening 9 December, a free screening of the animated film "Up!" in the Village Hall at 2pm Saturday 10 December, and St Peter's are organising a Crib Festival on the 10/11 December. More details to follow.

The service at St Peter's this weekend is Holy Communion at 6pm. As always, all are very welcome.

Appendix 3: Parish resident survey engagement report

Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Consultation Results - December 2022

SUMMARY

As part of the preparation work for the Neighbourhood Plan, we carried out a resident's survey during October & November 2022.

Following the responses we received at our public meeting in October, we devised, with assistance from Northumberland County Council planning department and our consultant, an online questionnaire for completion, with a paper version available, and launched it on our website www.humshaugh.info. We also delivered leaflets to every house within the parish publishing the survey.

We received **145 responses** and the following is a summary of some of the key responses. More than 70% were returned electronically which made it easy to analyse.

More than 58% of the respondents were aged over 65. Over 64% had lived within the village for more than 5 years. Most respondents described themselves as retired.

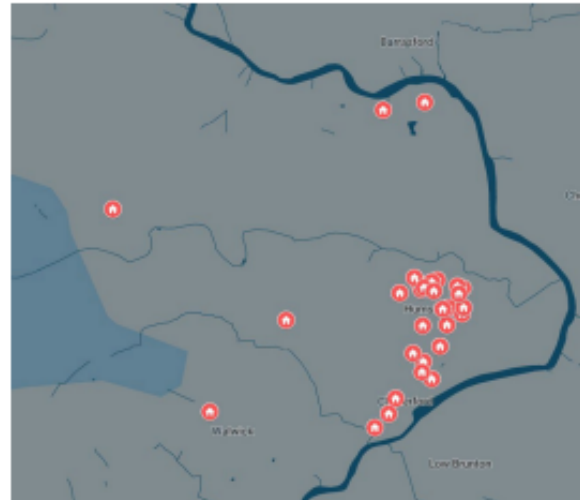


Figure 1 Response locations

WHAT IS MOST VALUED ABOUT LIVING IN HUMSHAUGH PARISH ?

Respondents were asked to identify, from a list, what they most valued about living in Humshaugh parish. Access to the countryside (93%), strong village community (81%), attractive setting (78%) and views (78%) and access to services and facilities (78%) were strongly identified as being most valued in addition to tranquillity (70%) and green spaces (73%).

WHAT COULD BE IMPROVED ?

When asked what could be improved the responses highlighted Speed of traffic (45%), public transport (42%), Condition of footpaths (38%), Dog Fouling (31%), Availability of parking spaces (25%), Health facilities (11%), Volume of traffic (10%), and Litter (10%).

Other improvements included introducing a 20 mph speed limit, safe cycle routes, improved street cleaning, a bottle bank, and ultra-fast broadband,

CONCERNS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF HUMSHAUGH PARISH

Respondents were asked to identify any concerns they had about the future of Humshaugh parish from a list, selecting all that apply and adding any other concerns. The number of responses were - loss of green spaces (68%), lack of affordable housing (50%), no supported housing for older people (30%), lack

of renewable energy (45%), effects of climate change (39%), contribution to climate change (21%), availability of parking spaces (20%), and design of new developments (46%).

Other concerns included maintaining the open character of the village, concerns over the dominance of 4/5 bedroom new housing, the lack of housing for young families, maintaining crucial local facilities such as the shop, the Crown Inn, the village hall, surgery & church. A lack of affordable Net Zero housing linked to local renewable energy generation is important. Concern over the future of farming was raised.

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING GREEN SPACES SHOULD BE PROTECTED & WHY

The value of green spaces in the village were reviewed and importance reported.

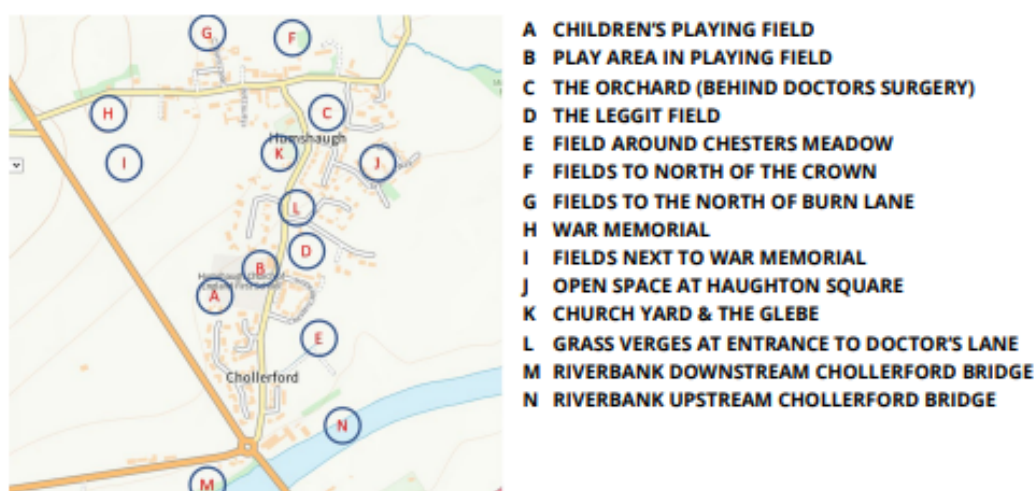


Figure 2 Location of Green Spaces

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Recreational value	97%	93%	12%	7%	14%	56%	48%
Richness of wildlife	19%	10%	54%	44%	66%	62%	66%
Historic significance	12%	10%	34%	22%	13%	14%	17%
Tranquillity	21%	8%	49%	46%	51%	62%	66%
Beauty	19%	6%	53%	43%	37%	57%	59%

	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Recreational value	14%	13%	28%	18%	20%	39%	50%
Richness of wildlife	12%	54%	21%	47%	25%	54%	55%
Historic significance	84%	20%	10%	72%	10%	39%	28%
Tranquillity	60%	63%	34%	67%	28%	48%	50%
Beauty	43%	54%	23%	54%	40%	51%	52%

SUPPORT FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

There was widespread support for renewable energy sources, including domestic solar powers (91%) and air & ground source heat pumps (72%), and large wind turbines (35%). Concern was raised about planning restrictions within the conservation area for solar power.

SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY SPACES TO ENHANCE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

More than 85% of the respondents support the development of community spaces to enhance the natural environment, mitigate the effects of climate change, support sustainability or provide learning opportunities.

WHICH COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES ARE IMPORTANT TO PROTECT?

Over 95% of responses supported protecting all community facilities and services – shop, surgery, village hall, school, and pub. Over 86% expressed support to protect the church and play area.

HOW DO RESIDENTS FIND OUT OR KEEP UP TO DATE ABOUT ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH?

Word of mouth is clearly a key method for information sharing with the Broadsheet and the Parish Council newsletter also being very important. Social media was used by less than 35% of respondents.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE PARISH

It was clear that many residents have very serious concerns about the type of housing development taking place within the parish – particularly large executive type housing proposed by developers. The survey highlighted support for the type of housing that would allow people to stay in their community such as starter homes or homes for first time buyers, and housing for older people.

Most respondents (87%) stated that their current home was suitable for their needs for the next 5 year.

VISITORS AND TOURISM

An increase in day visitor was supported by 62% of respondents but only 28% supported more holiday accommodation.

Respondents wanted to encourage the use of the Hadrian's Wall footpath, this will encourage use of local businesses. Improvement in key facilities and buildings including the appearance of buildings on the approach to the parish.

TRAVEL TO ACCESS FACILITIES, TO WORK/STUDY AND TO SHOP

Most respondents travelled more than 5 miles for leisure & social activities (83%) , and main shopping (93%), and most used cars (89%). Less than 3% used bus services. Over 45% intend to purchase a battery electric vehicle in the next 10 years. More facilities for electric vehicle charging should be provided.

SUPPORT FOR MEASURES TO IMPROVE TRAVEL ROUTES

There was strong support (75%) to develop safe walking and cycling routes in the village, including developing facilities for wheelchair users & mobility scooters. For cyclists, it was proposed that there should be more secure parking and electric bike charging.

TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The following issues were raised to be considered in the Neighbourhood Plan.

- Better transport links would encourage use of public transport and reduce car ownership within the parish.
- Using natural assets to create long distance footpaths, including down by the river.
- Preservation & enhancement of Green Spaces.
- More affordable housing required, should be designed to the highest standards.
- The climate emergency is real, and we need real action such as a community solar farm and a large community wind farm.
- Conservation is not preservation, a significant part of the village is a conservation area which needs to be respected, but it is not a preservation area to be locked up by the past. The village is a community of people, much more than just buildings, roads and spaces. The village must adapt and incorporate the ever-changing demands and circumstances, but all in fair proportion.

Appendix 4: Stakeholder engagement (November 2022)

Email/ letter to stakeholders

Email/Letter

Dear

Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan

We are contacting you as a key stakeholder in the Parish of Humshaugh, or as a representative of a key stakeholder group, to make sure you are aware that Humshaugh Parish Council are developing a Neighbourhood Plan.

We hope very much that you will engage with this important initiative, and by doing so help to shape the future of our community.

We are currently defining the scope for the plan and in Q1-3 next year we will be developing a draft plan. Following amendments, we will submit the plan for examination in Q1 2024 with a view to holding a referendum on the final plan in Q2 2024.

We have set up a website (<https://humshaugh.info/>) that will provide updates on progress and, in due course, access to the draft plan.

All residents of Humshaugh Parish are being asked to complete a survey that will help to define the scope of the plan, and if you are a resident we would encourage you to complete the survey which can be accessed through the above website, or by calling the Humshaugh Parish Clerk Kaeti Seth on 07980 358295. However, regardless of whether or not you are a resident, as a key stakeholder or stakeholder group representative we are keen to understand any issues that you feel should be covered by the plan, and to know your thoughts on the draft plan when it is available.

Do please contact us at any time by telephone on 07980 358295, by email on humshaughpc@gmail.com or by letter to Kaeti Seth, Humshaugh Parish Council Clerk, 9a St Peters Way, Humshaugh, Northumberland, NE46 4FD.

Very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Kaeti Seth
Humshaugh Parish Clerk



Herbie Newell
Chair Humshaugh Parish Council

Email/Letter to Susannah Buylia Northumberland National Park

Dear Ms Buylia

Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan

We are contacting you as Northumberland National Park is a key stakeholder in the Parish of Humshaugh as well as the local planning authority for a small part of the plan area, to make sure you are aware that Humshaugh Parish Council are developing a Neighbourhood Plan.

We hope very much that you will engage with this important initiative, and by doing so help to shape the future of our community.

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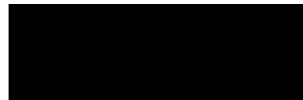
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All residents of Humshaugh Parish are being asked to complete a survey that will help to define the scope of the plan, and as the Northumberland National Park is the local planning authority for a small part of the plan area, we are keen to understand any issues that you feel should be covered by the plan, and to know your thoughts on the draft plan when it is available.

Do please contact us at any time by telephone on 07980 358295, by email on humshaughpc@gmail.com or by letter to Kaeti Seth, Humshaugh Parish Council Clerk, 9a St Peters Way, Humshaugh, Northumberland, NE46 4FD.

Very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



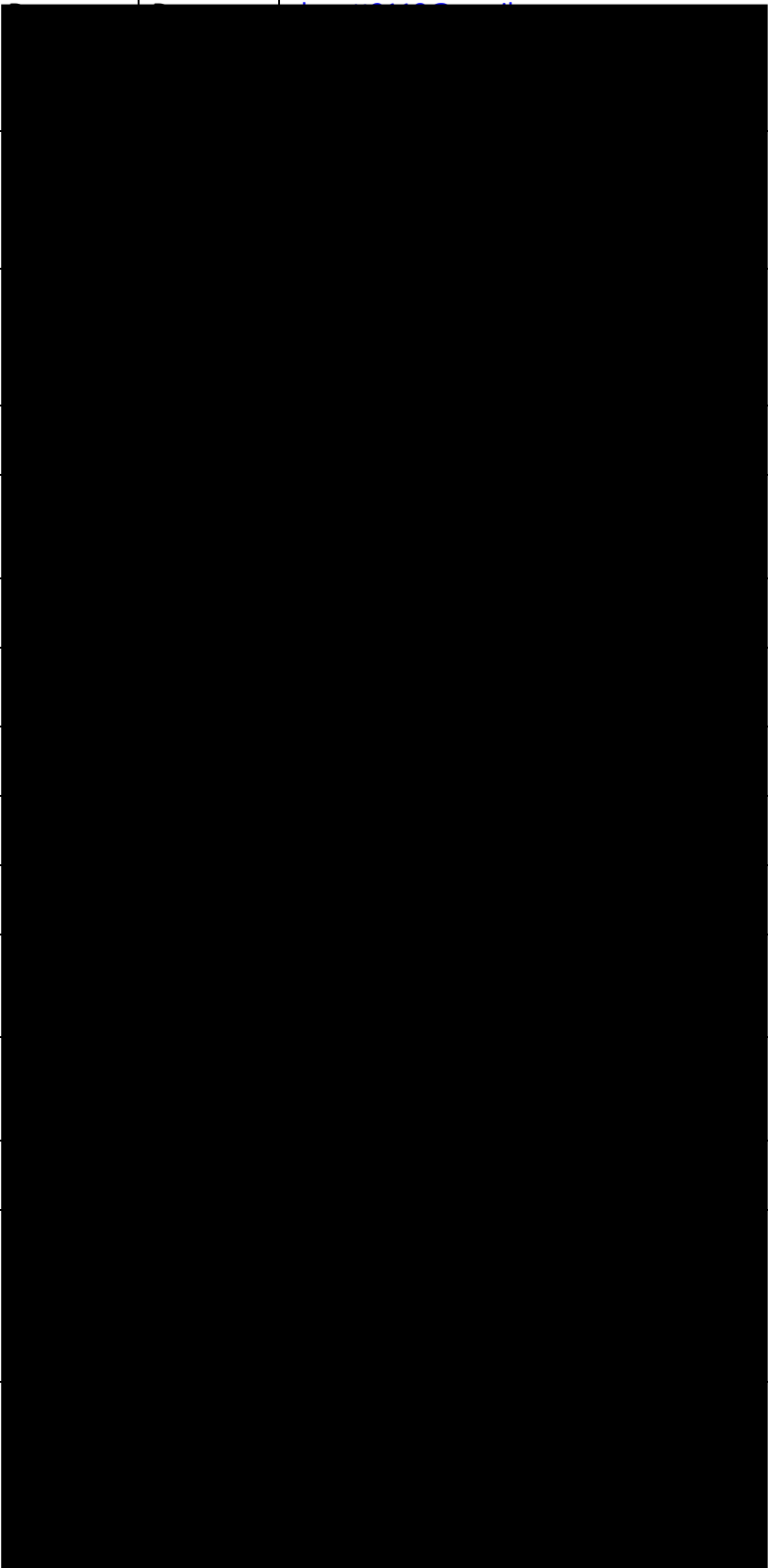
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Humshaugh Parish Clerk

Herbie Newell

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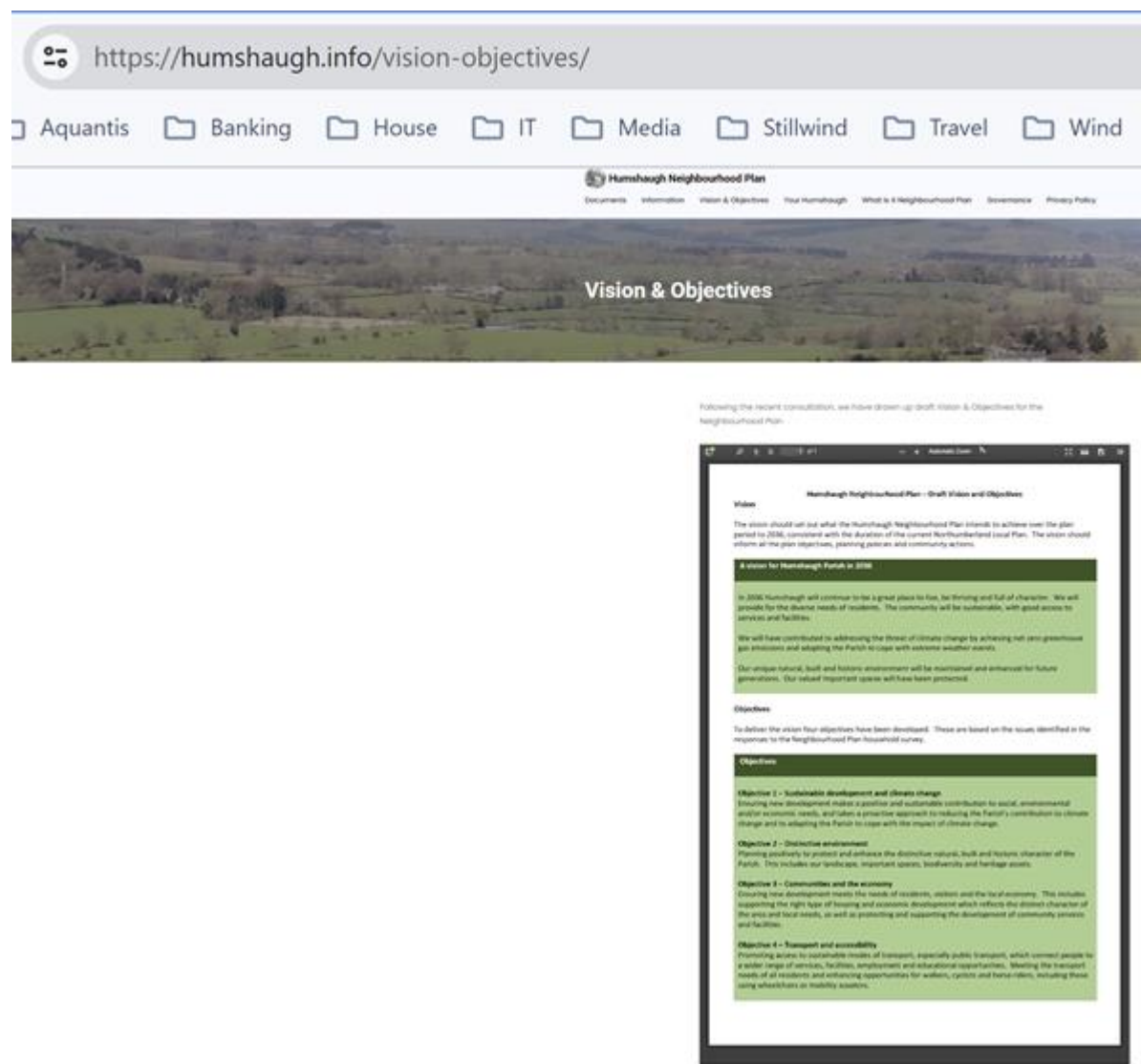
List of identified stakeholders

Stakeholder Type	Org.	Contact	Greeting	Email/Address
Parish Organisations	Humshaugh Community Ventures Ltd			
	St Peter's Church			
	Humshaugh and Wark Medical Group			
	Humshaugh Village Hall			
	Humshaugh CoE(Aided) First School			
	Humshaugh Net Zero			
Landowners	Nunwick Estate			
	Dodds Family			
	Evans Trust			
	Haughton Estate			
	Chesters Estate			
	Walwick Hall and Chesters			

Non-Commercial Organisations with responsibility for land, amenities and/or heritage	Historic England	
	Evans Trust	
	Humshaugh Children's Playing Field Trust	
	Humshaugh Cricket Club	
	Northumberland National Park	
	Tyne Rivers Trust	
	Diocese Newcastle	
Providers of Social Housing	Karbon Homes	
	Riverside	
	Home Group	
Providers of Private Rented Accommodation		
	Others	
Major Local Businesses	The Crown	
	The George	
	Jewitt's Coaches	
	Walwick Hall	
	Keepershiel d Quarry	

Appendix 5: Consultation on draft vision and objectives (February 2023)

Extract from website



Humshaugh News (sent to all residential properties in the parish)

HUMSHAUGH NEWS – FEBRUARY 2023

For a large print version of this newsletter call – 07980 358295



UPCOMING EVENTS – FEBRUARY 2023 AND MARCH 2023

DATE AND TIME	EVENT	VENUE	CONTACT
Tuesday 21 st February 8pm	Crown Inn Quiz in aid of Humshaugh Cricket Club	Crown Inn	
Thursday 23 rd February 7pm	Humshaugh Net Zero Meeting on Home Energy Efficiency	Village Hall	
Thursday 2 nd March 7pm	Humshaugh Parish Council Bimonthly Meeting	Village Hall	
Saturday 4 th March 10am-12 noon	Coffee Morning in aid of St Peter's Church	Village Hall	
Thursday 9 th – Saturday 11 th March. 7.30pm	"Around the World in 80 Days" by the Crown Players	Village Hall	
Tuesday 14 th March 7pm	Village Hall Annual General Meeting	Village Hall	
Saturday 18 th March 12.30 for 1pm	"Lawrence of Arabia" HAP and Tyne Valley Film Festival	Village Hall	
Thursday 23 rd March 7pm	Humshaugh Net Zero Meeting on the Humshaugh Community Solar Project	Village Hall	
Thursday 30 th March 7pm for 7.30pm	Folk evening with Jez Lowe supported by the Dodgy B's.	Village Hall	

WARMHUB

A reminder that until the end of March the Village Hall is open every Tuesday 10am-12 midday for coffee and a chat. Anyone needing a lift should call Diana Linnett on 07974 922771.

HUMSHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

The last meeting of Humshaugh Parish Council was on Thursday 12th January 2023. Minutes of the meeting are available at: <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/humshaugh/documents/minutes>. Residents are reminded that they are very welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and can raise items either at the meeting during the Public Forum or by writing to our Parish Clerk Kaeti Seth at 9A, St Peter's Way, Humshaugh, humshaughpc@gmail.com. Items raised by residents and those discussed by the Parish Council included:

- **EV Charge Points** – Northumberland County Council are planning to install two electric vehicle charge points.
- **Photovoltaic electricity generation facility at Lincoln Hill** – A full planning application has been submitted. Over 20 supportive comments have been submitted and no objections.
- **Parish Council Precept 2023/24** – The precept will remain unchanged from 2022/23.
- **Footpath and gutter clearance** – Options have been reviewed and a costed March Parish Council meeting.
- **Councillor Vacancies** – There are currently two vacancies. Those interested should contact the Parish Clerk.

The next meeting of Humshaugh Parish Council will be on Thursday 2nd March 2023. The agenda will be published one week before the meeting on Village noticeboards and <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/humshaugh/documents/agenda>.

HUMSHAUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There was a very high level of response to the Neighbourhood Plan residents' survey with 145 surveys returned. Very many thanks to all those who took part. A summary is available at <https://humshaugh.info/consultation/> and based on these responses a draft Vision and Objectives for the Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan have been prepared (below). Comments on the Vision and Objectives are very welcome and should be sent to plan@humshaugh.info or our Parish Clerk Kaeti Seth at 9A, St Peter's Way, Humshaugh.

HUMSHAUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – DRAFT VISION AND OBJECTIVES

VISION

The vision should set out what the Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan intends to achieve over the plan period to 2036, consistent with the duration of the current Northumberland Local Plan. The vision should inform all the plan objectives, planning policies and community actions.

A vision for Humshaugh Parish in 2036:

In 2036 Humshaugh will continue to be a great place to live, be thriving and full of character. We will provide for the diverse needs of residents. The community will be sustainable, with good access to services and facilities. We will have contributed to addressing the threat of climate change by achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions and adapting the Parish to cope with extreme weather events. Our unique natural, built and historic environment will be maintained and enhanced for future generations. Our valued important spaces will have been protected.

OBJECTIVES

To deliver the vision four objectives have been developed. These are based on the issues identified in the responses to the Neighbourhood Plan household survey.

Objective 1 – Sustainable development and climate change

Ensuring new development makes a positive and sustainable contribution to social, environmental and/or economic needs, and takes a proactive approach to reducing the Parish's contribution to climate change and to adapting the Parish to cope with the impact of climate change.

Objective 2 – Distinctive environment

Planning positively to protect and enhance the distinctive natural, built and historic character of the Parish. This includes our landscape, important spaces, biodiversity and heritage assets.

Objective 3 – Communities and the economy

Ensuring new development meets the needs of residents, visitors and the local economy. This includes supporting the right type of housing and economic development which reflects the distinct character of the area and local needs, as well as protecting and supporting the development of community services and facilities.

Objective 4 – Transport and accessibility

Promoting access to sustainable modes of transport, especially public transport, which connect people to a wider range of services, facilities, employment and educational opportunities. Meeting the transport needs of all residents and enhancing opportunities for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, including those using wheelchairs or mobility scooters.

Appendix 6: Engagement with local businesses (August 2023)

Letter to businesses

Dower House
Humshaugh, Hexham
Northumberland
NE46 4AG

29th August 2023

Tel: 01434 681312

Email: herbie.newell@ncl.ac.uk

Dear

Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan

Humshaugh Parish Council are currently preparing a Neighbourhood Plan (<https://humshaugh.info/>). One of the objectives of the emerging plan is to ensure that new development meets the needs of residents, visitors and the local economy. We are therefore seeking feedback from local businesses, including farms and those involved in tourism, on the types of issues the plan could seek to address.

The Northumberland Local Plan already contains several policies which seek to support rural economic growth and tourism, which do not need to be repeated in the Neighbourhood Plan (<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Planning/Planning-policy/Plan.aspx>).

In order to inform our Neighbourhood Plan it would be helpful if you could provide feedback on the following two points:

- Has your business faced any challenges to its operation and/or expansion as a result of planning restrictions? If so, it would be helpful if you could provide some background information and how you consider our Neighbourhood Plan could help to overcome these.
- Are there any other non-planning matters that you consider the Parish Council could look to address in the Plan, working with other stakeholders, that would help the future sustainability of your business?

If we could please have your feedback *via* email or in writing by the 16th September that would be very much appreciated. Alternatively, if you would like to speak on the phone or arrange a meeting, please call me on 01434 681312.

Very many thanks in advance for any contribution you would like to make to our Neighbourhood Plan at this stage. Once we have a draft Plan this will be available for public consultation and further input before the end of the year.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Herbie Newell CBE – Chair Humshaugh Parish Council

List of businesses contacted and summary of feedback received

Commercial – Excluding self-catering and B&B premises

Name	Contact and Email	Contacted	Response	Notes
Crown Inn		29/8/23 Letter		
George Hotel		29/8/23		
Jewitts		29/8/23		
Keepersshield Quarry		29/8/23	8/9/23	HN visited Adrian Wood at Keepersshield Quarry 12/10/23. He did not report any issues.
Riverside Kitchen		29/8/23		
The Old Chapel		29/8/23		
Walwick Hall		29/8/23		
Humshaugh Village Shop		31/8/23		

Commercial – Self-catering and B&B premises

Name	Contact and Email	Contacted	Response	Notes
East Farm House and Cottage		29/8/23		
Greencarts Bunk Barn & Camp Site		6/9/23		
Haughton Estate		29/8/23	4/9/23	It is our objective to run a sustainable mixed landed estate, updating our redundant building to meet present conditions. It is very important for the local plan to expressly encourage local enterprise and the working environment. We provide rented accommodation and

				face the constant problem of updating to meet environmental regulations – but not being stopped by listed building planning requirements. The plan should recognise that there are many listed buildings in the Humshaugh area – contributing to its character.
Dick and Sue B&B		29/8/23	29/8/23	No planning issues. Concerns over improving energy efficiency (currently oil boiler and poor insulation) and installing PV as the building is Grade II Listed. The Crown is noted as being critical to the business.
Jayne B&B		29/8/23	7/9/23	I have not had any problems planning wise for the business. The only thing I can think of, and I don't think the PC would have any influence over, is the area outside our house.
Judith Ridley B&B		29/8/23 Letter		
Tom B&B		29/8/23		

Farms

Name	Contact and Email	Contacted	Response	Notes
Blackcarts		6/9/23		
Greencarts		6/9/23		See above.
Heatheridge		6/9/23		
Keepersshield		31/8/23 Letter		
Wayn Riggs		29/8/23		

Appendix 7: Community updates

HUMSHAUGH NEWS – DECEMBER 2022

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Humshaugh Parish Council wishes all residents a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

UPCOMING EVENTS – DECEMBER 2022 AND JANUARY 2023

DATE AND TIME	EVENT	VENUE	CONTACT
Friday 9 th December Approximately 7pm	Northumberland Christmas Wagon Run	Village	
Saturday 10 th December 2pm	Free screening of "Upl" - Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult	Village Hall	
Saturday 10 th and Sunday 11 th December 10am-4pm	Crib Festival	St Peter's Church	
Wednesday 14 th December 6pm outside the Crown	Village Carol Singing	Village	
Christmas Eve - Saturday 24 th December 4.30pm	Christmas Carol Service	St Peter's Church	
Saturday 31 st December 8pm onwards	Crown Inn New Year's Eve Fancy Dress Party	Crown Inn	
Thursday 12 th January 7pm	Humshaugh Parish Council Bimonthly Meeting	Village Hall	
Friday 13 th January 7.30pm	Film Night – "Saving Grace"	Village Hall	
Tuesday 17 th January 8pm	Crown Inn Quiz in aid of the Leek Club	Crown Inn	
Saturday 21 st January 10am-4pm	Willow Basket Weaving Workshop	Village Hall	

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan – Following the drop-in event at the Village Hall in October and the residents' survey in November, which yielded over 100 responses, the scope of the Plan is now being defined. Information on the Plan, and in due course the Draft Neighbourhood Plan itself, is available at <https://humshaugh.info/>.

Humshaugh Emergency Plan – The Humshaugh Emergency Plan was adopted by the Parish Council at the November meeting. Volunteer Emergency Response Wardens are now being sought who, on becoming aware of a potential emergency, will determine the nature of the emergency and inform the Parish Clerk. If an emergency is declared by Northumberland County Council and the Parish Council, each Warden will initiate emergency procedures which will include the following:

- Contact/visit all residents who have indicated they wish to be contacted within the area of responsibility. This list of residents will be reviewed by each Warden on an ongoing basis.
- Determine which residents may require evacuation or what, if any, requirements residents may have to enable them to stay in their own home.
- Ensure that the Parish Council is kept informed of the situation of residents in the area of responsibility. It is the responsibility of the Parish Council working with Northumberland County Council to put in place further responses - such as activating Emergency Rest Centres and/or Community Response Hubs, etc.

Emergency service personnel on their arrival and thereafter act on the instructions of the emergency senior officer.

Wardens, and each Warden will also determine if the roads and/or paths in their designated area need to be cleared of snow or snow ploughing during winter weather. Residents wishing to be considered for the role of Emergency Response Warden should contact Kaeti Seth, Parish Clerk, on humshaughpc@gmail.com.

Youth Club – With generous support from Humshaugh Community Ventures Ltd, the Evans Trust and Humshaugh Parish Council a Youth Club is now running in term time every Tuesday 6-7.30pm in the Village Hall. Children aged 8-13 in school years 4-8 are very welcome. There is a fee of £1 per night per young person and a drink and snack are provided. Parent volunteers to help run the club and anyone interested in paid sessional work (2h per week in term time) should contact Lisa Robinson - Lisa.Robinson@northtyneyouth.co.uk.

West Northumberland Food Bank Donation Point - To help in these difficult times a Donation Point for the West Northumberland Food Bank has been set up in St Peter's Church. The church is open every day from 9am until dusk, and donations of non-perishable food, household and baby items will be very much appreciated.

HUMSHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

The last meeting of Humshaugh Parish Council was on the 10th November 2022. Minutes of the meeting are available at: <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/humshaugh/documents/minutes>. Residents are reminded that they are very welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and can raise items either at the meeting during the Public Forum or by writing to our Parish Clerk Kaeti Seth at 9A, St Peter's Way, Humshaugh, humshaughpc@gmail.com.

Items raised by residents and those discussed by the Parish Council included:

- **Northumberland Christmas Wagon Run** – As noted above, the timber wagons will be coming through the Village early evening on the 9th December. To allow safe passage all residents are asked to remove vehicles from the road whilst the wagons come through.
- **Trees at the end of Farm Lane** – NCC have submitted a planning application to remove the deadwood, lift the tree canopies by 2-3 metres, and lift, thin and reduce the tree crowns.
- **Photovoltaic electricity generation facility at Lincoln Hill** - Humshaugh Net Zero have submitted a planning application for a 1MW solar photovoltaic "farm" that would meet approximately half of the Parish's current electricity needs and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 160 tonnes each year.
- **Footpath and gutter clearance** – Options for improving the clearance of footpaths and gutters are being evaluated for discussion at the January Parish Council Meeting. Suggestions are welcome and should be sent to Peter Woodward - pwoodward965@gmail.com.

The next meeting of Humshaugh Parish Council will be on Thursday 12th January 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall. The agenda will be published one week before the meeting on Village noticeboards and will be available at: <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/humshaugh/documents/agenda>.

OTHER ITEMS – Help in hard times

Humshaugh Community Ventures Ltd Hardship Fund - Humshaugh Community Ventures Ltd (HCVL) is concerned about the cost-of-living crisis and the hardship it may bring for residents. HCVL has set up a Fund to provide temporary financial help for residents of Humshaugh Parish through support for utility bills and food shopping. To access the fund please ring or text 07857 560746 leaving your name and contact details. All enquiries will be treated in strict confidence. HCVL will also try to put residents in touch with other useful services. In addition, the Village Shop provides a range of low-cost essentials.

Northumberland Communities Together – NCC have established Northumberland Communities Together to provide help and advice for those with financial worries, those who are feeling lonely or overwhelmed, or those who are worried about domestic abuse or about a neighbour. Residents should call 01670 620015 or email NCT@northumberland.gov.uk. All calls and emails are dealt with in strict confidence.

Appendix 8: Pre-submission engagement – consultation bodies and other interested parties

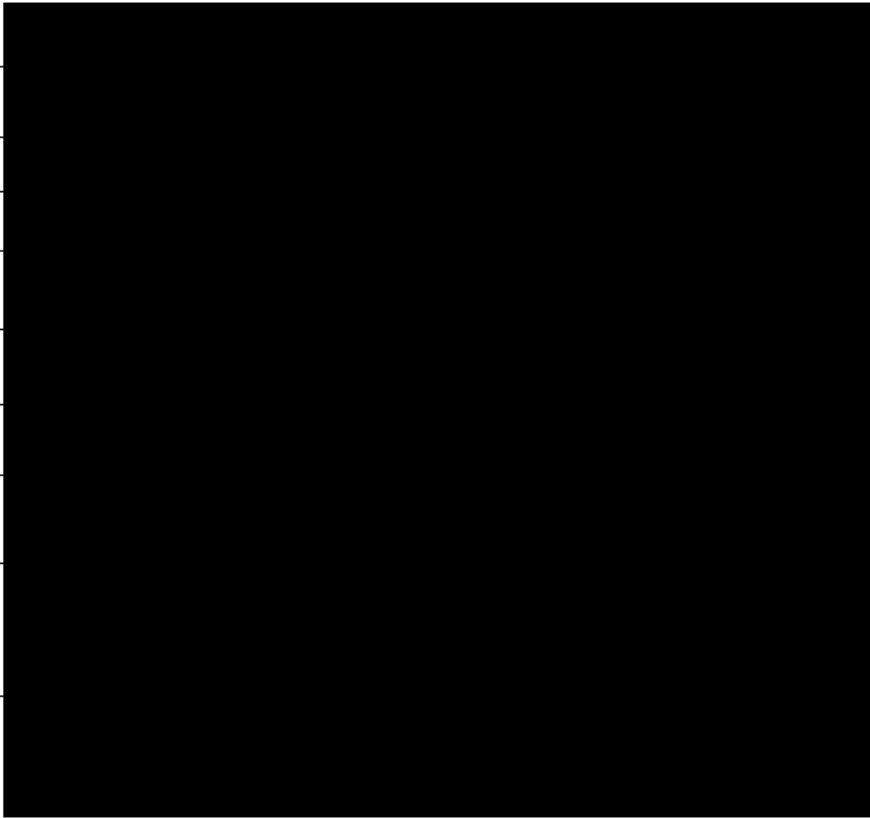
Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Bodies – identified by NCC

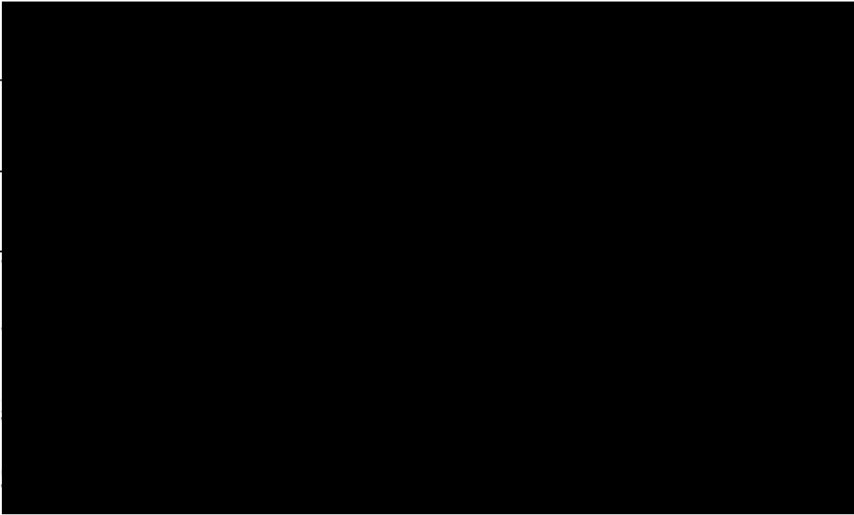
Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Bodies for Humshaugh Parish Council

Important note: This list is valid as of 22 November 2023. If consultation is delayed, it is up to the Parish Council to ensure it has the most up-to-date version of this advice note to ensure that all consultation bodies are current.

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact Details
Director of Planning, Local Planning Authority	Northumberland County Council	
Neighbourhood Planning Team, Local Planning Authority	Northumberland County Council	
Local Planning Authority	Northumberland National Park Authority	
The Coal Authority	The Coal Authority	
Homes England	Homes England	
Natural England	Natural England	
The Environment Agency	The Environment Agency	
Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England	Historic England	

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact Details
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	
National Highways	National Highways	
Relevant Primary Care Trust	NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group	
Any person who owns or controls electronic communications apparatus situated in any part of the area of the local planning authority	The <u>Alncom Group</u>	
	<u>Avonline</u>	
	British Telecommunications Plc.	
	<u>Briskona</u>	
	CTIL (Acting on behalf of Vodafone and O2)	
	EE	
	Three	
	Virgin Media Limited	

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact Details
		
	Wildcard Networks	
	Arqiva	
	Openreach	
Any person to whom the electronic communications code applies	CTIL (Acting on behalf of Vodafone and O2)	
	EE	
	Three	
Any person to whom a licence has been granted under section 6(1)(b) and (c) of the Electricity Act 1989.	Northern <u>Powergrid</u>	
	National Grid	
Any a person to whom a licence has been granted under section 7(2) of the Gas Act 1986.	Northern Gas Networks	

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact Details
Sewerage undertaker	Northumbrian Water Limited	
Water undertaker	Northumbrian Water Limited	
Marine Management Organisation	Marine Management Organisation	
Adjoining local authorities – Parish Councils	All parish councils that adjoin the neighbourhood area	
Voluntary Bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or any part of the neighbourhood area		To be identified by the Parish Council
Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area		To be identified by the Parish Council

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact Details
Bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the neighbourhood area		To be identified by the Parish Council
Bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area		To be identified by the Parish Council
Bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the neighbourhood area		To be identified by the Parish Council

Additional consultees – identified by HPC

Voluntary Bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or any part of the neighbourhood area

Voluntary Body	Contact
Humshaugh Children's Playing Field Trust	
Evans Trust	
Humshaugh Women's Institute	
Age UK Northumberland	

Bodies which represent the interests of different religious, racial, ethnic or national groups in the neighbourhood area

Body	Contact
St Peter's Church	

Bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying out businesses in the neighbourhood area

Body	Contact
Business Network	

Bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the neighbourhood area

Body	Contact
Disability North	

Landowners

Land Code	Land/Owners	Contact
LGS01	Playing field and play area Humshaugh Children's Playing Field Trust	
LGS02	The Orchard Valerie Ann Nelson	
LGS02	The Orchard Lois Gwendoline Dodds	
LGS03	Bog Field (south of Chesters Meadows) Duchy Homes Limited	
LGS04	The Leggit Field Mrs Davidson, Grundseth and McKee	
LGS05	Humshaugh Burn Wood Valerie Ann Nelson	
LGS06	Humshaugh War Memorial Christopher George Dinning and Joan Margery Dinning	
LGS07	Haughton Square Haughton Square (Humshaugh) Management Company	
LGS08	St Peters Church Yard Church of England	
LGS09	The Glebe Field Church of England	
LGS10	Entrance to Doctors Lane Northumberland County Council	
LGS11	Chesters Meadow amenity area Duchy Homes Limited	
LGS12	Field opposite Douglas Terrace Evans Trust	
POS1	Field to the North of the Crown Valerie Ann Nelson	
POS2	Doctors Lane Field CAE Braithwaite, NE Braithwaite, CFS May	
POS3	Evans Trust Field (north of war memorial) Evans Trust	

Residents/owners of buildings identified under Policy 4

Building Code	Building/Owner/Resident	Contact
CA1	Humshaugh House	
CA2	East Farm	
CA3	Dale House	
CA4	Dale Cottage	
CA5	Teasdale House	
CA6	Linden House	
CA7	Simonburn Cottage	
CA8	Waynriggs	
CA9	The Crown Inn	
CA10	St Peter's Church	
CA11	Wesleyan Chapel	
CA12	Humshaugh Village Hall	

Key Community Facilities identified in Policy 8

Facility	Contact
Village Shop	
Humshaugh First School	
The Crown Inn	
Village Hall	
Surgery	
St Peter's Church	

Appendix 9: Pre-submission engagement - letters sent to consultation bodies and other interested parties

Humshaugh Parish Council



6 December 2023

Dear Consultee

**Humshaugh draft Neighbourhood Plan
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012: Regulation 14 consultation and publicity**

Humshaugh Parish Council has prepared a Neighbourhood Plan.

For the purposes of the Regulations, you are identified by the Parish Council as a consultation body whose interests may be affected by the policies contained in the draft Plan.

I am therefore inviting you to submit any written representations you wish to make about the Plan between **7th 2023** and **25th January 2024**.

The draft Plan and supporting documents can be viewed on the Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan website at <https://humshaugh.info/>

The Parish Council is holding a drop in event on Thursday 7th December at Humshaugh Village Hall between 7pm and 9pm, and again on Saturday 9th December between 10am and 12 noon at the same venue where printed copies of the plan and supporting documents will be available. If you require your own printed copies of the documents, please contact us by email plan@humshaugh.info or telephone 01434 689261.

Representations may be made by email to plan@humshaugh.info or by post to the Secretary, Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, 10 Beechcroft, Humshaugh, Hexham NE46 4DN by **Thursday 25th January 2024**.

All representations will be considered by the Parish Council in producing the final Draft Plan which will then be submitted to Northumberland County Council as local planning authority who will arrange further publicity and an Independent Examination.

If you have any questions about this consultation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Herbie Newell
Chair, Humshaugh Parish Council

Humshaugh Parish Council



5/12/23

Dear Friends,

Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan: Notification of Draft Neighbourhood Plan

I am writing to inform you that the Parish Council has completed work on preparing the Draft Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan. We are consulting on our plan for 6 weeks between Thursday 7th December 2023 and Thursday 25th January 2024.

From 7/12/23 the Draft Plan and supporting documents can be viewed on the Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan website at www.Humshaugh.info. Printed copies of the Plan will be available to inspect at The Humshaugh Village Shop Humshaugh 9.30 to 12.30pm Monday to Friday.

Anyone can comment on the draft Plan. Representations must be made in writing either by email to plan@humshaugh.info or by post to the Secretary, Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, 10 Beechcroft, Humshaugh Hexham NE46 4DN.

We are also holding two drop-in events at the Village Hall on:

Thursday 7th December 7pm to 9pm

Saturday 9th December 10am to 12 noon.

Copies of the draft Neighbourhood Plan will be available at both these drop-in events and members of the Parish Council and the Steering Group will be available to provide more information and answer questions.

We would be pleased to receive any written representations you may wish to make on the Plan and supporting documents **before 5pm on Thursday 25th January 2024.**

If you have any questions about this consultation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

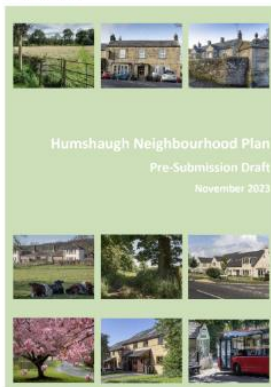
Herbie Newell
Chair, Humshaugh Parish Council

Appendix 10: Pre-submission engagement – website

Website



We are seeking your views on our draft neighbourhood plan by Thursday 25th January, 2024



We have reached the next exciting stage in the process where we have a draft plan available for comments before we submit it to Northumberland County Council for the final review stages prior to a public referendum.

Below you will find the following reports:

- Draft Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan
- Draft Humshaugh policies map
- Humshaugh Local Green Space and Protected Open Space Background Paper (2023)
- Humshaugh Heritage Background Paper (2023)
- Humshaugh draft Design Guidance and Codes (2023)
- Humshaugh Housing Needs Assessment (2023)
- Feedback from October 2022 engagement
- Feedback from December 2022 Resident's Survey (2022)

You can read the documents online. If you select the >> button in the top right hand corner of each document you can enter presentation mode for easier reading, download, or print.

Copies of these documents will be available in the Village Shop.

Appendix 11: Pre-submission engagement - newsletter sent to all households

HUMSHAUGH NEWS – OCTOBER 2023

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UPCOMING EVENTS – November 2023 and December 2023

DATE AND TIME	EVENT	VENUE	CONTACT
Friday 3 rd November Food from 5.45pm Fireworks 6.30pm	Humshaugh Playing Field Fireworks Display	Humshaugh Playing Field	
Saturday 4 th November 10am	St Peter's Church Coffee Morning	Village Hall	
Thursday 9 th November 7pm	Humshaugh Parish Council Bimonthly Meeting	Village Hall	
Friday 10 th November 7.30pm	Film Night – "The Man in the Hat"	Village Hall	
Thursday 16 th November 7pm	Humshaugh WI Meeting – Christmas Crafts	Village Hall	
Tuesday 21 st November 8.30pm	Crown Inn Quiz in aid of Friends of Humshaugh School	Crown Inn	
Friday 24 th November 7.30pm	The Border Readers "Murder they Wrote"	Village Hall	
Thursday 30 th November	Billy Mitchell concert	Village Hall	
Saturday 2 nd December 10am	Humshaugh Cricket Club Coffee Morning	Village Hall	
Thursday 7 th December 7pm	Neighbourhood Plan drop-in sessions	Village Hall	
Saturday 9 th December 10am	St Peter's Crib Festival – Viewing on Saturday and Service on Sunday	St Peter's Church	
Tuesday 19 th December 10am	Carol Singing at the Village Hall Warm Hub	Village Hall	
Wednesday 20 th December 12 noon to 2pm	Senior Residents' Christmas Lunch	Crown Inn	
Thursday 21 st December 7pm	Humshaugh WI Meeting – Christmas Dinner	Village Hall	
Sunday 24 th December 4pm	Christmas Eve Carol Service at St Peter's	St Peter's Church	

The next meeting of Humshaugh Parish Council will be on Thursday 9th November 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall. The agenda will be published one week before the meeting on Village noticeboards and will be available at: <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/humshaugh/documents/agenda>.

OTHER ITEMS

HUMSHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

The last meeting of Humshaugh Parish Council was on Thursday 14th September <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/humshaugh/documents/minutes>.

Updates were given on developments at the George Hotel, planning application Telephone Kiosk, the Community Emergency Plan and EV charge points.

Humshaugh Playing Field Fireworks Display – The annual fireworks display is on Friday 3rd November, food is served from 5.45 pm with fireworks at 6.30pm. All are very welcome and donations on the night are much appreciated. It is essential that those attending **DO NOT bring their own fireworks or sparklers**. Very many thanks to the Humshaugh Children's Playing Field Trust for organising this spectacular event!

Humshaugh Village Hall Warm Hub – The winter Warm Hub at the Village Hall is operating again every Tuesday morning from 10am-12 noon, starting on the 7th November. All are very welcome to come along and enjoy a hot drink, good company and a chat.

Senior Residents' Christmas Lunch – With generous support from Humshaugh Community Ventures Ltd and Humshaugh Parish Council, there will be a Christmas Lunch for senior residents either in the Crown Inn (12 noon to 2pm) or home-delivered on Wednesday 20th December. Anyone wishing to have a lunch home-delivered or book a meal in the Crown should contact Herbie Newell on 01434 681312 or herbie.newell@ncl.ac.uk.

Humshaugh Village Hall Secretary – After many years of being Secretary of Humshaugh Village Hall, Marie Roberts will be standing down at the AGM in March 2024. Marie has been an excellent secretary and whoever takes over will inherit a very well organised system! Please contact Diana Linnett on 689239 if you are interested in finding out more about the role and what it entails, with a view to a phased takeover from Marie over the intervening months.

HUMSHAUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Thanks to hard work by many residents the draft Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan will be available for public consultation towards the end of November and during December.

The draft Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan has 10 Policies and 8 Community Actions. The Policies relate directly to planning and the Community Actions to other issues raised during the public consultation process.

Specific Policies in the draft Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan relate to:

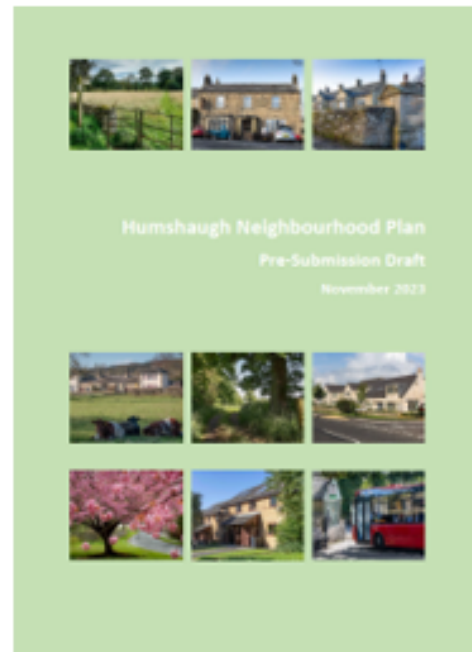
- **Community Energy Initiatives** – To respond to the climate emergency and provide secure, sustainable and affordable energy for the Parish.
- **Local Green and Protected Open Spaces** – To protect the highly valued sites that are such a key part of the tranquil rural environment we all enjoy.
- **The Humshaugh Conservation Area and Local Distinctiveness** – To ensure that the historic character of our Village is maintained for the benefit of future generations.
- **Building Design Codes** – To protect and enhance the rural and historic character of the Parish in any new development.
- **Affordable Housing for Local People** – To support development where there is clear evidence of local need, for example in "small scale rural exception sites" to provide affordable housing for local young people, local families and our ageing population.
- **Communities Facilities** – To support our key institutions: Humshaugh CoE(Aided) First School, the Village Hall, Surgery, St Peter's Church, Crown Inn and Village Shop.
- **Tourism and Transport** – To foster the local economy and maintain links to local and regional centres for all residents.

The draft Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan will be available in due course online at <https://humshaugh.info/>, in the Village Shop and at drop-in sessions at the Village Hall on the 7th December at 7pm and 9th December at 10am.

Appendix 12: Pre-submission engagement - poster

Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan
Drop-In Sessions
Humshaugh Village Hall
7-9pm Thursday 7th December
10am-12noon Saturday 9th December

Come and learn
about the Pre-
Submission Draft of
the Humshaugh
Neighbourhood Plan
and have your say.



**All residents are very welcome
and encouraged to drop-in!**

Appendix 13: Pre-submission engagement - articles

Text included in Hexham Courant Village Notes (30 November 2023)

Last week's Crown Inn quiz raised an excellent £238 on behalf of the Friends of Humshaugh School. In a high-scoring contest no fewer than 5 teams ended the evening on 55 or 55.5 points. After a protracted tie-break the Orkney Storks finally prevailed. The next quiz at The Crown will take place on Tuesday 23 January at 8pm and will be in aid of The Crown Inn Leek Club.

The Humshaugh Village Hall Coffee Morning this Saturday 2 December, 10am to noon, is in aid of Humshaugh Cricket Club. Do come along and support your local cricket club.

The drop-in sessions at the Village Hall for residents to review and comment on the draft Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan are next Thursday 7 December at 7pm and next Saturday 9 December at 10am. Hard copies of the plan and feedback forms will also be available in the Village Shop, and on line at <https://humshaugh.info/>. Alternatively, comments can be emailed to plan@humshaugh.info. Do come along and have your say.

Your community choir North Tyne Voices will be performing its Christmas/winter repertoire next Tuesday 5 December at 12.15 in the Queen's Hall foyer followed by a 13.00 performance in Hexham Abbey. Why not come along? On Tuesday 12 December at 14.45, the choir will be performing the songs for the local community in the Village Hall when residents can join in well-known Christmas songs!

The service at St Peter's this Sunday 3 December is Late@8 Contemporary Worship at 8pm. All are very welcome.

Text included in Hexham Courant Village Notes (7 December 2023)

The Billy Mitchell concert in the Village Hall last Thursday was a sell-out and a fantastic evening, with a mixture of Lindisfarne classics and personal songs. Many thanks to Chris Francis for organising the event and the ever-excellent warm-up act; Humshaugh's "Dodgy Bs"!

The drop-in sessions at the Village Hall for residents to review and comment on the draft Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan are tonight at 7pm and this Saturday 9 December 10am-12 noon. The plan and feedback forms are also available in the Village Shop, and online at <https://humshaugh.info/>. Alternatively, comments can be emailed to plan@humshaugh.info.

This year's Christmas Truck Run is tomorrow Friday 8 December, coming through Humshaugh early evening. Funds raised will go to the Great North Air Ambulance and North Tyne families in need.

Tuesday 10am Village Hall Warmhub coffee club special events for December are "Christmas decorations" on 12th and "Community Carol Singing" on 19th.

A reminder that next Tuesday 12 December at 14.45, North Tyne Voices will be performing Christmas songs for the local community in the Village Hall when residents can join in well-known Christmas favourites!

The hugely successful St Peter's Crib Festival this year is from 10am-4pm Saturday 16 December with the Service of Blessing of Cribs on Sunday 17 at 10am. Please bring cribs to church between 3-6pm on Thursday 14 and collect them after the service on the 17th.

The service at St Peter's this Sunday 10 December is Holy Communion at 10am. All are very welcome.

Appendix 14: Pre-submission engagement - response form

**Pre-Submission Draft
Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan
Response Form**



You can use this response form to provide feedback on the Pre-Submission Draft Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan.



Scan to complete online

We need your comments by 25th January 2024

1. Do you agree with the key issues for the plan to address, identified in section 2 of the draft plan?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on the key issues, please add them below.

2. Do you agree with the vision and objectives for the plan, set out within section 3 of the draft plan?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on the vision and objectives, please add them below.

3. Policy 1 supports renewable and low carbon energy development that is led by or which meets the needs of the local community. It identifies a number of criteria to be met. Do you support the draft policy?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on policy 1, please add them below.

4. **Policy 2 identifies 12 sites to be allocated as local green space. Do you support the draft policy?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on policy 2 please add them below.

5. **Policy 3 identifies three sites to be allocated as protected open space. Do you support the draft policy?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on policy 3, please add them below.

6. **Policy 4 identifies the key considerations for assessing proposals within the Humshaugh Conservation Area and also highlights key buildings. Do you support the draft policy?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on policy 4, please add them below.

7. **Policy 5 encourages high quality and sustainable design and sets out key principles that should be addressed as part of proposals for new development. Do you support the draft policy?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on policy 5, please add them below.

8. Policy 6 defines design codes to promote good design, it has been informed by the Humshaugh Design Code. Do you support the draft policy?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on policy 6, please add them below.

9. Policy 7 supports the limited development of rural exception sites to deliver affordable housing where specific criteria are met. Do you support the draft policy?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on policy 7, please add them below.

10. Policy 8 identifies the community facilities which are of great importance to the local community and seeks to protect these. Do you support the draft policy?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on policy 8, please add them below.

11. Policy 9 supports tourism development within the Humshaugh settlement boundary. It requires that tourism proposals in the open countryside must meet specific criteria and also contains guidance regarding the development of chalets, camping pods, caravans and campsites. Do you support the draft policy?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on policy 9, please add them below.

12. Policy 10 seeks to ensure that development maximises the use of sustainable transport modes, supports the installation of rapid EV charging points and the protection of the rights of way network. Do you support the draft policy?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on policy 10, please add them below.

13. Annex 1 to the plan identifies a number of community actions which cannot be addressed through the planning system. If you have any comments on the proposed community actions, please add them below.

14. If you have any other comments on the plan or its supporting documents, please add them below.

Contact details

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Any personal data supplied will only be used in relation to the preparation of the neighbourhood plan and will be maintained in accordance with the data protection regulations and the Humshaugh Parish Council privacy policy. Completed response forms must be received by **25th January 2024**.

Please send completed response forms to: The Secretary, Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, 10 Beechcroft, Humshaugh Hexham, NE46 4DN; by email to: plan@humshaugh.info; or you can drop them off to the Village Shop.

An online version of this form is available on the neighbourhood plan website: <https://humshaugh.info/>

Thank you for taking the time to give us your comments on the draft plan.

Appendix 15: Pre-submission engagement - display boards used at drop in events and photographs

Display boards comprised print outs of all of the draft policies, community actions and policies maps. Hard copies of the consultation documents were also available.



Appendix 16: Pre-submission consultation responses and proposed amendments

Consultee	Comment	Response/ proposed change
General		
Northumberland County Council	Thank you for consulting the County Council on the Pre-Submission Draft Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan. Firstly, I would like to congratulate the Parish Council and their Steering Group on reaching this stage in plan preparation and for creating a well-considered draft plan for the future of the parish.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Northumberland National Park Authority	<p>Thank you for consulting Northumberland National Park Authority on the Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan Pre-submission Draft (December 2023).</p> <p>The National Park Authority acknowledges and welcomes the extensive work and commitment of the Steering Group in preparing the draft Neighbourhood Plan. I would like to take this opportunity to commend the content and structure of the Plan.</p> <p>I consider it is concise and easy to read, the policies are straightforward and focused.</p> <p>It is considered that the draft Plan does, have appropriate regard to national policy and guidance, and this is referenced throughout the plan. In addition, it is considered that the plan should contribute to the achievement of sustainable development.</p> <p>With regard to general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan, the Authority recognises that the majority of development that will take place within the Plan area that lies outside the National Park boundary. However, this being said, the Authority considers that the policy approach is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the NNPA Local Plan (2020) as applicable to the small part of the Neighbourhood Plan Area that lies within the National Park.</p>	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.

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The Coal Authority	<p>Our records indicate that within the identified Neighbourhood Plan area there are recorded coal mining features present at surface and shallow depth including: mine entry and coal workings. Where present these features may pose a potential risk to surface stability and public safety.</p> <p>It is noted however that the Neighbourhood Plan as drafted does not propose to allocate any new sites for development and on this basis the Planning team at the Coal Authority have no objection to, and no specific comments to make on, the document.</p>	Comments noted, no amendments required.
The Environment Agency	Based on the environmental constraints within the area, we therefore have no detailed comments to make in relation to your Plan at this stage. However together with Natural England, English Heritage and Forestry Commission we have published joint advice on neighbourhood planning which sets out sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the environment into plans.	Comments noted, no amendments required.
National Gas Transmission	<p>An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Gas Transmission's assets which include high-pressure gas pipelines and other infrastructure.</p> <p>National Gas Transmission has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.</p>	Comments noted, no amendments required.
National Grid Electricity Transmission	An assessment has been carried out with respect to NGET's assets which include high voltage electricity assets and other electricity infrastructure. NGET has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	Comments noted, no amendments required.
National Highways	Having considered the Neighbourhood Plan, <i>no negative consequence is considered to be associated with the Neighbourhood Plan in relation to the SRN.</i> In light of the above, we offer no further comment.	Comments noted, no amendments required.
Natural England	Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan.	Comments noted, no amendments required.

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Historic England	We wrote on 25 November 2022 to provide general advice on neighbourhood planning and the historic environment. The advice in that letter still stands, and we are pleased you have taken much of it in to account when preparing the draft plan (such as identifying Local Green Space with historic interest, which is welcome).	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Section 1 – Introduction		
Policy/ paragraph	Paragraph 1.1	
Northumberland County Council	'prepared <u>by parish councils, town councils or neighbourhood forums</u> '	Comments noted, amend to clarify which bodies can prepare neighbourhood plans.
Policy/ paragraph	Paragraph 1.9	
Northumberland County Council	very end, typo should say ' <u>either</u> '	Comments noted, amend as suggested.
Policy/ paragraph	Figure 1	
Northumberland National Park Authority	I am pleased to see map included and the National Park area highlighted within the Plan itself, so readers of the Plan are aware of the area.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Section 2 – Background to Humshaugh Parish		
Policy/ paragraph	Paragraph 2.44	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	<p>Do not support the key issues.</p> <p>The respondents consider the first bullet point in para 2.44 of the Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Draft November 2023, the 'HNP', protection and enhancement of green spaces, and the fourth bullet point, importance of good design and the impact of poor design on the character of the Parish, should be replaced with a single bullet point promoting a healthy and safe community in Humshaugh. This would follow the approach in NPPF Section 8, Promoting Health and Safe Communities which sets out guidance on how healthy and safe communities are to be achieved, measures including through design, open space and recreation.</p> <p>The respondents do not agree with the words '<i>any new housing must meet the needs of the local community</i>' in the second bullet point in para 2.44.</p>	<p>Comments noted. Whilst section 8 of the NPPF does relate to promoting healthy and safe communities and includes reference to the importance of open space, the approach to good design is mainly set out within section 12. In any event, it is not necessary for the neighbourhood plan to follow the structure of the NPPF.</p> <p>The requirement for new housing to meet the needs of the local community relates specifically to the feedback from the local community regarding the dominance of 3 and 4 bedroom homes, the lack of affordable housing and lack of</p>

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	<p>Reasons include that Humshaugh is designated as a Service Village and should accommodate a proportion of Northumberland's housing needs, some of which will arise from within Humshaugh and some of which will arise elsewhere. The respondents do not consider new housing in Humshaugh should be entirely limited to meeting the needs of the local community, there needing to be a mix. This is acknowledged elsewhere in the HNP, reasoned justification paragraph 4.3 for example. The respondents would add that new housing and the population it brings can deliver a range of benefits over and above the provision of new homes for people. Examples of such benefits include the protection and enhancement of community services and facilities, key issues stated in para 2.44 bullet point 6 and reflected in Policy 8 in the Plan. In turn it is evident from reasoned justification paragraph 6.5 that there is demand for smaller housing to meet the aspirations of those wanting to downsize. These considerations should be given positive weight in the identification of key issues.</p> <p>Following on from the above the second bullet point in para 2.44 includes the following, '<i>and not provide more large detached dwellings</i>'. There is a need for the HNP to be clear as to what is meant by '<i>large detached dwellings</i>'. The Humshaugh Housing Needs Assessment (HHNA) July 2023 states in paragraph 164 that by the end of the Plan period there should be an increase in the proportion of 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom dwellings and a decrease in the proportion of larger dwellings. The paragraph continues in order to reach this suggested mix it is recommended that new development focusses on smaller and mid-sized dwellings. It concludes that the complete restriction of the delivery of 4+ bedroom dwellings is not always necessary or appropriate. Through these representations confirmation is requested that a '<i>large detached dwelling</i>' is a 4+ bedroom detached dwelling. This should be written into the Plan. Additionally, conscious that the HHNA states that the complete restriction of the delivery of 4+ bedroom dwellings is not always necessary or appropriate, the bullet point should be amended not to preclude them. It could say for example that the focus is on 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom and</p>	<p>housing for older people (explained in section 2 of the plan). This concern is supported by the results of the housing needs assessment. It is therefore appropriate for the plan to highlight this as a key issue, however the bullet point will be amended to refer to providing housing to meet the needs of the community, removing reference to large detached properties.</p>

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	3 bedroom properties. The HNP should also make it clear that purposely designed studies to support home working will not be counted as bedrooms.	
Chris Robinson (resident)	Supports the key issues.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 2)	Supports the key issues.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Jeffrey Keeble (resident)	Supports the key issues.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 4)	Supports the key issues. Very well put together Neighbourhood Plan, we very much appreciate the hard work of all those involved in this process to get the plan to this stage.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Nick Hayward (resident)	Supports the key issues.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
William Grainger (resident)	Supports the key issues. The importance of the need to address climate change is correctly identified.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Anne Stennett (resident)	Supports the key issues.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 3)	Supports the key issues.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 6)	Supports the key issues.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Rhona Still (resident)	I fully agree with the key issues identified in this comprehensive and very detailed plan.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Mark Ord (resident)	Supports the key issues.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Susan Birleson (resident)	Supports the key issues.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Ian Birleson (resident)	Supports the key issues. The protection and enhancement of green spaces is particularly important given the volume of new build over recent years which has already far exceeded the 2036 target. Retaining and enhancing our green	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.

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	spaces is essential if we are to retain Humshaugh's rural character for residents, tourists and future generations.	
Herbie Newell (resident)	Supports the key issues.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
David Still (resident)	Agree with proposals.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Alexander Chylak (resident)	Supports the key issues. For Public Transport to work, the bus service would need to operate more frequently than it presently does, e.g. hourly. There would also need to be more drop off/pick up places in Hexham than there currently are, e.g. at the super-markets. Old people cannot be expected to walk from the bus station/railway station to the supermarket with their shopping. However, an hourly service may not be viable to the bus companies. Supporting tourism is OK but we don't want any new housing to be either B&Bs or holiday lets because those potentially will take housing stock away from those that need it. Any new cycle routes need to be away from roads that vehicles use to make cycling safe. These cycle routes should be similar to those in Holland where the routes run parallel to the road but some distance away.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. Community action 6 relates to the improvements to public transport. There are very limited opportunities to require enhancements to bus services through the planning application process, unless linked to major development proposals. With regard the change of use of existing dwellings to holiday accommodation, it is not currently possible to prevent this as (currently) planning permission would not normally be required. However the government has recently consulted on options to change the use classes order. The plan does not contain specific proposals for cycle routes, although policies 6 and 10 do refer to new development which would encourage cycling. Similarly, there are a number of policies within the Northumberland Local Plan which support development which would improve cycling infrastructure.
Dick Moules (resident)	Supports the key issues.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Margaret Lewis (resident)	Supports the key issues.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 7)	Broadly, but I cannot support all of the bullet points in 2.44.	Comments noted, no amendments required.

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Suzanne Newell (resident)	Supports the key issues.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Peter Woodward (resident)	Supports the key issues.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 1)	Supports the key issues.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 5)	Supports the key issues.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mick Jonas (resident)	Supports the key issues.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 9)	Supports the key issues.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Richard Hewitt (resident)	<p>A. It is not realistic to exclude “large detached properties”</p> <p>B. The wish to improve public transport is a nice idea ...where will the money come from?</p>	<p>Comments noted, amend to refer to providing housing to meet the needs of the local community, removing reference to large detached properties.</p> <p>Paragraph 2.44 highlights those issues identified through early engagement on the plan and have been used to shape the vision and objectives as well as the scope of the planning policies and community actions. Community action 6 commits the parish council to work with the county council, public transport providers and the local bus board to explore opportunities to improve public transport provision.</p>
[REDACTED] (resident 8)	Supports the key issues.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Judith Metcalfe (resident)	Supports the key issues.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

Consultee	Comment	Response/ proposed change
Section 3 – Vision and objectives		
Policy/ paragraph	Vision and objectives (general)	
Northumberland County Council	No comments.	Noted, no amendments required.
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	<p>Do not support the vision and objectives.</p> <p>The respondents consider the Vision as set out in para 3.1 needs to include a reference to housing. They suggest that the last sentence in paragraph 1 be amended to, <i>"The community will be sustainable, with good access to services, facilities and a range and mix of housing"</i>.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 2 in the Vision, the respondents query whether achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2036 is achievable? The national commitment is to reaching net zero by 2050. The respondents additionally consider the Plan needs to set out what achieving net zero in the Parish / Neighbourhood Area means.</p> <p>Turning to the Objectives set out in para 3.2, the respondents consider in Objective 3 the words <i>'supporting the right type of housing'</i> should be amended to <i>'supporting the right type, mix and quantity of housing'</i>.</p>	<p>Comments noted, no amendments required. It is not considered necessary to specifically refer to housing within the vision. The vision refers to providing for the diverse needs of residents and objective 3 highlights supporting the right type of housing.</p> <p>Paragraphs 4.6-4.7 of the plan explains the significant progress that has been made to achieve net zero as well as on-going activities. The NCC net zero target is to reach this by 2040, the target for the parish is only 4 years prior to this. It is considered appropriate to retain this within the vision and it is not considered additional information is required at this point of the plan.</p> <p>With regard to objective 3, the wording reflects the feedback from early engagement on the plan, that any new housing should be the 'right type'. There is no requirement for a neighbourhood plan to specify the level of housing development within the plan area, this is a role of the strategic policies within the development plan (Northumberland Local Plan).</p>
Chris Robinson (resident)	Supports the vision and objectives	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 2)	Supports the vision and objectives	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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Jeffrey Keeble (resident)	Supports the vision and objectives	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 4)	Supports the vision and objectives. It would be good if young people born in the village could continue to live here with the provision of suitable affordable housing and provision for the older population too.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. The plan supports the provision of affordable housing to meet local needs (policy 7).
Nick Hayward (resident)	Supports the vision and objectives	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
William Grainger (resident)	Supports the vision and objectives. Putting climate change at the heart is important	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Anne Stennett (resident)	Supports the vision and objectives	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 3)	Supports the vision and objectives	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 6)	Supports the vision and objectives	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Rhona Still (resident)	These are realistic and achievable objectives that will provide a strong framework for the parish moving forward.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Mark Ord (resident)	Supports the vision and objectives	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Susan Birleson (resident)	Supports the vision and objectives	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Ian Birleson (resident)	Supports the vision and objectives. It is important we play a leading role in reducing our impact on climate change.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Herbie Newell (resident)	Supports the vision and objectives	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
David Still (resident)	Supports the vision and objectives. The village needs a vision, sadly missing before this process started.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.

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Alexander Chylak (resident)	Transport - See comments in No. 1	Comments noted, no amendments required. See response above.
Dick Moules (resident)	Supports the vision and objectives	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Margaret Lewis (resident)	Supports the vision and objectives	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 7)	Supports the vision and objectives	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Suzanne Newell (resident)	Supports the vision and objectives	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Peter Woodward (resident)	Supports the vision and objectives	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 1)	Supports the vision and objectives	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 5)	Supports the vision and objectives	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mick Jonas (resident)	Supports the vision and objectives	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 9)	Supports the vision and objectives	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 8)	I have a real concern regarding the unsuitability of housing that may be proposed given the demographics of the Village, anything that can strengthen Objective 3 is welcome.	Comments noted, no amendments required. Objective 2 highlights that new housing should meet local needs and further details are then provided in section 6, specifically 6.2-6.11 and policy 7.
Judith Metcalfe (resident)	Supports the vision and objectives	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Section 4 – Sustainable development and climate change		
Policy/ paragraph	Paragraph 4.6	
Northumberland County Council	Add (<u>HNZ</u>) after first mention of Humshaugh Net Zero.	Comments noted, amend as suggested.

Consultee	Comment	Response/ proposed change
Policy/ paragraph	Paragraph 4.7	
Northumberland County Council	This reads as though the solar farm is a certainty. Can it be explicit that although planning has been granted, significant capital funds need to be raised?	Comments noted, amend to clarify.
Policy/ paragraph	Paragraph 4.10	
Northumbrian Water	<p>We note the content of your Neighbourhood Plan and the specific issues you face as a rural community. We note the reference to sustainable drainage in paragraph 4.10 and the need to deliver new development which is resilient and adapted to climate changes. It would be a positive opportunity at this point to clearly seek to secure drainage betterment with new development. You propose within policy 7 an allowance for the development of small-scale rural exception sites and affordable local housing, and consequently we recommend a statement which encourages sustainable drainage in accordance with the DEFRA Technical Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems, following the hierarchy of drainage preference:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1). Discharge to the ground 2). Discharge to a surface water body 3). Discharge to a surface water sewer or lastly 4). Discharge to a combined sewer <p>We would encourage Humshaugh Parish Council to consider making reference to this hierarchy within the main body or an appendix of the Neighbourhood Plan, or as a minimum ensure that there is a cross-reference to the Northumberland Local Plan where drainage policies apply. We have previously supplied wording to other Neighbourhood Plans which you may wish to consider using, as follows:</p> <p><u>“In order to manage surface water drainage, development proposals should look to incorporate Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDs) in line with the principles of ‘control, separate and minimise’ for both Greenfield and brownfield development.”</u></p>	Comments noted, no amendments required. It is not necessary to repeat the policies contained within the Northumberland Local Plan. Paragraph 4.10 highlights the relevant policies.

Consultee	Comment	Response/ proposed change
Policy/ paragraph	Paragraph 4.11	
Northumberland County Council	More recent update to NPPF (December 2023).	Comments noted, amend as suggested. As the draft plan was prepared prior to the publication of the current NPPF, the version that was current at the time was referenced.
Policy/ paragraph	Paragraph 4.11-4.12	
Northumberland County Council	Not sure that the argument made in 4.11-4.12 is logical. It argues for the need for large wind turbines but switches to advocate smaller/ householder generation at 4.13.	Comments noted, amend to explain that the effect of NLP policy REN2 is that community energy schemes would be restricted to turbines up to 25m in height – in reality the turbines would need to be higher than this in order to be economically viable.
Policy/ paragraph	Policy 1: Community energy initiatives	
Northumberland County Council	The policy itself does not appear to differ to Local Plan policy REN 1. Therefore, it risks being removed by the Examiner. Allocating land for wind appears to have been ruled out at 4.13 and therefore there is not much benefit to this policy. We understand the group's passion for climate change and would recommend keeping the supporting text and explanation around the final approach.	Comments noted, the policy does add to NLP policy REN1 amend supporting text to ensure clarity.
Northumberland National Park Authority	Policy 1 Community energy initiatives – I support this policy which allows for the consideration of the impact of such proposals with consideration of criteria relating to landscape, cultural heritage and ecology.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Historic England	In Policy 1, it would be better to say "...the significance of heritage assets including that generated by the relationship with their setting". Use of the terms "quality" and "integrity" is more debatable without discussion of what those mean for the assets in the parish. The term "significance", which is defined in the NPPF, already allows characteristics that are important (such as quality, intactness or rarity as relevant to individual heritage assets in each case) to be brought out in planning arguments. It would be worth you adding	Comments noted, amend policy 1 and glossary as suggested.

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	the NPPF definition of significance to your glossary.	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	Support the policy. No further comments in relation to Policy 1.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Chris Robinson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 2)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Jeffrey Keeble (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 4)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Nick Hayward (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
William Grainger (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Anne Stennett (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 3)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 6)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Rhona Still (resident)	Supports the policy. This is very sensible and covers the shortcomings of the Local Plan.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Mark Ord (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Susan Birleson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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Ian Birleson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Herbie Newell (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
David Still (resident)	<p>Great to see progress with new EV chargers in the village. The future of transportation will be electric and good to see Humshaugh embracing the technology.</p> <p>The policy for wind in the NCC Local Plan needs to be revised. It is based on a Landscape Character Assessment completed in 2010.</p> <p>Since then NCC has declared a Climate Emergency. The policy could be said to be designed to stop wind development, which was probably the reason it was adopted by politicians. It needs to be changed.</p> <p>NCC were clear that large wind turbines should only be built to existing wind turbines. Then a blanket approach for the rest of the are was for wind turbines with either a tip height of 25m or 45m.</p> <p>These turbines are not economically viable. So it looks like there is a positive policy but the reality is that it is a policy that will never deliver any significant installations.</p> <p>As the cheapest renewable energy technology, and the renewable energy technology that can make a significant impact on achieving Net Zero, there is a necessity to review the NCC outdated policy.</p> <p>Local communities should have the say on what can or cannot be built, and not be based on a policy which cannot be delivered.</p> <p>If not changed, or challenged, we will never achieve Net Zero. We will create an environment for our future generations subject to the harsh environment caused by climate change – climate change is happening and our responsibility to future generations is to reduce the harmful effects.</p>	Support welcomed and comments noted; amend to include community action to encourage NCC to update its evidence base regarding landscape character and wind turbines to inform a review of the NLP.

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Alexander Chylak (resident)	The two new EV charge points outside the surgery are a white elephant! Two valuable spaces in a parking congested village have been lost, Even EVs should not park there if they're not being charged, they should park elsewhere. See attached photo of non-charging EV. However, a couple of ultra-fast charging points would be an advantage within/near the village for both residents and visitors to use to top up/fully charge their vehicles quickly in place of the present chargers. More use should be made of curb site lampposts to include chargers. If these lampposts are not close to the curb edge, they should be shifted to suit.	Comments noted, no amendments required. The two EV charging points were installed by NCC, not the parish council. Where planning permission is required, policy 10 would support the installation of ultra-fast charging points.
Dick Moules (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Margaret Lewis (resident)	Does not support the policy. Difficult to see existing developments available to use without affecting the unique aspects of the village.	Comments noted, no amendments required. The policy includes criteria to ensure that the siting and scale of a development is appropriate to the setting of the village, would not have an unacceptable impact on residential amenity, also that heritage assets and the natural environment would be conserved/ protected. Should a proposal be developed, the local community would be able to comment on the planning application.
[REDACTED] (resident 7)	I cannot support the policy as it stands as it all depends on what sort of development is proposed and where	Comments noted, no amendments required. The policy includes criteria to ensure that the siting and scale of a development is appropriate to the setting of the village, would not have an unacceptable impact on residential amenity, also that heritage assets and the natural environment would be conserved/ protected. Should a proposal be developed, the local community would be able to comment on the planning application.

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Suzanne Newell (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Peter Woodward (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 1)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 5)	I generally agree with the policies set out but I would vehemently reject any proposal to place any wind turbines with the parish. They are an absolute eyesore and the valley in which we live is beautiful.	Comments noted, no amendments required. The policy would support community energy initiatives that included wind turbines.
Mick Jonas (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 9)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 8)	Given the need for cheaper renewable energy I would be in favour of overriding conservation policy (with reason!). We have a real tension between renewable energy policy and conservation areas - such as solar panels.	Comments noted, no amendments required. The policy includes criteria to ensure that the siting and scale of a development is appropriate to the setting of the village, would not have an unacceptable impact on residential amenity, also that heritage assets and the natural environment would be conserved/ protected.
Section 5 – Distinctive environment		
Policy/ paragraph	Paragraphs 5.2 to 5.4	
Northumberland National Park Authority	I support this approach as the level of protection for the natural environment is already covered in adopted local plans.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Policy/ paragraph	Policy 2: Local green space	
Northumberland County Council	Question whether three sites LGS03 Bog Field, LGS04 Leggit Field and LGS07 Haughton Square meet the criteria required to meet the threshold for Local Green Space.	Comments noted. It is not a requirement for proposed LGS sites to meet all the criteria identified in national policy. However, the

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	The explanations for these in the supporting document tend to use the criteria e.g. the site is 'beautiful', 'tranquil' and/or 'rich in wildlife' but does not specifically explain how.	background paper will be amended to expand on the reasons for designation.
Northumberland National Park Authority	These are all outside the National Park and therefore I make no comment.	Comments noted, no amendments required.
Diocese of Newcastle, Church of England	<p>I write in reference to the Pre-Submission Draft Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan and submit comments especially in connection with the Glebe field inclusion within Policy 2 Local Green Spaces (LGS09). On this issue it is felt necessary to object to the plan as currently proposed. The boundary of this local green space as proposed is confirmed as outlined on the Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Draft Policies Inset Map. However, it is incorrect on the Local Green Space and Protected Open Space Background Paper (LGSPOS) Site Ref 10 and LGS09. The image used and comments on the Detailed Assessment (Appendix 2) substantiate this point.</p> <p>The Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan Householder Survey Report November 2022 has misleadingly asked a question grouping the Churchyard and glebe field together p7 K: Church Yard and Glebe Field. It is obvious that the responses reflect the historical nature of the churchyard (especially the original footprint). A separate question should have been asked over the glebe field.</p> <p>The ownership of these two proposed Local Green Spaces (LGS08 & LGS09) is also distinct and has never been under the same ownership, it is not as indicated in the documentation – the churchyard being benefice property very separate from glebe land. The connection, if anything, remains with The Vicarage garden to the west and not with the church. It is also important to stress that there is a stone boundary wall separating the two areas of land with no public access to the glebe field, this being the similar physical stone boundary seen elsewhere for the churchyard. On a separate note it is unusual that the Churchyard has been assessed and proposed for local green space</p>	<p>Comments noted, amend background paper to reflect the boundary of LGS09 as shown on the policies map, remove reference to the orchard as forming part of LGS09 and clarify ownership details to refer to owners as listed by the Land Registry. LGS08 and LGS09 were initially linked as it was reasonably assumed that they were under the same ownership, this was not misleading. Ownership would not change the outcome of the assessment.</p> <p>It is noted that the churchyard is statutorily protected, however its inclusion as LGS serves to demonstrate its importance to the local community.</p> <p>With regard the existing protection provided to site LGS09 (the Glebe Field) as a result of its location within the conservation area and whether LGS designation would provide any additional local benefit, it was concluded that it would. LGS designation would result in the site being protected from development in a manner consistent with the protection of land within the Green Belt. As with the other proposed LGS sites,</p>

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	<p>designation within the Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan given the more applicable legal and protected status that is placed on the land which is obviously consecrated as burial ground. It is worth highlighting, given the above and principally because of the comments made in the glebe field assessment about the churchyard, that the churchyard adjacent to the glebe field is the much earlier extension burial and not the more historical churchyard area to the north.</p> <p>The glebe field land is presently within the Humshaugh Conservation Area and the Policy 4: Humshaugh Conservation Area is more relevant and applicable, indeed the proposed policies therein would be supported. Reference needs to be made to the NPPF if the land is already protected. <i>'If the land is already protected by another designation, consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as LGS (Paragraph:010 Ref ID 37-010-20140306)</i>. It is hard to understand why additional designation is required so the reason for objecting to the glebe field being designated as LGS is for being neither demonstrably special or hold a particular significance to the four elements of justification stated, namely, its beauty, historic significance, tranquillity and richness of wildlife. Taking each in turn and responding to the assessment documents of the LGSPOS Appendix 1 & 2.</p> <p><u>Beauty</u></p> <p>It is incorrect referring to the land as 'The Glebe Field of St Peters', this is a separate parcel of land, as previously stated. The repeated comments that the churchyard and glebe field marry together within the draft submission documentation are misleading. The detailed assessment LGS09 has included a photograph of some fruit trees. These are not within the glebe field but in The Vicarage garden to the west. Consequently, reference of a small orchard (there are very few trees) is not relevant. There are a number of mature trees to the boundaries of the glebe field but none which are considered to be demonstrably beautiful. It is not felt that the land has any inherent beauty of its own and there is no evidence to suggest otherwise. There are no specific</p>	<p>the allocation would also highlight the importance to the local community.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that the assessment of 'beauty' could be subjective. But the conclusion of the assessment remains valid for the reasons detailed.</p> <p>As explained within the assessment, it is considered that the site forms part of the setting of the Church of St Peter and therefore has a historical significance.</p> <p>Tranquillity is a concept that is not easily defined. Significant work has been undertaken by the CPRE to map tranquillity. As part of this work there have been various studies, including those undertaken by the University of Newcastle and Northumbria University to seek to understand perceptions of tranquillity. It is not accepted that just because a site is not open for public access it cannot be considered to be tranquil or to contribute to the character of the wider area.</p> <p>The approach to the assessment of wildlife value of the site followed the same methodology as set out within the background paper i.e. it was informed by information contained within the DEFRA Magic Map.</p>

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	<p>references to the glebe field having any particular aesthetic value or anything that contribute significantly to the local identity or character of the area. There are very few views of the glebe field, with the boundaries tree-lined. It is of the opinion that the land forming part of a network of green spaces is not a reason for LGS designation with there being other means of preserving or enhancing the character, e.g Conservation Area,</p> <p><u>Historical Significance</u></p> <p>There is no historic significance of the glebe field that has been stated or evidenced. The remarks in the detailed assessment are regarding the church and churchyard. The glebe field is not mentioned in the Character Study within the Humshaugh Design Guidance and Codes nor in the History of the Humshaugh Parish in the draft plan. Furthermore, to our knowledge is one of the 120 non-designated heritage assets in the Northumberland Historic Environment Record.</p> <p><u>Tranquillity</u></p> <p>There is no particular tranquillity significance all that is referenced is in regard to the churchyard. Tranquillity cannot be demonstrated to exist and importantly experienced without access. No public right of access to the glebe field is or will be provided.</p> <p><u>Richness of Wildlife</u></p> <p>There is little to no specific ecological value on the glebe field and nothing that would purport to have significance or 'richness' beyond what is found elsewhere within the village.</p> <p>I trust that this feedback is considered appropriately and the removal of the LGS designation is considered for removal.</p>	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	<p>Do not support the policy.</p> <p>NPPF paragraph 105 states that designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and compliment investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services.</p>	<p>Comments noted, no amendments required.</p> <p>When the plan is submitted for examination it will be accompanied by a basic conditions statement. This will describe how the plan has had regard to</p>

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	<p>The guidance continues that Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or updated, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.</p> <p>Acknowledging the above there is a need to consider the housing and other development needs in Humshaugh in this and future plan periods commensurate with its status as a Service Village as designated in the Northumberland Plan. This is to ensure that sufficient developable space remains available to meet Humshaugh's needs. Failure to provide this would not be sustainable and mean that the extent of the land designated as LGS may not be able to endure. An assessment of the developable land therefore needs to be undertaken.</p> <p>The HNP proposes the designation of twelve areas of Local Green Space, 'LGS'. An assessment has been undertaken as to whether each of these areas is developable. This is set out below.</p> <p>LGS01 School playing field and play area, this site is not assessed in the Northumberland SHLAA 2022, the 'SHLAA'. Additionally as a playing field the site benefits from protection including under NPPF paragraphs 102 & 103. For these reasons amongst others the site is not considered developable.</p> <p>LGS02 The Orchard, this site is not assessed in the SHLAA. Additionally the site is in the Conservation Area and benefits from the protection given by the designation. Policy 4 of the HNP refers to significant views including across The Orchard. For these reasons amongst others the site is not considered developable.</p> <p>LGS03 Bog Field is assessed in the SHLAA as not suitable, site reference 9563. A planning application on the site, 19/00861/FUL, was refused by the LPA on 15 August 2019 for reasons including (1) principle of development, and (2) that the proposed development would result in encroachment into the open countryside and have a harmful impact upon the character and appearance of the site and the surrounding area including the setting of Humshaugh</p>	<p>national planning policy and guidance, is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan, contributes to the achievement of sustainable development and is compatible with legal obligations.</p> <p>Neighbourhood plans do not need to include policies for all types of development – it is for the neighbourhood planning body to define its scope. Whilst neighbourhood plans can play an important role in supporting the number, type and mix of homes required in an area, it is for the local planning authority to provide neighbourhood planning bodies with details of the number of homes to plan for over the neighbourhood plan period. NCC provided this figure and, as explained within section 6 of the plan, it has been markedly exceeded. An assessment of 'developable land' does not need to be undertaken.</p> <p>With regard to 'other' (non housing) development – the draft neighbourhood plan has included policies where it feels it can add local detail to those within the Northumberland and National Park Local Plans.</p> <p>In identifying a site to be allocated as local green space, an assessment does not need to be undertaken as to whether it is developable. The approach to the assessment is clearly set out in the local green space and protected open space background paper which refers to the relevant sections of national planning policy and guidance.</p>

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	<p>Conservation Area. That the site is open countryside is reflected in the site being shown as being outside Humshaugh Settlement Boundary in Figure 4 of the Plan. For these reasons amongst others the site is not considered developable.</p> <p>LGS04 The Legitt Field, this is assessed in the SHLAA as suitable, available and achievable, site reference 9184. The total yield is assessed as 19 dwellings and the time line for delivery is projected as 6 – 10 years. The site is therefore developable in this and in future plan periods. It is also material that the site is not open countryside it being bounded on all sides by existing development, roads and houses for example. This is reflected in the site being included within the Humshaugh Settlement Boundary as shown in Figure 4 of the Plan.</p> <p>LGS05 Humshaugh Burn Wood, this is not assessed in the SHLAA, is outside the settlement, there is extensive tree cover upon it and it is likely not accessible. For these reasons amongst others the site is not developable.</p> <p>LGS06 Humshaugh War Memorial. This site is small scale, Grade II Listed, outside Humshaugh Settlement Boundary and clearly is not developable acknowledging it is a War Memorial.</p> <p>LGS07 Haughton Square, this is within SHLAA site 2377 which is recorded as having been completed with a development of 21 dwellings. The site is open space within the development and it makes a positive contribution to its character and appearance. For these reasons amongst others the site is not developable.</p> <p>LGS08 St Peter's Churchyard, this is not assessed in the SHLAA. There are graves within the site which benefit from legislative protection. Additionally the site is in the Conservation Area and benefits from the protection given by the designation. For these reasons amongst others the site is not developable.</p> <p>LGS09 The Glebe Field, this is not assessed in the SHLAA. Additionally the site is in the Conservation Area and benefits from the protection given by the</p>	<p>The suggestion that because site LGS04 (The Leggit Field) is included within the Northumberland SHLAA as suitable, available and achievable, within the settlement boundary and bounded by development, it is not appropriate for LGS designation is fundamentally flawed. The 'positive' assessment of a site within the SHLAA does not prevent allocation as LGS. If the site were allocated for development within the Northumberland Local Plan or had planning permission, then it would not meet the requirements of national planning policy or guidance (as explained within the background paper). There are many examples of LGS sites across Northumberland that lie within settlement boundaries and are bounded by development.</p> <p>To reiterate, the indicative housing figure of 28 dwellings to be completed within the parish between 2016 and 2036 has been markedly exceeded.</p> <p>Responses to the comments to the individual site assessment for LGS04 are included in the section of this document relevant to the background paper. In summary, the site is considered to be demonstrably special as a result of its beauty, historic significance, tranquillity and richness of wildlife.</p>

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	<p>designation. Access is likely also a constraint. For these reasons amongst others the site is not developable.</p> <p>LGS10 Entrance to Doctor's Lane, this is not assessed in the SHLAA. There are trees on the site, it is small, irregularly shaped and it adjoins the Conservation Area. For these reasons amongst others the site is not developable.</p> <p>LGS11 Chester Meadow Amenity Area, this is within SHLAA site 9038 which is recorded as having been completed with a development of 21 dwellings. The site is open space within the development. For these reasons amongst others the site is not developable.</p> <p>LGS12 Field opposite Douglas Terrace, this site is assessed in the SHLAA as not suitable, site reference 2632b. The site is not developable.</p> <p>Acknowledging the above the respondents support the designation of sites LGS1, LGS2, LGS3, LGS5, LGS6, LGS7, LGS8, LGS9, LGS10, LGS11 and LGS12 as Local Green Space and consider the designation can endure on these sites. The respondents, the landowners, however object to the proposed designation of LGS4 The Legitt Field as Local Green Space, it being a site which is developable and which could contribute towards Humshaugh's development needs in this and future Plan periods.</p> <p>Following on from the above an assessment has also be undertaken whether other land in and around Humshaugh is developable. Other sites assessed in the SHLAA as being suitable for development include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - site 2632a, Evans Charity Humshaugh (north). This site is proposed in Policy 3 of the HNP to be Protected Open Space, site POS01 and as such will benefit from policy protection. The site is also shown in Figure 4 as being outside Humshaugh Settlement Boundary. Access is also likely to be a constraint. For these reasons amongst others the site is not likely to be developable; - site 6746, Land to the East of Humshaugh. This site is proposed in Policy 3 of the HNP to be designated as Protected Open Space, site POS02 and as such will benefit from policy protection. The site is also shown in Figure 4 as being 	

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	<p>outside Humshaugh Settlement Boundary. For these reasons amongst others the site is not likely to be developable;</p> <p>- site 2543, Land at Coleford, this site is outside and detached from the settlement and separated from services and facilities, the school for example, by busy roads including the B6318 and the B6320. Additionally the site is shown in Figure 4 as being outside Humshaugh Settlement Boundary. For these reasons amongst others the site is not likely to be a preferred location for future development.</p> <p>Following on from the above, Evans Trust Field, is not assessed in the SHLAA, is outside Humshaugh Settlement Boundary and proposed in Policy 3 of the HNP to be Protected Open Space, site POS03 and as such will benefit from policy protection. The site is also shown in Figure 4 as being outside Humshaugh Settlement Boundary.</p> <p>Acknowledging this assessment it is apparent that developable land in and around Humshaugh is limited and other sites such as SHLAA site 2543 are unlikely to be preferred locations for new development for reasons including the factors discussed above.</p> <p>In the circumstances the respondents do not consider the requirements set out in NPPF para 105 when designating land as LGS have been met, amongst other things it not being clear that the proposed LGS designations can endure beyond the end of the plan period acknowledging amongst other things the need for sustainable planning, that Humshaugh is a Service Village and that there will be a requirement for development within this and future plan periods.</p> <p>The Legitt Field has been assessed as being suitable, available and achievable, site reference 9184. It is within the Humshaugh Settlement Boundary, is in a sustainable location in close proximity to the School and is bounded on all sides by existing development. In the circumstances, having regard to NPPF paragraph 105, The Legitt Field, should not be designated as Local Green Space such that it can contribute to Humshaugh's development needs in this</p>	

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	<p>and future Plan periods. For these reasons amongst others the proposed designation of LGS04 The Legitt Field is not sound the site needing to be kept available for development.</p> <p>Following on from the above NPPF paragraph 106 sets out further guidance. It states that the LGS designation should only be used where the green space is: a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves; b) demonstrable special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.</p> <p>As set out in the response submitted in parallel to the Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan Local Green Space and Protected Open Space Background Paper, the 'LGS Background Paper', the respondents consider the Local Green Space designation should not be used on LGS04 The Legitt Field.</p> <p>Responding to the assessments in Appendices 1 and 2 of the LGS Background Paper, in relation to LGS04 The Legitt Field, the respondents do not agree that The Legitt Field is of particular local significance because of its beauty. In this respect the site is in the centre of the village and is bounded amongst other things by existing development including (1) the main road through Humshaugh to the west, (2) another road, Doctors Lane, to the north (3) a house to the north west (The Legitt), (4) housing to the east and (5) a recently completed housing estate to the south. These factors impact on the character and appearance of the site and mean it is not 'beautiful'.</p> <p>The respondents do not agree that The Legitt Field is of particular local historic significance. It is outside the Conservation Area and does not adjoin it. In turn an application by a third party to add the site to the Schedule of Monuments was refused by Historic England (HE ref 1459660). The following principal reasons were listed by Historic England for the decision;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Rarity: medieval open field systems are widely distributed across England and areas of ridge and furrow are a common occurrence; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survival: it is a fragment of a formerly more extensive field system, which is therefore poorly preserved overall; • Potential: insufficient of the field system survives to demonstrate its exact nature and any regional variations in the form of its fields and furlongs; • Group value: it does not retain a clear, physical association with the scheduled remains of a contemporary settlement". <p>A copy of Historic England's letter dated 15 October 2018 and their associated report is attached. The principal reasons for not adding the site to the Schedule of Monuments remain applicable. The respondents would add that since Historic England's decision on 15 October 2018, the housing estate to the south has been developed and impacted on the character and appearance of the site.</p> <p>It is also not agreed that the site makes a particular contribution to the setting of Hopewell House or Humshaugh CofE Primary School. The List Descriptions for Hopewell House and Humshaugh CofE Primary School record the buildings were Listed for their Group Value reflecting amongst other things the historic association between the two buildings, Hopewell House formerly being the headmaster's house. These buildings are situated on the opposite side of the main road from The Legitt Field. To the south of The Legitt Field is a recent housing development. This is a similar distance from Humshaugh CofE Primary School to The Legitt Field and demonstrates that housing development can integrate acceptably on the opposite side of the road subject to appropriate design, landscaping and materials amongst other things.</p> <p>The respondents agree with the assessment that The Legitt Field is not of particular local significance because of its recreational value. As stated in the Appendix 2 assessment in the LGS Background Paper, there is no public access. The respondents do not agree that The Legitt Field is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity. As stated in both Appendices 1 and 2 of the LGS Background Paper, the site is in the centre of the village. It adjoins</p>	

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	<p>the main road and is close to the school which generates comings and goings, noise and activity. Doctors Lane is to the north and there is existing housing both adjoining the site and in close proximity, factors, which combined with the size of the site mean that it is not tranquil. It is additionally material that it is not publicly accessible.</p> <p>The respondents do not agree that The Legitt Field is of particular local significance because of its richness of wildlife. In this respect similar wildlife is found on other sites proposed in the HNP to be designated as Local Green Space. Additionally it is material that the site has been grazed.</p> <p>Acknowledging the above assessment, the tests in NPPF paragraph 106 criterion b) are not met. It follows that the designation should not be used on The Legitt Field.</p>	
Chris Robinson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 2)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Jeffrey Keeble (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 4)	Supports the policy. Protection of the green space is very important for both wildlife and the general population and makes the village such a nice place to live in.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Nick Hayward (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
William Grainger (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Anne Stennett (resident)	Does not support the policy.	Comments noted, no amendments required in response to this specific comment.

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██████████ (resident 3)	LGS11 - Chester's Meadow suds pond etc. Owner Duchy Homes (Humshaugh) Ltd. For info Duchy Homes applied to dissolve the company at Companies House on 19/09/23 but this attempt was withdrawn the following day after intervention of my Barrister. The Humshaugh company is showing £100 balance on account. Duchy Homes have a history of renaming and/or striking off companies at will. I make no further comment about this developer and this information is provided in case it's useful. Duchy Homes (Humshaugh) Ltd. Is still showing active at this time.	Comments noted, no amendments required. Land ownership is not relevant to the designation of the land as local green space.
██████████ (resident 6)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Rhona Still (resident)	Supports the policy. It is so important for a rural area and the community to protect and maintain local green spaces, guarding against over development.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Mark Ord (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Susan Birleson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Ian Birleson (resident)	Supports the policy. We need to protect what remains of our open spaces within the village so I fully support the draft policy. Retaining our green spaces is essential if we are to retain Humshaugh's rural character for residents, tourists and future generations.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Herbie Newell (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
David Still (resident)	Yes, need to protect the setting and character of the parish.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Alexander Chylak (resident)	IN PART ONLY Some green spaces in and around the village are fine, however, I think the following areas should be OK for building:- LGS03 - Bog Field, LGS04 -The Legit Field, LGS12-Field opposite Douglas Terrace and LGS14-Doctors Lane field. The Glebe should be kept as a possible grave yard extension. I was led to believe that the land south of the War Memorial was for agricultural	Comments noted, no amendments required. LGS03 (Bog Field) has been identified as being special to the local community as a result of its beauty, tranquillity and richness of wildlife. LGS04 (The Leggit Field) has ben identified as being special as a result of its beauty, historic

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	use and therefore because it's frequently worked would not provide suitable accommodation for insects etc.	significance, tranquillity and richness of wildlife. LGS12 (Field opposite Douglas Terrace) has been identified as a result of its beauty, historic significance, tranquillity and richness of wildlife. No information has been provided to challenge this assessment. The allocation of the Glebe Field would not prevent its potential use in the future as an extension to the graveyard. Whilst the land south of the war memorial is special to the local community, it is considered in the context of the size of the village to be an extensive tract of land.
Dick Moules (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Margaret Lewis (resident)	LGS07 - Haughton Place is the postal address not Haughton Square. This amenity is managed by residents. LGS05 - Haughton Burn Wood - This footpath does have historical significance, leading to the river and the ferry.	Comments noted , Haughton Square is the generic title for the development which comprises St Peter's Way and Haughton Place as postal addresses. The green space is bounded on three sides by Haughton Place and on one side by St Peter's Way. The management company is also called Haughton Square. The name is therefore considered appropriate. Amend background paper to refer to Haughton Burn Wood having historical significance.
[REDACTED] (resident 7)	Supports the policy. Re LSG09 The Glebe, there are conflicts in your documents where the adjoining orchard is both included and excluded as a green space. As the orchard adjoins our property, I seek clarification as to which is correct.	Support welcomed and comments noted. The boundary of LGS09 as shown on the policies map is correct. The background paper will be amended to add the orchard as a separate site for assessment.
Suzanne Newell (resident)	Supports the policy. Should the smaller field at the far side of the Orchard be listed, the Park Terrace side, or have you included that in the Orchard?	Support welcomed and comments noted. The boundary of LGS09 as shown on the policies map is correct. The background paper will be amended

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		to add the orchard as a separate site for assessment.
Peter Woodward (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 1)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 5)	Supports the policy. This comment applies to Protected Open Spaces as well. In the survey that was carried out asking what Parishioners would like to be considered important and worthy of keeping and perhaps desirable in the future 80 people ticked the box for Allotments and 59 for CSA's. I believe the number of respondents was around 145 therefore it is of statistical significance that so many people ticked these relevant boxes, and yet neither of these features in the draught plan for the Neighbourhood Plan. This is extremely poor in my view as all other green and open spaces are mentioned. The PC has continually failed to establish an allotment site despite the fact that it has a legal and moral obligation to do so, and now even with the proposed establishment of the Neighbourhood Plan the idea is ignored.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. The responses within the household survey regarding allotments and community supported agriculture related to community projects, rather than allocation sites as local green space and protected open space. Community action 2 includes reference to projects to enhance the natural environment and biodiversity, such as allotments. The matter of allotments is currently being discussed by the parish council.
Mick Jonas (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 9)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Rupert Gibson (resident)	I have no comments on LGS03, LGS05, LGS06, LGS07, LGS08, LGS09, LGS10, & LGS11. This part of my comments refers to all the agricultural land that has been selected for either LGS or POS. The areas in I am going to comment about are POS01, POS02, POS03, LGS04 and LGS02 & LGS12. These fields are all in agricultural production. They are not amenity fields. They are all in grass at the moment, but they are capable of becoming arable fields. The Defra magic map must have been dreamt up. As they are all grazed agricultural fields, it gives wildlife very little opportunity to nest, especially ground nesting	Comments noted, no amendments required. This element of the responds deals with the comments on proposed LGS sites LGS02 (The Orchard), LGS04 (The Leggit Field) and LGS12 (Field opposite Douglas Terrace). Responses to points regarding protected open space sites are included under policy 3. There is no requirement for public access to sites identified as LGS. LGS02, LGS04 and LGS12 have

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	<p>varieties. Also, the varieties mentioned are mainly unbelievable. A Black grouse is a high ground bird. I would think never seen in this village. The Grey partridge has suffered badly from better farming as it needs to feed on a variety of weed seeds, and obviously grain seeds, and, also insects, especially for the chicks. No lapwing, oyster catchers or snipe nest in these fields but might be seen very occasional in them. That is not say that they are not about, as the river is not very far away. But they need ground cover. We did have starlings in numbers last spring, but unfortunately they mainly roost by Wall village. To sum up, none of these fields are rich in wildlife. Why are these fields demonstrably special? A grass field is a grass field. Is a grass field a beautiful thing? How can any of these fields have amenity value when they are supposed to be someone's place of work. The most obvious over riding thing here is whether agricultural land was ever supposed to be selected for a neighbourhood plan at all. In the guidance notes agriculture was not mentioned. The total area of fields that has been selected is far too much. Interestingly, if you have looked Item 17- Land South of the War Memorial. The committee reckon it has not reached the criteria required. "It is not a natural or semi natural green space, nor does it have recreational value". But it is a lot more appealing to wildlife. Has it been turned down just because it is arable? As above, the other fields could become arable at any time. I have no comment on LGS03, LGS05, LGS06, LGS07, LGS08, LGS10 & LGS11.</p> <p>LGS01: The Playing Field Trust field. Why does this space need another layer of protection, when it has already got belt and braces covenants that has tied it up for ever?</p>	<p>been identified as being demonstrably special for a number of reasons. The Magic Map is a legitimate source of information, provided by Natural England, Defra, Environment Agency, Historic England, Forestry Commission and Marine Management Organisation, with a significant number of datasets. https://magic.defra.gov.uk/Dataset_Download_Summary.htm</p> <p>The assessments for LGS02, LGS04 and LGS12 explain that in addition to the wildlife value, the sites are important parts of the character of the village and the conservation area. Whilst LGS04 is adjacent to the conservation area and two listed buildings, it is considered important to their setting. In addition, the sites are considered to be tranquil.</p> <p>With regard to LGS01, whilst it is acknowledged that the site is protected as a playing field, it is considered that given its importance to the local community it should be included as a local green space. This approach has been taken by several neighbourhood plans across Northumberland.</p>
(resident 8)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Judith Metcalfe (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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(landowner and farmer)	LGS06 - the war memorial in Humshaugh: My wife and I have owned the site for over 40 years and have never had any issues concerning the site. We have no plans for change there and do not wish to include the area within your neighbourhood plan.	Comments noted, no amendments required. Whilst the views of owners are noted, given the conclusion of the assessment it is considered important to identify the site as local green space as a result of its historic significance and tranquillity.
Haughton Square (Humshaugh)	<p>This area of land [LGS07] is owned by Haughton Square (Humshaugh) Management Company Limited which is the residents management company set up by the developer which all owners of Haughton Square are members of. This management company is detailed within all owners legal documents to ensure that the covenants within the legal document are adhered to.</p> <p>Kingston Open Spaces are the appointed managing agents on behalf of the above Management Company and we ensure regular maintenance is provided to this area along with the other shared areas onsite. Please note the shared areas are those which are not part of the owners demised premises of the property and are also the areas which the Council would not adopt.</p> <p>Any shared area would not be sold off.</p>	Comments noted, no amendments required.
Policy/ paragraph	Policy 3: Protected open space	
Northumberland County Council	No comments.	Noted, no amendments required.
Northumberland National Park Authority	These are all outside the National Park and therefore I make no comment.	Noted, no amendments required.
Antony Braithwaite (landowner)	<p>I refer to the letter from Herbie Newell, Chair of Humshaugh Parish Council dated 5th December 2023, inviting comments on the draft neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>I am one of The owners of POS02 on the Pre-submission Draft Insert Policies Map dated December 2023 and write to object to the proposal to designate the area as Protected Open Space. I attach a copy of the letter submitted to</p>	Comments noted. The inclusion of land within the SHLAA is not relevant to the consideration as to whether it should be identified as protected open space within the plan. The site lies outside the settlement boundary and is therefore open countryside.

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	<p>the NCC Planning department dated 9th March 2018 in which the field is described as Site 6746 supporting its inclusion in the most recent SHLAA, with suitable access from Site 2377, with unchanged physical characteristics. We have accordingly granted an option to Cussins Limited the purpose of which is to deliver more affordable and market housing to meet the needs of the village.</p> <p>The area is not demonstrably special to the local community, and does not hold a particular local significance.</p> <p>There is no public access to the land of any kind, no recreational open space nor provision for sport or wildlife or environmental education. It is an agricultural field used for grazing cattle.</p> <p>I have consulted the Magic Map and point out that the land has no Countryside Stewardship targeting, no Agri-environment schemes, no forestry or Woodland schemes or any other schemes. There is no historic landscape classification or characterisation.</p> <p>I submit that the Arable Assemblage of Farmland birds referred to is a widespread description of Arable Land which shows no exceptional characteristics and is not particularly rich in wildlife. It has not been highlighted in any previous assessment as open space, strategic green space or particularly tranquil. The description is made only to prevent housing development.</p>	<p>Paragraph 5.8 of the plan explains that protected open spaces are those areas which are valued for their local amenity value, and/ or for formal or informal recreational purposes, but which do not meet the detailed allocation criteria for designation as local green space.</p> <p>The assessment contained within the local green space and protected open space background paper highlights that the site is demonstrably special to the local community as a result of its beauty, tranquillity, informal recreation and wildlife value. It is acknowledged that there is no public access to the whole of the site. The reference to informal recreation was to capture that many residents walk their dogs to the southern side of the site. Background paper to be amended to remove reference to informal recreation.</p> <p>It is only as a result of the size of the site, that it is not proposed for protection as local green space. Comments regarding the Magic Map are noted, however it is a legitimate source of information, provided by Natural England, Defra, Environment Agency, Historic England, Forestry Commission and Marine Management Organisation, with a significant number of datasets. https://magic.defra.gov.uk/Dataset_Download_Summary.htm</p>

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Cussins North East Limited (Savills)	<p>By way of context, our client who is a regional housebuilder, has landholdings located within the designated Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan Area. Cussins have an option agreement in place on land known as Doctors Field Lane, and as such, has an interest in the preparation of the Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan (HNP). The purpose of the Option is to deliver more affordable and market housing to meet the needs of the village.</p> <p>For context, Cussins have successfully completed a high quality residential development in Humshaugh known as 'Haughton Square' in recent years, comprising 21 dwellings including both market and affordable bungalows and family homes located to the north of Doctors Field Lane. They have a proven track record of delivering sensitive and attractive development within the village.</p> <p>In short, whilst Cussins do not object to the principle of the HNP preparation, they have significant concerns surrounding draft Policy 3 Protected Open Space, and specifically object to the proposed draft designation of at the land at Doctors Field Lane as "Protected Open Space". We consider that the approach taken and the proposed designation of Doctors Field Lane as Protected Open Space conflicts with NPPF and NPPG for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns regarding the justification and evidence to support the proposed Protected Open Space designation in the draft HNP and the evidence relied on to justify that approach. Concerns as to whether the Neighbourhood Plan conforms with Local Plan Strategic Policy STP1. <p>In this letter, we provide a planning assessment which demonstrates that the current drafting of the HNP conflicts with the NPPF and Northumberland Local Plan (2022), and further set out justification for why our client's land should not be designated as Protected Open Space. First of all, it is important to set</p>	<p>Comments noted, no amendments required. The basic conditions statement that will accompany the submission plan will detail how the policies and allocations contained within the plan have regard to national policies and guidance, how they contribute to the achievement of sustainable development and are in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan.</p> <p>Paragraph 5.8 of the plan explains that protected open spaces are those areas which are valued for their local amenity value, and/ or for formal or informal recreational purposes, but which do not meet the detailed allocation criteria for designation as local green space.</p> <p>The local green space and protected open space background paper details the reasons the site is considered appropriate for designation as protected open space. It is considered that the evidence presented within it is 'proportionate, robust evidence should support the choices made and the approach taken', which 'explain succinctly the intention and rational of the policies in the draft neighbourhood plan'. As required by NPPG.</p> <p>With regard the suggested conflict with the strategic policies of the development plan, particularly with regard to the delivery of homes, as explained within paragraphs 6.2-6.4 of the draft plan, Northumberland County Council provided an indicative figure for the number of dwellings to be accommodated within the parish between</p>

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	<p>out the planning policy context.</p> <p>Policy Context</p> <p><u>The National Planning Policy Framework (revised December 2023)</u></p> <p>As a starting point, paragraph 13 of the NPPF states the following regarding the relationship between Neighbourhood Planning and Local Plans:</p> <p><i>“Neighbourhood plans should support the delivery of strategic policies contained in local plans or spatial development strategies; and should shape and direct development that is outside of these strategic policies.”</i></p> <p>Paragraph 29 states:</p> <p><i>“Neighbourhood planning gives communities the power to develop a shared vision for their area. Neighbourhood plans can shape, direct and help to deliver sustainable development, by influencing local planning decisions as part of the statutory development plan. Neighbourhood plans should not promote less development than set out in the strategic policies for the area, or undermine those strategic policies”</i></p> <p>Indeed, footnote 16 further states that Neighbourhood Plans must be in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in any development plan that covers their area. Paragraph 30 states that once brought into force Neighbourhood Plan policy only takes precedence over non-strategic policies in the Local Plan.</p> <p>Paragraph 37 confirms that <i>“Neighbourhood plans must meet certain ‘basic conditions’ and other legal requirements before they can come into force. These are tested through an independent examination before the neighbourhood plan may proceed to referendum”</i>.</p> <p>On Open Space, NPPF paragraphs 102 and 103 state:</p> <p><i>“Access to a network of high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity is important for the health and well-being of</i></p>	<p>2016 and 2036. This indicative level of homes has been markedly succeeded. There is no strategic requirement identified for the neighbourhood plan to allocate sites to deliver affordable housing. As a result of the need identified within the housing needs assessment, the draft plan includes a policy which will support the delivery of affordable housing on rural exception sites. In addition, the site lies outside the settlement boundary defined within the NLP.</p>

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	<p><i>communities, and can deliver wider benefits for nature and support efforts to address climate change. Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities (including quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses) and opportunities for new provision. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sport and recreational provision is needed, which plans should then seek to accommodate.</i></p> <p><i>Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless: a) an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or b) the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or c) the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.”</i></p> <p><u>National Planning Practice Guidance</u></p> <p>The National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) sets out additional guidance on how Neighbourhood Plans should be prepared.</p> <p>The NPPG provides further information on how sustainable development is defined in Neighbourhood Plan making and requires that <u>sufficient and proportionate evidence</u> be presented on how a draft Neighbourhood Plan guides development to sustainable solutions. Paragraph 040 (reference ID: 41-040-20160211) further adds that “<i>proportionate, robust evidence should support the choices made and the approach taken</i>”. This evidence should be drawn upon and “<i>explain succinctly the intention and rational of the policies in the draft neighbourhood plan</i>”.</p> <p>With regard to strategic policies, the NPPG defines a strategic policy, beyond those identified within a plan, as whether a policy sets out an overarching direction or objective. To have general conformity with strategic policies,</p>	

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	<p>guidance requires that the local planning authority should consider the following (Paragraph: 074 Reference ID: 41-074-20140306):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the neighbourhood plan policy or development proposal supports and upholds the general principle that the strategic policy is concerned with. • The degree, if any, of conflict between the draft neighbourhood plan policy or development proposal and the strategic policy • Whether the draft neighbourhood plan policy or development proposal provides an additional level of detail and/or a distinct local approach to that set out in the strategic policy without undermining that policy • The rationale for the approach taken in the draft neighbourhood plan or Order and the evidence to justify that approach <p>The Pre-Submission Draft Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan (November 2023)</p> <p>The Pre-submission Draft HNP provides the context for the Neighbourhood Plan and sets out the vision and proposed draft policies to be contained in the Neighbourhood Plan. It comprises a number of documents, the following documents being relevant to these representations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan Pre-submission Draft (November 2023) • Local Green Space and Protected Open Space Background Paper (November 2023) • Draft Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map (December 2023) <p>Draft Policy 3 proposes to designate three sites around the village on the draft Policies Map that are considered to contribute to the local amenity and character and will be protected from development. One of those sites is defined as POS02 Doctor's Lane Field which is the site marked yellow to the east of the village in which our client has an interest.</p>	

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	<p>Draft Policy 3 further states that :</p> <p><i>Development that would result in the loss of Protected Open Space will only be supported where the applicant has demonstrated that the:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. Open space is surplus to requirements; or</i> <i>b. Loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by open space of equal or better value in terms of quantity and quality, including amenity value, in a suitable location; or</i> <i>c. Development is for alternative recreation provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss of the open space.</i> <p>The proposed supporting text to Policy 3 states:</p> <p><i>“Neighbourhood plans can also protect other areas which are valued for their local amenity value – such as natural and semi-natural greenspace – and/or for formal and informal recreational purposes, but which do not meet the detailed allocation criteria for designation as Local Green Space. The sites listed in Policy 3 and shown on the Policies Map are proposed to be designated as Protected Open Space, with the intention that they should be safeguarded, and development only permitted where specific criteria are met. The Local Green Space and Protected Open Space background paper outlines the reasons why the sites are important and explains the process that has led to their proposed designation. Policy 3 will support the delivery of Plan Objectives 2 and 3.”</i></p> <p>Draft HNP Policy 7 relates to small-scale rural exception sites and states:</p> <p><i>“The development of affordable housing will be supported outside the Humshaugh settlement boundary as an exception to meet locally identified housing need, where all the following criteria are met:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. It should be demonstrated, through the submission of a detailed site options appraisal, that the site is the most suitable site and that no other suitable and available sites exist within the Humshaugh settlement boundary;</i> <i>b. The site should adjoin the Humshaugh settlement boundary;</i> <i>c. The development should be small scale (less than 0.5 hectares in size or</i> 	

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	<p><i>comprising fewer than 10 dwellings) and appropriate in scale, design and character to the immediate surrounding area;</i></p> <p><i>d. There must be a proven and unmet local need within the Parish for affordable housing. All proposals are required to be supported by an up-to-date Housing Needs Survey which takes account of the findings of the Humshaugh Housing Needs Assessment (2023) and the Northumberland Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2018) and any subsequent updates;</i></p> <p><i>e. Occupancy will, in perpetuity, be restricted to a person in housing need who is a resident of the Parish, who works in the Parish, or who has other strong links with the Parish in accordance with the rural allocations criteria as set out by the Northumberland Homefinder Common Allocation Policy;</i></p> <p><i>f. Proposals must comprise 100% affordable housing that will be retained in perpetuity. The type and tenure must reflect the local and affordable needs of the community, particularly through the provision of one, two and three bedroom affordable homes to buy. Where viability for a development providing 100% affordable housing cannot be achieved, a small element of market housing – which meets the identified needs within Humshaugh Parish – may be included within a rural exception scheme to provide sufficient cross-subsidy to facilitate the delivery of affordable homes. In such cases, a viability assessment will be required to be submitted to demonstrate that cross-subsidy is necessary. This assessment will be independently verified.”</i></p> <p>The Adopted Development Plan (Northumberland Local Plan)</p> <p>The Northumberland Local Plan (NLP) was adopted in March 2022, with a plan period between 2016 and 2036.</p> <p>Within the NLP, Policy STP1 “Spatial Strategy (Strategic Policy)” sets the strategy for growth and development, including a settlement hierarchy and the specific strategic approach of where to deliver residential development. As part of the approach to directing development, Settlement Limits are defined for villages in the hierarchy. Development is broadly supported within the settlement limits, and anything outside of the Settlement Limits is defined as Open Countryside where market housing is controlled and subject to Policy</p>	

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	<p>STP1 criteria G.</p> <p>Specific to Humshaugh, Strategic Policy STP1 defines Chollerford/Humshaugh as a Service Village which will provide for a proportionate level of housing and be the focus for investment in rural areas, to support the provision and retention of local retail, services and facilities. STP1 criteria G states that development in the open countryside will be supported if it complies with the exceptions i) -vii).</p> <p>In terms of other policies, the site is not designated as protected open space and is not Green Belt, nor is it designated within an Area of High Landscape Value. In planning policy terms, it is simply defined as ‘white land’ adjoining Settlement Limits.</p> <p>In comparing the adopted NLP and the draft HNP, we consider that there is a lack of proportionate and robust evidence as required by NPPF and NPPG, to justify the proposals for Doctors Field Lane This is the basis of this objection and the specific concerns are elaborated in subsequent paragraphs.</p> <p>Objections to Pre-submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Our client strongly objects to the proposed designation of their site as Protected Open Space (draft Policy 3). We consider that the approach taken conflicts with NPPF and NPPG for the following reasons.</p> <p><u>Lack of Justification and Evidence regarding draft Policy 3</u></p> <p>Our client’s site is located on the eastern edge of the Village and is proposed to be designated as Protected Open Space under draft Policy 3 (Land at Doctor’s Lane Field -POS02). The HNP Local Green Space and Protected Open Space Background Paper provides a very brief assessment of the site in an attempt to justify why it has been designated as Protected Open Space, stating:</p> <p><i>“Highly valued by the local community. Provides tranquillity, space and open views of the surrounding countryside. A prominent site when viewed from Chollerton Road. Used for informal recreation. One of the spaces</i></p>	

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	<p><i>which shapes the rural character of the village, contributing to the overall tranquillity of the village. In addition to the bulls and sheep who graze the field, the DEFRA Magic Map identifies Arable Assemblage Farmland Birds (England), Black Grouse, Grey Partridge and Lapwing. The field also hosts a wide variety of birds including Oystercatchers, Pheasant and Skylarks. Seasonal murmuration of Starlings also occurs and has been spectacular. There are also occasional herons in the pond and marshy areas, and often hares and deer."</i></p> <p>Our client strongly disagrees with the above assessment on a number of grounds and submits that it does not provide an appropriate justification as to why our client's site should be designated as Protected Open Space. Indeed, given the nature and characteristics of the site, we do not consider that any such justification could be provided. As a result, we do not consider the draft Protected Open Space justification to be compliant with NPPG and it should now be removed from this site. Additional explanation is given below.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan assessment suggests designating the site as Protected Open Space under draft Policy 3 for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Character of the site (tranquillity, space, and open views of countryside) • Valued by the local community • Ecology Value <p><i>Character & Community Value</i></p> <p>With regards to the character of the site, it is a privately owned agricultural field used for private cattle grazing. It has no designation in the NLP and has no special landscape features that contribute to the setting. The site was assessed by Northumberland County Council within the 2022 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) (site ref 6746) which did not highlight any importance of the site and raised no fundamental concerns or constraints in relation to character, landscape, community use or ecology, and on that basis was not a discounted site.</p>	

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	<p>In assessing objectively whether the site holds any worthy character, it is important to note that the majority of existing dwellings surrounding the site back on to the site (comprising St Peter's Way and Haughton Place of the relatively new Cussins residential development scheme). Limited visibility is provided at the turning head. A handful of other properties overlook the site at the south and south west boundary. The settlement edge is therefore defined by private property boundary edges. As a result of these properties backing onto the site, the public visibility of the site is very limited. Moreover, there are no defined formalised public rights of way, footpaths or bridleways that allow access into or around the site. There is a track that runs along the southern boundary of the site, but it is a private road and clearly signed as such upon the start of the track. Therefore, we disagree that the site holds local value as there are no public access rights to the field. Given that the field is privately owned with no public access, then it is not clear how the site can be used or valued for informal recreation as claimed by the Neighbourhood Plan site assessment.</p> <p>There is not a comprehensive or prescriptive planning definition of what constitutes Protected Open Space, and we therefore feel that Policy 3 is very much subjective. The closest planning definition lies within the NPPF Annex 2 Glossary which considers it as <i>"All open space of public value, including not just land, but also areas of water (such as rivers, canals, lakes and reservoirs) which offer important opportunities for sport and recreation and can act as a visual amenity"</i>. For the reasons explained above, this land does not offer any opportunity for sport or recreation, and offers little in terms of visual amenity by virtue of the fact there are limited public views across the site. It holds no value for public use or enjoyment as open space as it is a privately owned farmers field.</p> <p><i>Ecology</i></p> <p>Whilst it is not disputed that the site may experience presence of the species listed in the neighbourhood plan, the assessment does not provide any evidence or justification as to what makes this site fundamentally special in</p>	

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	<p>terms of ecology presence. Bulls and sheep graze the site but are not protected species. The MAGIC Map DEFRA designations as described may be in place, but they are not characteristics or designations to declare that the site should be protected more so than other land. Indeed, the Arable Assemblage Farmland Birds (England), Black Grouse, Grey Partridge and Lapwing farmland bird designations are widespread “washed over” areas covering significant land areas across Northumberland (and indeed across the entire Country) and are not unique to our client’s site specifically such that it would provide justification for the Protected Open Space designation. It is pertinent to note that most of the existing Humshaugh Village is covered by these designations, including recently consented housing development to the north where the MAGIC designations did not represent a constraint to development or cause ecological objection by the Council. There is also no evidence provided to justify that any protected species are located on the site, and in any event, even if protected species were found in the future, mitigation and enhancement measures would be able to offset any potential loss of habitat and would not preclude development potential.</p> <p>As a result of the above, we have significant objections to the current Pre-submission draft HNP, specifically the designation of our client’s site as Protected Open Space under Policy 3. The justification put forward in the HNP Local Green Space and Protected Open Space Background Paper is not robust or justified, and having regard to the characteristics of our client’s site explained above, it is not conceivable that it can be justified as being Protected Open Space. It simply represents a privately owned agricultural field which is not untypical and would provide no useable open space value or function. There are other areas outside of the settlement limit with the same or similar characteristics that are not proposed for open space. Therefore, we are concerned that the draft HNP is attempting to engineer an Protected Open Space designation in an attempt to sterilise the future housing development of the site. The proposals therefore conflict with NPPF and NPPG Paragraph 040 (reference ID: 41-040-20160211) and Paragraph 074 (Reference ID: 41-074-</p>	

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	<p>20140306).</p> <p><u>Local Housing Needs & Conflicts with the Local Plan Strategic Policy</u></p> <p>In relation to housing need and delivery, the draft HNP references that Northumberland County Council has provided an indicative figure of 28 dwellings (to be clear this is indicative and not a ceiling) to be accommodated in the Parish between 2016 and 2036, and that the Parish considered that this figure has already been met by existing housing completions as of 2021. As a result, the draft HNP has been prepared on the basis that no sites should be allocated for housing (either market or affordable).</p> <p>However, the draft HNP also acknowledges that; <i>“It is clear from the HNA that a main element of need for new housing is the provision of affordable housing”</i>. The quoted HNA is the supporting evidence base with the HNP comprising the Humshaugh Housing Needs Assessment prepared by AECOM published in July 2023, which concludes that there is an <i>“need for 2.1 affordable rented homes per annum in Humshaugh, equating to a total of 27.2 over the plan period. AECOM also estimates the potential demand for 2.6 affordable home ownership dwellings per annum in Humshaugh, or 33.3 over the Neighbourhood Plan period.”</i></p> <p>This means there is a total affordable housing need in Humshaugh of approximately 60 dwellings during the Neighbourhood Plan period. However, with no housing allocations (market or affordable) provided in the draft Neighbourhood Plan, there is very limited prospect of the affordable housing being delivered unless via an exceptions test approach under Local Plan Policy HOU7 and draft HNP Policy 7. By designating land such as our client’s and other sites as Protected Open Space, along with the Local Green Space designations, this effectively further prevents realistic opportunities for the affordable housing need to be delivered for the whole of the plan period. The draft HNP acknowledges support for the delivery of rural exception sites and states at paragraph 6.8 that <i>“Policy HOU7 supports the delivery of housing on rural exception sites. These are sites which are not allocated for housing and are adjacent or well-related to existing settlements. Some market housing may</i></p>	

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	<p><i>be allowed on rural exception sites where it is clearly shown to be essential to support and facilitate the delivery of the predominant affordable element.”</i></p> <p>The designation of our client’s site under draft Policy 3 provide an additional constraint on the delivery of new housing including affordable housing for which there is an established need set out in the HNP evidence base.</p> <p>Moreover, in considering the wording of draft HNP Policy 7 ‘Small scale rural exception sites’ in greater detail, it restricts rural exception sites to be <i>less than 0.5 hectares in size or comprising fewer than 10 dwellings</i>. However, we consider this is unjustified and does not conform with the Local Plan Strategic Policy STP1 which has a direct link to Exception Sites and their acceptability, under Local Plan Policy HOU7. To clarify, Strategic Policy STP1 and HOU7 has no restrictions on the scale of sites or quantum of development for Rural Exception Sites.</p> <p>As a result of the above, and in linking it back to the NPPF and NPPG guidance on neighbourhood plan preparation and whether it is in general conformity with the adopted Local Plan Strategic Policies, the HNP appears to match with the Local Plan Strategic Policy STP1 in terms of the settlement limits extent, but we are concerned that the proposed draft designations of Local Green Space (draft Policy 2) and Protected Open Space (draft Policy 3) present a potential conflict with Strategic Policy STP1 criteria G points i) – vii).</p> <p>Criteria G of Policy STP1 sets out the types of development which could be accepted in the open countryside. As currently drafted, Policy 3 of the HNP would restrict the potential of a site to be delivered as an exception site for affordable housing which is in conflict with Strategic Policy STP1 Criteria G vi). Similarly, designation of the majority of the available land within the village at Local Green Space under Policy 2 would effectively prevent the ability to deliver sustainable development within the settlement limits, as envisaged under criteria E) of strategic policy STP1.</p> <p>If the identified local affordable housing need is 60 dwellings, and rural exception sites are restricted to 10 dwellings or less, it would need at least 6</p>	

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	<p>individual sites to deliver the need (assuming 10 dwelling yield per site) but realistically more than 6 sites if 10 dwellings cannot be achieved on every site. This again reduces the likelihood of the 60 affordable homes being delivered, and developers of affordable housing are unlikely to be deliver viable schemes if they are arranged in a piecemeal nature around the settlement. This is confirmed by the AECOM Housing Needs Assessment which states at paragraph 121 that: <i>“Affordable Housing is typically provided and made financially viable by its inclusion as a proportion of larger market developments, as guided by Local Plan policy.”</i></p> <p>It therefore should be acknowledged that affordable housing can positively be delivered as part of wider market housing schemes or exception sites with some market housing where it is shown to be essential to support and facilitate the delivery of the predominant affordable element. Designating our clients site as Protected Open Space effectively rules out an available and deliverable site as an opportunity to bring forward the affordable housing that the evidence supporting the HNP suggests.</p>	
Evans Trust	<p>Following the meeting of the trustees we would strongly object to the designation of the Evans Trust fields.</p> <p>Designating the fields as protected open spaces or local green spaces gives the impression that people have the right to roam, these designations are normally for village greens and parks and amenity areas within the built-up area.</p> <p>The fields are agricultural fields outside the built-up area and have no public right of way over them.</p> <p>There is already a growing problem with trespass, which disturbs the animals and habitats that you say you want to preserve.</p> <p>The fields are an important part of the trust to generate income to help with the charitable donations to support advancement of education and relief in need.</p>	<p>Comments noted, no amendments required. The identification of a site as a protected open space or local green space does not grant public access. There are no set requirements on the location or size of areas identified as protected open space. As an example, within the Northumberland Local Plan, a range of sites are allocated as protected open space including amenity green space, natural and semi natural green space, parks and gardens, provision for children and young people and outdoor sports facilities. The local plan also explains that many open spaces make an important contribution to the character and appearance of the built and natural environment (see NLP paragraph 14.26)</p>

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J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	Supports the policy. Support the designation of each of POS01, POS02 and POS03 as Protected Open Space. In turn support the policy protection afforded.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Chris Robinson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 2)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Jeffrey Keeble (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 4)	Supports the policy. These open spaces should be protected.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.

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Nick Hayward (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
William Grainger (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Anne Stennett (resident)	Whilst support draft Policy 3 - which identifies 3 protected open spaces - I believe there is a strong case for the policy to include the field immediately to the east of Chesters Meadow. This field contains a large sunken bog area which is a natural sud pond and may have significance for flora & fauna; and it is unsuitable for any housing/building development.	Support welcomed and comments noted, amend background paper to include assessment of the site proposed.
[REDACTED] (resident 3)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Andrew Robers (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Rhona Still (resident)	I fully support this policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mark Ord (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Susan Birleson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Ian Birleson (resident)	We need to protect what remains of our open spaces within the village so I fully support the draft policy.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Herbie Newell (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
David Still (resident)	Sensible additions.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Alexander Chylak (resident)	SOME OF IT Doctors Lane field should be OK for housing because there is an access road, whereas the field north of the Crown, there is not.	Comments noted, no amendments required. The assessment did not consider whether site were suitable for housing, it considered whether they should be protected through the plan.
Dick Moules (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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██████████ (resident 7)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Suzanne Newell (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Peter Woodward (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
██████████ (resident 1)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
██████████ (resident 5)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mick Jonas (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
██████████ (resident 9)	Supports the policy, but, Policy 3 b) How is it practical or even possible to replace one open space with "open space of equal or better value etc" POS02 "Doctors Lane Field" should be extended to incorporate the field adjacent and to the north of St Peter's Way	Support welcomed and comments noted. The requirement to replace protected open space with equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality is something that has formed part of national planning policy for many years. Amend background paper to include assessment of the additional land.
Rupert Gibson (resident)	This part of my comments refers to all the agricultural land that has been selected for either LGS or POS. The areas in I am going to comment about are POS01, POS02, POS03, LGS04 and LGS02 & LGS12. These fields are all in agricultural production. They are not amenity fields. They are all in grass at the moment, but they are capable of becoming arable fields. The Defra magic map must have been dreamt up. As they are all grazed agricultural fields, it gives wildlife very little opportunity to nest, especially ground nesting varieties. Also, the varieties mentioned are mainly unbelievable. A Black grouse is a high ground bird. I would think never seen in this village. The Grey partridge has suffered badly from better farming as it needs to feed on a variety of weed seeds, and obviously grain seeds, and, also insects, especially	Comments noted, no amendments required. This element of the responds deals with the comments on proposed POS sites (POS01, POS02 and POS03) Responses to points regarding local green space sites are included under policy 2. There is no requirement for public access to identify sites as POS. Paragraph 5.8 of the plan explains that protected open spaces are those areas which are valued for their local amenity value, and/ or for formal or

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	for the chicks. No lapwing, oyster catchers or snipe nest in these fields but might be seen very occasional in them. That is not say that they are not about, as the river is not very far away. But they need ground cover. We did have starlings in numbers last spring, but unfortunately they mainly roost by Wall village. To sum up, none of these fields are rich in wildlife. Why are these fields demonstrably special? A grass field is a grass field. Is a grass field a beautiful thing? How can any of these fields have amenity value when they are supposed to be someone's place of work. The most obvious over riding thing here is whether agricultural land was ever supposed to be selected for a neighbourhood plan at all. In the guidance notes agriculture was not mentioned. The total area of fields that has been selected is far too much. Interestingly, if you have looked Item 17- Land South of the War Memorial. The committee reckon it has not reached the criteria required. "It is not a natural or semi natural green space, nor does it have recreational value". But it is a lot more appealing to wildlife. Has it been turned down just because it is arable? As above, the other fields could become arable at any time. I have no comment on LGS03, LGS05, LGS06, LGS07, LGS08, LGS10 & LGS11.	informal recreational purposes, but which do not meet the detailed allocation criteria for designation as local green space. As explained within the local green space and protected open space background paper all three proposed POS sites were identified as being demonstrably important to the local community. However, as a result of their size, it was concluded that they comprised an extensive tract of land. The Magic Map is a legitimate source of information, provided by Natural England, Defra, Environment Agency, Historic England, Forestry Commission and Marine Management Organisation, with a significant number of datasets. https://magic.defra.gov.uk/Dataset_Download_Summary.htm
(resident 8)	The areas identified are not easily accessed unless on foot; should it be added that addressing access (and improving it) is a 4th requirement for development?	Comments noted, no amendments required. There is no requirement for public access to identify sites as POS. The purpose of the policy and allocation is to protect the sites.
Judith Metcalfe (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Policy/ paragraph	Paragraph 5.11	
Historic England	In para 5.11, the plan conflates sites identified in the Historic Environment Record (HER; a source of information on all heritage assets) with non-designated heritage assets. This should be reworded. Our advice note on Local Listing (see our previous letter) makes clear that the inclusion of a site in an HER does not itself identify it as a non-designated heritage asset. It says that	Comments noted, amend as suggested.

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	preparing a neighbourhood plan is an ideal opportunity to clearly identify a set of non-designated heritage assets, and sets out the process to do so. Without this, the draft plan offers no additional protection to individual non-designated assets of local value.	
Policy/ paragraph	Paragraph 5.13	
Northumberland National Park Authority	Agree that existing adopted local plan policies for designated assets are sufficient and the Historic Environment Record is sufficient for non-designated heritage assets.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Policy/ paragraph	Paragraph 5.14	
Northumberland County Council	Change to: Unfortunately, this has not been adopted by NCC <u>since</u> at the time.	Comments noted, no amendments required. It is considered unfortunate that the conservation area character appraisal was not adopted – this should therefore be reflected within the text.
Policy/ paragraph	Policy 4: Humshaugh Conservation Area	
Northumberland County Council	<p>Paragraph 2. As worded, we are not sure how useful some of the criteria would be in decision making. Some criteria are quite vague, for example, where is the ‘historic core’? Other criteria read as instructions rather than a description of key features of the Conservation Area.</p> <p>We would suggest re-wording paragraph 2 for clarity. We would be happy to support the Parish Council to do this.</p> <p>Paragraph 3. The list of key buildings comprises both listed and non-listed buildings. Listed buildings are protected at a national level and should be moved to a separate list in the supporting text.</p> <p>For those that are not listed, they should (using the methodology) be set out as ‘Non-Designated Heritage Assets’. Using Local Plan Policy ENV 7, our Conservation team would be able to request Heritage Statements, better understand the significance of a development asset and decide upon the level of harm/ loss from an application relating to these assets. But only if they are classified as ‘Non-Designated Heritage Assets’, not key buildings.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Paragraph 2 - it is considered appropriate for the policy to refer to the historic core as this is referenced within the draft conservation area character appraisal and includes a map. Amend policies map to illustrate the boundary of the historic core. Paragraph 2 of the policy does not look to describe the key features, it describes the key considerations.</p> <p>Paragraph 3 – amend policy to ensure clarity between listed and non-listed buildings, and amend policies map. As explained within paragraph 5.13 of the draft plan, it was concluded that non-designated heritage assets would not be included within the plan, as those that would be</p>

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		<p>considered appropriate for identification all lie within the conservation area.</p> <p>Any development for which planning permission is required that lies within the conservation area (involving external works) would, in accordance with the NCC application validation checklist, require a heritage statement to be submitted. So consideration could be given to the impact on those buildings identified. In addition, it is understood that the council consider assets included on the historic environment record when making decisions on planning applications.</p> <p>However, if it would assist in the decision making process, the supporting text will be amended to explain why those buildings identified in policy 4 have been identified as key buildings important to the significance of the conservation area.</p> <p>It is not proposed to identify non-designated heritage assets at this stage in the plan making process In accordance with Historic England guidance, in order to identify non-designated heritage assets there would be a need for further consultation.</p>
Northumberland National Park Authority	This area falls outside the National Park and therefore I make no comment.	Comments noted, no amendments required.
Historic England	Policy 4 is welcome. It adds local depth to the application of higher level policy and sets out specific themes, characteristics or features to be preserved or enhanced. It would be better to say "...or enhances the character or appearance of the Conservation Area, including special interest generated by	Comments noted, amend as suggested.

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	the relationship it has with its setting". This is because the setting is not part of the designation and so does not, itself, have heritage significance. This is also important because the plan makes clear that Policy 5 applies outside the conservation area, not Policy 4.	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	Support the policy. No further comments	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Chris Robinson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 2)	A Supports the policy. s long the owners of the key buildings are also happy with this policy and what it means for them	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. The owners of the key buildings were notified as part of the preparation of the draft plan.
Jeffrey Keeble (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 4)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Nick Hayward (resident)	Supports the policy. The Heritage Background paper mentioned restoring the cobbles at the front of the pant at the bottom of Burn Lane. Some 20 years ago, proposals were drawn up with the help of local architect, Kevin Doonan, to restore the face of the pant. The plans were presented to the Evans' Trust but failed to win approval, primarily, so it seems, because of cost. It would make sense to revive this plan for the whole pant rather than just the foot of the pant. There may be a copy of the plans in the village archive, or the Evans' Trust may still have its copy.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. Whilst this is interesting background, it is considered to be too much detail for inclusion within the paper.
William Grainger (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Anne Stennett (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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██████████ (resident 3)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
██████████ (resident 6)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Rhona Still (resident)	I appreciate the background detail provided for this policy, and fully support the policy.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Mark Ord (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Susan Birleson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Ian Birleson (resident)	Supports the policy. Our conservation area is essential to retaining the character of the village.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Herbie Newell (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
David Still (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Alexander Chylak (resident)	SOME OF IT Inappropriate materials? There are many houses already within the Conservation Area that have been fitted with UPVC windows and other structures without Planning Permission. No one polices this. Many new building materials can be made to look as good, if not better than traditional ones and in the long run, these new materials will reduce maintenance.	Comments noted, no amendments required. Permission is only required for the installation of UPVC windows in listed buildings or where there is an article 4 direction in place. Which is not the case in Humshaugh. If breaches of planning control are reported to NCC there will be investigated in accordance with their enforcement strategy. The policy is not suggesting that modern materials are inappropriate, only those that are designed to minim natural materials.
Dick Moules (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Margaret Lewis (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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██████████ (resident 7)	Supports the policy. I cannot support the redrawing of the Conservation Area boundary to exclude East Farm, East Lea and Waynriggs Paddock.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required to the policy. The proposal to amend the conservation area policy is discussed in response to draft community action 3.
Suzanne Newell (resident)	Supports the policy. Section 2.a.i. Does this include synthetic PV roof tiles, which might replace slate tiles currently in place?	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. Planning permission is not normally required in a conservation area to change roof coverings, unless an article 4 direction is in place removing permitted development rights. This is not currently the case in Humshaugh.
Peter Woodward (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
██████████ (resident 1)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
██████████ (resident 5)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mick Jonas (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
██████████ (resident 9)	Supports the policy. 2 d) "Retention of stone field and boundary walls" Taking on board the general consideration of this policy, shouldn't sections of broken-down dry stone walling be replaced using the same method and not by using mortar? That is a quicker fix but destroys the character of the wall as a whole.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. The policy can only apply to proposals where planning permission is required.
Rupert Gibson (resident)	All this work will be carried out by NCC Planning & Conservation Depts	Comments noted, no amendments required. The policy will, once adopted, be used by the local planning authority against which to consider relevant planning applications.
██████████ (resident 8)	This is difficult, but being prescriptive about materials etc leads to uniformity, but lack of specificity could lead to poor design.	Comments noted, no amendments required. It is considered that the policy identifies key

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		considerations to ensure new development preserves or enhances the character or appearance of the conservation area and its setting.
Judith Metcalfe (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Policy/ paragraph	Policy 5: Local distinctiveness	
Northumberland County Council	<p>Recommend deleting this policy because it does not add anything to existing policies 4 and 6.</p> <p>Paragraph 1 essentially refers to Policy 4. Paragraph 2. Would these criteria no apply to the Conservation Area too?</p> <p>Paragraph 3 what is meant by 'related'? Only extensions?</p> <p>Paragraph 4 is duplicated in Policy 6.</p>	Comments noted. Amend to delete policy 5 and add further detail to the supporting text the design code.
Northumberland National Park Authority	<p>I agree the importance of high quality design.</p> <p>Part 3 covers the area of the National Park and is more restrictive than our Local plan policies as it specifically requires the retention of features which <i>contribute to the character of the building or surrounding landscape</i>. Individual perceptions of distinctive features may differ, especially for non-designated buildings, and may be difficult for the local planning authority to implement when considering planning applications. I consider Policy 6 would be sufficient to achieve the desired protection and enhancement of the rural character and local distinctiveness.</p>	Support welcomed and comments noted. Amend to delete policy 5 and add further detail to the supporting text.
Historic England	<p>Policy 5 is welcome. I have no detailed comment on the Humshaugh Design Guidance & Codes document (December 2023) other than to say p21 should refer to the above Heritage Paper rather than the 2008 draft conservation area character appraisal as the draft plan makes clear it is the 2023 paper that would be the material consideration.</p>	Comments noted, amend supporting text within the NP to explain that the heritage background paper is a material consideration. The design code document has been finalised by AECOM so it is would not be possible for this amendment to be made. However, the design code does explain the background to the draft CACA.

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J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	<p>Do not support the policy.</p> <p>In relation to criterion 1, the reference to local distinctiveness is noted. We viewed both the Pre-Submission Draft Policies Map December 2023 and the Pre-Submission Draft Inset Policies Map December 2023 and noted the key in both maps includes a black line denoting local distinctiveness. There are two points the respondents would raise. Firstly, the extent of the black line was unclear and it did not appear complete in the northern and north western parts of Humshaugh. Secondly, the policy implications of being within (or outside) the black line are not set out in the policy.</p> <p>In relation to criterion 2, suggest the word '<i>better</i>' should be deleted from criterion 2a.</p> <p>Support criterion 2b.</p> <p>In relation to criterion 2c, the respondents consider the criterion should be deleted. In this respect '<i>open green space</i>' is not defined. In turn the enhancement of '<i>open green space</i>' (however defined) may not be possible or practicable. If the intention was to encourage planting and landscaping to help developments integrate, the criterion could be amended accordingly or planting or landscaping referenced in criterion 2a. Alternatively control over landscaping is provided in Policy 6.</p> <p>In relation to criterion 3, the Humshaugh Settlement Boundary as shown in Figure 4 in the HNP is noted. We had difficulty however in identifying the Settlement Boundary on both the Pre-Submission Draft Policies Map December 2023 and the Pre-Submission Draft Inset Policies Map December 2023. In this respect '<i>settlement boundary</i>' is not listed or identified in the key to either Map.</p>	<p>Comments noted. Amend to delete policy 5 and add further detail to the supporting text.</p>
Chris Robinson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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[REDACTED] (resident 2)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Jeffrey Keeble (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 4)	Supports the policy. Will help to preserve the character of the village.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Nick Hayward (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
William Grainger (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Anne Stennett (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 3)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 6)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Rhona Still (resident)	I appreciate the background detail provided for this policy and fully support the key principles.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Mark Ord (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Susan Birleson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Ian Birleson (resident)	Supports the policy. High quality and sustainable design is essential to retaining our local distinctiveness and rural character.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Herbie Newell (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
David Still (resident)	Essential - some previous developments have ignored the character of the village, and changed their plans after receiving planning permission.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.

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Alexander Chylak (resident)	Supports the policy. These should apply whether in or out of the Conservation Area.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required , policies 5 and 6 would be relevant to development outside the conservation area.
Dick Moules (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Margaret Lewis (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 7)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Suzanne Newell (resident)	Supports the policy. Local distinctiveness is important but I am not against individual well designed aesthetically pleasing modern designs - one off dwellings, not an estate!	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. It is not the intention of the policy to stifle modern design. Policy 6(1f) seeks to resist standard/ identical housing models.
Peter Woodward (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 1)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mick Jonas (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 9)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Rupert Gibson (resident)	All this work will be carried out by NCC Planning & Conservation Depts	Comments noted, no amendments required. The policy will, once adopted, be used by the local planning authority against which to consider relevant planning applications.
[REDACTED] (resident 8)	Supports the policy. See comments above. Re 3. - I'm concerned that by leaving this in it opens the door to attempts to build outside the Settlement Boundary.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. The acceptability of the principle of new development outside the settlement boundary (where planning permission

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		is required) would be assessed against other relevant policies within the development plan.
Judith Metcalfe (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Policy/ paragraph	Policy 6: Design codes	
Northumberland County Council	Rename policy: ' <u>Humshaugh Design Code</u> ' Recommend deleting the policy wording. These criteria are selected from the Design Code but there is no reasoning as to why these criteria are selected and others not. There is no context, character, for example, is missed. We suggest this policy should state that development proposals should accord with the Design Code.	Comments noted, amend to ensure policy reflects the updated design code. Disagree that the policy should only refer to the design code and not include specific policy criteria as it is important that sufficient detail is included within the policy to allow full weight in the assessment of planning applications.
Northumberland National Park Authority	Part 1 - This is a long list of requirements for new development. Perhaps it could be broken down further. Usability will be difficult for LPA officers. However, I note that this part of the policy is not likely to be relevant or used often within the National Park. Part 2 - I agree these criteria are appropriate Part 3 - repeats part 4 of Policy 5. No need for duplication.	Support welcomed and comments noted. Amend to ensure the policy reflects the updated design code.
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	Support the policy. No further comments.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Chris Robinson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 2)	Supports the policy. Good to see key 'character' elements recognised eg retaining outward viewpoints, hedgerows etc that tie into the local landscape, diversity of high quality housing design.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Jeffrey Keeble (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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██████████ (resident 4)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Nick Hayward (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
William Grainger (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Anne Stennett (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
██████████ (resident 3)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
██████████ (resident 6)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Rhona Still (resident)	Supports the policy. This is an important policy that provides for future development, and helps to maintain good design.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Mark Ord (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Susan Birleson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Ian Birleson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Herbie Newell (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
David Still (resident)	Supports the policy. Strange why we have never had them before.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Alexander Chylak (resident)	IN PART ONLY If a house is designed in such a manner that it's of special architectural interest, I think a deviation from the code should be permitted. If all new houses are to look alike, the village will always stay looking as though it's in the past. A bit of variety should be allowed but definitely not a brick build housing estate.	Comments noted, no amendments required. The policy is not suggesting that all new development should look alike, criterion 1f for example is clear that standard or identical housing models should be avoided.

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Dick Moules (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Margaret Lewis (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 7)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Suzanne Newell (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Peter Woodward (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 1)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mick Jonas (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 9)	Supports the policy. Policy 6 g) "Retain Trees & Hedgerows where possible" I think it is important, in order to keep the rural nature of any development, that any new developer is required to plant a good number of trees; to be the mature trees of the future. On our estate this has been left to many of us to plant trees in our front gardens.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Rupert Gibson (resident)	All this work will be carried out by NCC Planning & Conservation Depts	Comments noted, no amendments required. The policy will, once adopted, be used by the local planning authority against which to consider relevant planning applications.
[REDACTED] (resident 8)	Supports the policy. Should the plan specify a minimum plot size?	Support welcomed and comments noted. The design code highlights that the variation in plot size is part of the character of the village. With regard to infill development, the amended design code does refer to the need for plot infill respecting the density of adjacent dwellings. Amend to ensure this is captured within the policy.

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Richard Hewitt (resident)	1.c Unreasonable	Comments noted, no amendments required. The design code highlights the negative impacts of hardstanding/ parking provision dominating the streetscape.
Judith Metcalfe (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Section 6 – Communities and the economy		
Policy/ paragraph	Paragraph 6.11	
Northumberland County Council	Refers to supporting rural exception sites, including for First Homes. However, the supporting text and policy 7 does not pick up on the fact that there's also potential scope (except within the NNPA part of the parish) for First Homes exception sites as well as rural exception sites. The PPG on First Homes provides more information: First Homes - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	Comments noted, no amendments required. Paragraph 6.9 provides a link to the PPG and provides a summary of the provisions, this is also referred to in paragraph 6.11.
Policy/ paragraph	Policy 7: Small scale rural exception sites	
Northumberland County Council	Part a. In order to align with NPPF, there shouldn't be a requirement to show that the proposed site is the most suitable, just a suitable site. Part b, should be: ' <u>adjacent or well-related to</u> ' Part f. Take out the second sentence into a new criterion part (g). The first sentence and the remainder of (f) will then read better. Part f. This should be changed from 'must comprise 100%' AH to ' <u>should comprise 100%</u> ', given that the criterion later provides for a small element of market housing where justified - i.e. it can't be a 'must' when there's scope for it not to be 100% AH.	Comments noted, amend as suggested.
Northumberland National Park Authority	I agree that such sites should adjoin the settlement boundary.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.

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J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	<p>Do not support the policy.</p> <p>It is noted from paragraph 6.4 of the Plan that NCC has provided an indicative figure of 28 dwellings to be accommodated in the Parish between 2016 and 2036. The respondents consider the word '<i>minimum</i>' should be inserted in the sentence such that it reads '<i>NCC has provided a minimum indicative figure</i>' to make it clear that the indicative figure is a minimum figure, not a maximum.</p> <p>Following on from the above, in relation to the 28 dwelling indicative figure, having regard to the Planning Practice Guidance (para 009 ref ID:41-009-20190509), it will need to be tested at the neighbourhood plan examination. At this stage the respondents note that reasoned justification paragraph 6.4 states that between April 2016 and the end of March 2021, 53 dwellings were completed within the Parish. It continues that there are also extant permissions for additional dwellings including 3 dwellings on The Paddock, which is adjacent to the Village Hall. Paragraph 6.4 concludes that the indicative figure has already been markedly exceeded and that as a result the Plan does not propose to allocate sites for new housing. The respondents would make number of points in relation to this including;</p> <p>1 It is a requirement that neighbourhood plans be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the existing development plan for the local area, in this case the Northumberland Local Plan and its strategic policy STP1 which lists Humshaugh as a Service Village at criterion c). Acknowledging this strategy it is not sound for the HNP not to allocate sites for new market housing within the settlement boundary. In this respect sites within the settlement boundary may be better related to services within the village, the school for example, than sites outside settlement boundaries. The need for settlement boundaries to be shown on the Policies Maps has previously been noted;</p> <p>2 The Northumberland Local Plan was adopted in March 2022. The respondents do not consider it sound that housing completions in the six year period April 2016 - March 2022 and extant planning permissions be set against</p>	<p>Comments noted, no amendments required.</p> <p>There is no requirement for neighbourhood plans to allocate sites for housing development. The scope of the plan and the policies it contains are a decision for the neighbourhood planning body. NPPG states 'neighbourhood plans are not obliged to contain policies addressing all types of development' (Paragraph: 040 Reference ID: 41-040-20160211).</p> <p>The NPPF is clear that neighbourhood plans should not promote less development than set out in strategic policies for the area, or undermine those strategic policies (paragraph 29). The neighbourhood plan is not promoting less development, or undermining the strategic policies – as explained in paragraph 6.4.</p> <p>With regard to affordable housing, policy 7 provides a positive policy framework that would support the provision of affordable housing through the use of small scale rural exception sites. There is no requirement for neighbourhood plans to meet all affordable housing needs – it is not a local plan.</p>

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	<p>the figure for delivery in the balance of the HNP period. Future supply should not be restricted because of planning permissions granted before the Adoption of the Plan. In this respect there is a need for continuity of supply and for the HNP to be forward looking;</p> <p>3 the affordable housing need is stated in paragraph 6.6 of the HNP to be estimated at 27.2 affordable rented homes and 33.3 affordable homes ownership dwellings over the Plan period, therefore approximately 60 dwellings. The current performance against this target should be set out. In turn the Plan should include positive measures towards meeting the outstanding need including through the allocation of land for housing;</p> <p>4 HNP reasoned justification paragraph 6.5 states that a material number of respondents said their current home was not suitable for their needs for the next 5 years. The main concern is stated to be homes being too large. It follows that there is a need for an increased mix of housing, including market housing, to respond.</p> <p>In relation to policy 7 itself, as noted above, sites outside settlement boundaries may be less sustainable than sites within settlement boundaries which may be better related to services within the village, the school for example. In turn there is no certainty that homes will be delivered under the policy, all criteria having to be met. It is additionally unclear whether sufficient properties will be delivered under the policy to meet the affordable needs set out in reasoned justification paragraph 6.6. In this respect Community Action 5 : Community-led housing refers to '<i>a small scale community led housing scheme</i>'. Small scale is defined as fewer than 10 homes. A small scale scheme, fewer than 10 homes, would not meet the assessed, approximately 60 dwellings.</p> <p>Following on from the above, reasoned justification paragraph 6.5 notes the demand from people wanting to downsize. Some wanting to downsize may want an owner occupied new build property and not an affordable property.</p>	

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	The respondents consider there is a need for housing allocations in Humshaugh and the respondents propose The Legitt Field, SHLAA site 9184 for allocation.	
Chris Robinson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 2)	Supports the policy. Important that elderly residents have as much opportunity as possible to continue to live in the village as long as they wish. There is also maybe a connection to be made between housing provision for young families and the continued viability of the school.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Jeffrey Keeble (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 4)	Supports the policy. As previously mentioned affordable housing is very important to meet the needs of all residents.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Nick Hayward (resident)	In support of encouraging the provision of more small homes, some older residents living in large houses, who would like to downsize whilst remaining in the village, find it difficult to find a smaller property, so have little option but to quit the community.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. This issue is captured within the plan.
William Grainger (resident)	Affordable housing is desperately needed in the village. Developers have failed to provide sufficient numbers of this type of housing. Any future development does not include 100% affordable should have to be built first so that the developer cannot find a way out of building these.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. The policy seeks to do this.
Anne Stennett (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 3)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 6)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Rhona Still (resident)	Supports the policy. It is essential for any community to have affordable housing designed to meet the needs of the wider community - young and old.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.

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Mark Ord (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Susan Birleson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Ian Birleson (resident)	I agree, however, development should strictly address locally identified affordable housing needs, i.e.. for local residents and immediate family only. Also, the number of homes built should be limited to the precise local demand rather than the theoretical estimated demand from the HNA as I believe the methodology applied to calculate the volumes wasn't appropriate for a small, rural community.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. Criterion 'd' of policy 7 requires it to be demonstrated that there is a proven and unmet local <u>need</u> (rather than demand) <u>within the parish</u> for affordable housing.
Herbie Newell (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
David Still (resident)	Need for old and young alike.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. The policy seeks to support the delivery of affordable housing for all members of the parish.
Alexander Chylak (resident)	Supports the policy. Paragraph "e". This reads as though a resident of the village who buys a new house also needs to work within the Parish? Is there a typo error? For clarity, should it read "the Parish or who works in the"	Support welcomed and comments noted. Amend to ensure clarity.
Dick Moules (resident)	Does not support the policy. Paragraph 4.4 states that Humshaugh has exceeded NCC's housing requirements of 28 additional homes between 2016 and 2036 by 25. This is re-emphasised in paragraph 6.4. This suggests that Humshaugh need not provide more housing before 2036. However, paragraph 6.6 shows a predicted need of 33.3 affordable homes by 2036. Is the plan suggesting that a further 33 homes be built?	Comments noted, amend to ensure clarity of the results from the HNA i.e. it is not suggesting that 33 additional affordable homes are built, but highlighting there is an unmet need for affordable homes. The policy relates to small scale development, so less than 10 dwellings.
Margaret Lewis (resident)	Supports the policy. Local people only, not second homes.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. Criteria 'e' and 'f' of the policy would ensure occupancy of the dwellings would be restricted and retained in perpetuity as affordable homes.

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[REDACTED] (resident 7)	Supports the policy. Realistically, I do not think that this policy will be achievable	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. The parish council is exploring options for the delivery of community led affordable housing (see community action 5).
Suzanne Newell (resident)	Supports the policy. Excellent.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Peter Woodward (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 1)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 5)	Supports the policy. On what little land is available for development in the future I would say that all future development should be affordable housing as there is nothing for low paid workers or young people or indeed single people.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. Policies within the Northumberland Local Plan would ensure that any development which came forward within the settlement boundary (for 10 or more dwellings) would include affordable housing.
Mick Jonas (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 9)	Support the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Rupert Gibson (resident)	Why have these sites not been allocated? I thought that was the whole point of a "Neighbourhood Plan"	Comments noted, no amendments required. A rural exception site is a site that would not normally be used for housing. The risk with the allocation of sites for affordable housing only is that developers then try to make the argument that if the site is suitable for affordable housing it is suitable for market housing. The need for housing within the parish is for affordable homes, therefore the exception site route is considered the most appropriate and most likely to deliver affordable homes.

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[REDACTED] (resident 8)	Support the policy. Does this section need to address in more detail the type of housing required, such as bungalows or low level flats for elderly people? It focusses on affordable housing only.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. The supporting text provides a summary of the housing needs assessment regarding type and mix. Criterion 'd' of the policy requires an up to date housing needs survey to be submitted in support of a planning application.
Judith Metcalfe (resident)	Support the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Policy/ paragraph	Policy 8: Community facilities	
Northumberland County Council	No comments.	Noted.
Northumberland National Park Authority	I fully support highlighting the importance of community facilities. These facilities do not just support those living in the village of Humshaugh but its wider community including those residents and visitors to the national park.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	Support the policy. It is agreed that the facilities in CF1 & CF6 are of great importance to the local community. It is material, as set out in paragraph 2.24 of the Plan, that the community is benefitting greatly from a diverse set of new residents who are supporting the many activities that take place in Humshaugh, enabling community institutions to thrive, a benefit which has been delivered by recent housing development in Humshaugh.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Chris Robinson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 2)	Supports the policy. Good to see the importance of community facilities recognised	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Jeffrey Keeble (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 4)	Supports the policy. All very important and vital to the village.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.

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Nick Hayward (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
William Grainger (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Anne Stennett (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 3)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 6)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Rhona Still (resident)	Supports the policy. This is an essential policy and I fully support it to maintain the vital community facilities.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Mark Ord (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Susan Birleson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Ian Birleson (resident)	Supports the policy. The community facilities listed are greatly valued.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Herbie Newell (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
David Still (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Alexander Chylak (resident)	Yes, but don't make them listed Buildings to protect them even further as this has implications for future improvements/repairs.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. A neighbourhood plan cannot designate a building as a listed building. Buildings are listed by Historic England.
Dick Moules (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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██████████ (resident 7)	Supports the policy. The shop is located in a building owned by someone else, and I do hope that when the property is eventually sold that the shop element can be retained, as it had undergone a lot of investment.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. Policy 8 seeks to resist the loss of the valued community facilities identified.
Suzanne Newell (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Peter Woodward (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
██████████ (resident 1)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
██████████ (resident 5)	Supports the policy. Again, there is no mention of the establishment of a site for Allotments. Humshaugh does have very good Community Facilities but how much better would it be if we could say that we have our own allotment site? The Allotment act and Smallholdings act gives a PC the power to procure land for such a facility therefore the Neighbourhood Plan should amplify this to completion.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. Community action 2 highlights that a wildlife survey of the parish will be undertaken and, based on this, projects will be developed to enhance the natural environment and biodiversity – this refers to allotments.
Mick Jonas (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
██████████ (resident 9)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Rupert Gibson (resident)	All six facilities will carry on if financially viable. If they are not I can only see it being very difficult to prop up by the people of the village.	Comments noted, no amendments required. Policy 8 includes criteria to resist the loss of the valued community facilities.
██████████ (resident 8)	Supports the policy. There are concerns regarding the Surgery which currently has limited (public) parking and causes congestion which will potentially lead to accidents.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. Community action 9 highlights that the parish council will develop projects to improve highway and pedestrian safety.
Judith Metcalfe (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

Consultee	Comment	Response/ proposed change
Policy/ paragraph	Policy 9: Tourism	
Northumberland County Council	<p>We think, as worded, this policy is more restrictive than policy ECN15 in the Local Plan, which would not support the intention of the group. Policy ECN15 can be misinterpreted: Whilst part f gives explicit support to new or extensions to camping, caravan and chalet sites <i>outside</i> the AONBs and WHS, this doesn't mean that it <i>precludes</i> development within these areas. For this reason we suggest amending the policy as set out below.</p> <p>Paragraph 1, this is different to the Local Plan which does not mention Service Villages in this context. There is no problem with that approach but perhaps add '<u>appropriately sized</u> tourism facilities and visitor accommodation'.</p> <p>Paragraph 2. We think this should only refer to tourism accommodation. This would be a local take on Local Plan Policy ECN15(d).</p> <p>Paragraph 3 is more restrictive than Policy ECN15(f). We recommend deleting this paragraph.</p> <p>A new Paragraph 4 should refer to Tourism Facilities (taken out of Paragraph 1). It would be worth considering what approach the Parish Council would wish to take in relation to these.</p>	<p>Comments noted, amend paragraph 6.36 to reflect feedback regarding NLP policy ECN15(2f) and also amend policy 9/ supporting text to explain why it is not more restrictive to the approach within the NLP. The intention is that policy 9 will support proposals in locations which may be seen as inaccessible, where specific criteria are met.</p> <p>Amend paragraph 1 of the policy/ supporting text to clarify that there is not blanket support for all tourism proposals and that they would need to be small scale.</p> <p>Paragraph 2 – disagree that the policy should not be seeking to focus new tourism development to the re-use of structurally sound buildings (where possible). Retain reference to tourism facilities as an important part of the tourist infrastructure of the parish, it is not considered necessary to have a new paragraph within the policy.</p>
Northumberland National Park Authority	<p>The National Park has two statutory purposes, first to conserve and enhance our special qualities, but the second purpose is just as important and refers to the importance of promoting opportunities for the public to understand and enjoy the special qualities of the national park. This policy recognises the importance of tourism. Part 1 is logical as tourism facilities should ideally be located in the areas that are more accessible such as within the settlement of Humshaugh.</p> <p>Part 2 of Policy 9 Tourism is relevant to the area within the national park. The issue of scale should be included within the first sentence, to make it</p>	<p>Support is welcomed and comments noted. Amend to refer to small-scale provide more detail regarding sustainable practices and outcomes.</p>

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	<p>consistent with NNPLP Policy DM7 and part 3 of this policy, as well as to ensure that the National Park's special quality of tranquility is not harmed:</p> <p>In the open countryside, <u>small scale</u> tourism facilities and visitor accommodation development should, wherever possible, be limited to the re-use of buildings that are structurally sound. New, permanent buildings for tourism facilities and visitor accommodation will be supported where it can be demonstrated that they would.....</p> <p>Part 3 of Policy 9 relating to chalets and camping pods, I would like more clarification/ detail about what the steering group means to c) <i>embed sustainable practises and outcomes</i>. Perhaps more explanation can be provided in the supporting text of examples and what is expected. As there is an "and" after part d) it is assumed a proposal would need to meet all 5 parts of part 3 to be supported.</p>	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	Support the policy. In relation to criterion 1, the Humshaugh Settlement Boundary as shown in Figure 4 in the HNP is noted. We had difficulty however in identifying the Settlement Boundary on both the Pre-Submission Draft Policies Map December 2023 and the Pre-Submission Draft Inset Policies Map December 2023. In this respect ' <i>settlement boundary</i> ' is not listed or identified in the key to either Map.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. Amend policies map key to make the settlement boundary clear.
Chris Robinson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 2)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Jeffrey Keeble (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 4)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Nick Hayward (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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William Grainger (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Anne Stennett (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 3)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 6)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Rhona Still (resident)	Supports the policy. It is essential that tourism proposals are suited to the community in which they are based.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Mark Ord (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Susan Birleson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Ian Birleson (resident)	Supports the policy. Our proximity to Hadrian's Wall and our rural character means we are popular with tourists. Tourism is essential to our local economy.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Herbie Newell (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
David Still (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Alexander Chylak (resident)	IN PART ONLY. There's enough holiday accommodation within the Parish. Developments/housing should only be for those that intend living here. I do not wish to look at chalets, camping pods, caravans (static & travelling) and camping sites within the Parish and its surroundings. I think they will not enhance the Parish and may even make people move away from our lovely village.	Comments noted, no amendments required. Both the Northumberland Local Plan and National Park Local Plan will support tourism accommodation. The intention of policy 9 is to add local detail.
Dick Moules (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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Margaret Lewis (resident)	Does not support the policy.	Comments noted, no amendments required.
Suzanne Newell (resident)	Point 1. add 'within reason' . Should there be a specified limit to the number of AirBnB's, second homes used as holiday lets, B&Bs, etc? The number of visitors using the pub services, for example, during the walking/holiday seasons already creates problems for village residents who also want to use those services.	Comments noted. Amend paragraph 1 to ensure clarification that appropriate development would be supported. It would not be possible to specifically limit the level of holiday accommodation however each application would be considered against the relevant development plan policies.
Peter Woodward (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 1)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 5)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mick Jonas (resident)	Supports the policy. Should we be encouraging the re-routing of the official Hadrian's Wall Path through the village, thereby not only making it a more attractive route away from the B6318 but also improving likely footfall in the village shop & pub.	Support welcomed and comments noted, amend community action 8 to refer to the rerouting of the Hadrian's Wall Path.
[REDACTED] (resident 9)	Support the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Rupert Gibson (resident)	All this work will be carried out by NCC Planning & Conservation Depts	Comments noted, no amendments required. The policy will, once adopted, be used by the local planning authority against which to consider relevant planning applications.
[REDACTED] (resident 8)	It's been raised often, but the dangerous Hadrian's Wall route along the Military Road out of Chollerford needs either moving or the path widening.	Comments noted, no amendments required. Community actions 8 and 9 refer to improvements to rights of way and pedestrian safety.
Judith Metcalfe (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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Section 7 – Transport and accessibility		
Policy/ paragraph	Policy 10: Sustainable transport	
Northumberland County Council	<p>Delete Paragraph 1 (these are general aims rather than specific policy criteria and replicate Policy TRA 1 in the NLP). Criterion c is unjustified – without a locally set standard, it would be impossible to use in decision making.</p> <p>Retain Paragraph 2.</p> <p>Paragraph 3. There are actions the PC can take in relation to Public Rights of Way (PROW) but this generic statement is not very helpful (and the PROW is NOT shown on the policies map, as stated). It would be more effective if you audit local PROW to identify areas for improvement / extension. See examples in other neighbourhood plans, for example, Lowick Policy L9: Lowick-NP-Made-Version.pdf (northumberland.gov.uk)</p> <p>Further information on PROW is in this note: RoW volunteers doc 2012_volunteers doc (northumberland.gov.uk)</p> <p>Paragraph 4. We recommend deleting this paragraph as PROW are already protected and inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan is of no benefit.</p>	<p>Comments noted. Disagree that the criteria proposed to be included within policy 10(1) are aims, they are requirements for development proposals to accord with (where relevant to the development). The only overlaps with NLP Policy TRA1 are that it supports development which maximises the use of sustainable modes of transport, which is considered to be appropriate and it sets the context for the policy criteria which follow. Also 1b, regarding low emission vehicles as TRA1(1c) refers to supporting the use of ultra-low emission vehicles, so it is agreed that there is some overlap.</p> <p>Policy 1a does not overlap because TRA1 doesn't require relevant development to address deficiencies in existing walking, cycling and public transport networks.</p> <p>Policy 1c doesn't overlap with TRA1 because there's nothing about limiting car parking in TRA1. It does not seek to create a local standard, only to require consideration of the location of the development, highway safety and the availability of access to sustainable transport. This does not conflict with the strategic policies of the development plan.</p> <p>Policy 1d does not overlap as TRA1 does not require development to ensure that priority is given to vulnerable road users - the closest it</p>

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		<p>comes to doing it is by requiring development to support walking and cycling networks. However, this could be amended to improve clarity.</p> <p>Policy 1e does not overlap as with TRA1 does not specify that cycle parking must be secure (e.g. Sheffield stands to which the frame can be locked rather than brackets to which one wheel can be locked) or that it must be covered.</p> <p>Policy 1f does not overlap because TRA1 does not refer to mitigation of negative impacts - the closest it comes to doing so is requiring development to support, provide and connect to networks for walking, cycling and public transport.</p> <p>Amend to: remove criterion 1b as this replicates TRA1(1c) and include appropriate reference within supporting text. Also modify criterion 1d to ensure that the hierarchy of road users (as introduced by the revised Highway Code in January 2022) is respected, by giving priority to more vulnerable over less vulnerable road users.</p> <p>Amend to delete paragraph 3 and include community action regarding an audit of rights of way and the identification of opportunities for improvements/ extensions to the network.</p> <p>Amend to remove PROW network from policies map.</p> <p>Amend to delete paragraph 4 and move reference to supporting text.</p>

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Northumberland National Park Authority	Agree with all parts of this policy including protecting public rights of way from development.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	Support the policy. No further comments.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Chris Robinson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 2)	Good aspirations, a challenging area and not always addressable by the planning system	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Jeffrey Keeble (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 4)	It is important to maintain as efficient as possible a public transport system to reduce the reliance on motor vehicles.	Comments noted, no amendments required. Community action 6 commits the parish council to work with partners to explore options to improve public transport provision.
Nick Hayward (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
William Grainger (resident)	Supports the policy. The desire for rapid EV chargers is very welcome. The current 7 kW chargers do not meet the need of tourists or of residents unless they live in the immediate area. A significant number of houses do not have private parking and thus cannot fit ev chargers, the residents could use fast chargers if they are located within the village. The lack of promotion of new footpaths is poor. To encourage people to walk more for their health more footpaths should be favoured in this plan. Large sections of the River Tyne banks are inaccessible. Many of the woods in the parish do not have public access., this should change. The planting of new forestry should have to include public access on foot.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. Community action 8 commits the parish council to work with stakeholders to improve the rights of way network.

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Anne Stennett (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 3)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 6)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Rhona Still (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mark Ord (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Susan Birleson (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Ian Birleson (resident)	Supports the policy. We need to lead the way in terms of sustainability for the sake of our future generations.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Alexander Chylak (resident)	ONLY SOME OF IT People that live in affordable housing generally cannot afford to purchase expensive electric cars. They may have an EV as a company car. Many in standard housing can also not afford electric cars. However, I think all new houses should be fitted with an EV charger and solar panels as standard. At present, no new EV chargers are required because the ones we have outside the surgery are hardly ever used, however, ultra-fast chargers may be of use in the future.	Comments noted, no amendments required. The Building Regulations require new residential development to have access to EV charging points. In order to require all new residential dwellings to include solar panels there would be a need for a viability appraisal of the policy.
Dick Moules (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Margaret Lewis (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
[REDACTED] (resident 7)	Supports the policy. But realistically I am not sure what contribution a few houses can make to transport improvements	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Suzanne Newell (resident)	Supports the policy. As well as the installation of public EV charge points, all new housing should automatically have a personal charge point installed.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. The Building Regulations

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		require new residential development to have access to EV charging points.
Peter Woodward (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
██████████ (resident 1)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mick Jonas (resident)	I think the Policy should be even stronger w.r.t. the removal of as many cars from the roads as possible i.e. discouraging second cars in households, and encouraging people to use local buses e.g. by keeping or even reducing the £2 flat fare and improving frequency of local services. Go Northeast, for example, could route the AD122 through the village and amend the timings of the 680 service to provide what would effectively be an hourly service from Humshaugh to Hexham. Also ticketing could be improved so as to allow the flat fare to be used on one whole journey, rather than per bus, therefore allowing a through ticket, for example, from Humshaugh to Newcastle, using the AD122/680 followed by the 685. This would require a spirit of co-operation between Go North East and Stagecoach. Even better would be the introduction of a transfare system similar to Tyne & Wear Metro & buses, to give one flat-rate through fare to Newcastle, using bus to Hexham Station, and train thereafter.	Comments noted, no amendments required. The suggestions would go beyond what planning policies could require. The plan includes a number of community actions to improve accessibility and reduce reliance on the private car.
██████████ (resident 9)	Supports the policy but 1 c) & 1 d) "relating to car parking and vulnerable road users. The parking availability at the entrance to the doctor's surgery is inadequate. There needs to be disable parking bays as well as charging points.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. The parish council is actively pursuing options to improve parking at the doctor's surgery.
Rupert Gibson (resident)	Do we really need a bike shed? Do we really need more EV points? Where would either fit in?	Comments noted, no amendments required. The plan is not proposing a bike shed, community action 7 refers to investigating opportunities to install cycle racks at appropriate locations within the parish. Policy 10(1e) requires (secure and

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		covered) cycle parking within any new development. With regard to EV points, the plan is supportive of the installation of rapid EV chargers in appropriate locations within the parish, rather than within the village.
██████████ (resident 8)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Judith Metcalfe (resident)	Supports the policy.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Annex 1 – Community actions		
Community actions overall		
Northumberland County Council	Suggested additional action under ‘inclusive and sustainable community’ to maintain the operation of the <u>Humshaugh Village Shop</u> (which is an essential facility and admired by many other rural villages).	Comments noted, no amendments required. The shop will be protected via policy 8 – community facilities.
Northumberland National Park Authority	It is noted that many of the community actions reflect the aims and objectives in the NNP recently adopted Management Plan, notably Actions 2 and 4 relating to the Biodiversity and natural environment and tree planting; and the Transport and Accessibility actions 6, 7, 8 and 9 northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Management-Plan-2022.pdf	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
██████████ (resident 2)	As mentioned in the Introduction who takes these actions and who is motivated to take them are critical questions. Once could imagine community priorities and consequent actions changing over the plan period and maybe scope to assess progress, review the actions and possibly change them needs to built into the plan document.	Comments noted, no amendments required. There is the ability to review and update community actions once the plan has been adopted.
Jeffrey Keeble (resident)	Broadly I agree all of these	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
William Grainger (resident)	Biodiversity and measure to improve this are very important.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.

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Anne Stennett (resident)	All laudable. I just wish I were ten years younger & able to offer some help!!	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Rhona Still (resident)	These actions reflect to views of the community and I fully support them.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Susan Birleson (resident)	I agree with the proposed community action plan, especially improvements, particularly the frequency of public transport to and from the village.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Ian Birleson (resident)	I support the community actions listed. We have a fantastic community with many talented individuals so I believe most of these can be achieved in a reasonable timescale.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Herbie Newell (resident)	I support the proposed actions.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Margaret Lewis (resident)	See below. This is, I think, likely to become more and more important. Clean rivers do matter.	Comments noted; amend to include community action to capture that the parish council is working with the county councillor, Tyne Rivers Trust and Newcastle University to improve river quality.
██████████ (resident 7)	I broadly support the objectives, but wonder whether there are enough volunteers to implement them!	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
██████████ (resident 5)	<p>Yet again, there is no mention at all of a Community Action to provide Allotments despite previous approaches to the PC by Parishioners and despite the lawful obligation to do so.</p> <p>I have to ask the question as everything else seems to be have been covered in great detail; Why has this one topic been completely ignored in the entirety of the Neighbourhood Plan?</p> <p>The word “Sustainable” is used to apply to everything and yet one of the most truly Sustainable things a community can do is provide allotment space for people to grow vegetables to feed their families.</p>	<p>Comments noted. Community action 2 includes reference to projects to enhance the natural environment and biodiversity, such as allotments.</p> <p>Amend to include community action to evaluate demand and potential locations for community allotments.</p>

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[REDACTED] (resident 9)	All wonderful but how can these "community actions" proposals be advertised more widely? How many people will pick up and read this draft plan?	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. All residents were informed of the consultation on the neighbourhood plan. The parish council can only raise awareness and encourage people to review and provide comments.
Community action 1: Waste minimisation		
Rupert Gibson (resident)	Action 1: The workshop required to fix all electronic kit would be substantial - is there a living in it?	Comments noted, no amendments required. This is a voluntary activity.
[REDACTED] (resident 8)	CA1 - Great idea. How about recycling facilities - bottle bank - in the Village?	Support is welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. A bottle bank has been considered previously by the parish council and the main issue is finding a suitable site. NCC is working to provide a household glass recycling service.
Community action 2: Biodiversity and the natural environment		
Rupert Gibson (resident)	I read this section with disbelief. Community woodlands? Wildflower meadows? A utopian ideal?	Comments noted, no amendments required. These are activities which are being undertaken by many communities.
Community action 3: Humshaugh Conservation Area		
Historic England	Community Action 3, to adopt a conservation area character appraisal and management plan, is welcome. In the interim, the Humshaugh Conservation Areas Heritage Paper (November 2023) is an acceptable tool to provide evidence to Policy 4 and subsequent decision-making (in particular because it is evaluative of special architectural interest not just descriptive of character).	Comments noted, amend community action to highlight that in the interim the heritage background paper can be used to inform decision making.
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	This should be revised to delete the words, " <i>and should consider the need for a review of the Conservation Area boundary</i> " at the end of the second sentence. In this respect para 1.20 the Humshaugh Conservation Area Heritage Paper Reg. 14 Neighbourhood Plan Consultation November 2023	Comments noted, no amendments required. Historic England Guidance (Conservation Area Appraisal, Designation and Management) highlights that an important aspect of a

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	<p>states the Paper does not provide the opportunity to review the boundaries of the Conservation Area. The amended Community Action 3 would read;</p> <p><i>"Work with Northumberland County Council's Conservation Team to ensure that an up-to-date character appraisal and management plan is prepared for Humshaugh Conservation Area, This should include engagement with the local community and other stakeholders".</i></p> <p>Following on from the above, the respondents have reviewed Map 7 : Proposed amendments to Conservation Area boundary in the Humshaugh Conservation Area Heritage Paper Reg 14 Neighbourhood Plan Consultation November 2023. Whilst this Map is entitled 'Proposed amendments to Conservation Area boundary', it was not clear what boundary changes are being considered. In the circumstances, without prejudice to the comments above, the respondents would record that the Conservation Area should not be extended to the south.</p>	<p>conservation area appraisal is considering where the boundaries of a conservation area are drawn and whether they should be redrawn (paragraph 68). No changes are proposed to the conservation area boundary as part of the plan. If changes are proposed these would be made by NCC and there would be engagement on the detail of the proposals.</p>
<p>██████████ (resident 7)</p>	<p>I cannot support the redrawing of the Conservation Area boundary to exclude East Farm, East Lea and Waynriggs Paddock.</p>	<p>Comments noted, no amendments required. No changes are proposed to the conservation area boundary as part of the plan. If changes are proposed these would be made by NCC and there would be engagement on the detail of the proposals.</p>
Community action 5: Community-led housing		
<p>J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)</p>	<p>The wording of the Action refers to '<i>a small scale site (fewer than 10 homes)</i>'. The use of the word '<i>a</i>' indicates a single site. This contrasts with HNP policy 7 which does not include a single site limitation.</p> <p>Following on from the above a small scale site (fewer than 10 homes) would not meet the need stated in the last bullet under para 6.6 of the HNP of 27.2 affordable rented homes and</p>	<p>Comments noted, no amendments required. The reference to one community-led housing scheme is realistic - it acknowledges that the process of identifying a suitable site and working with the local community and relevant stakeholders could be a lengthy process, alongside that there is limited capacity within the small parish council. Sites within and adjacent to the settlement boundary would be considered.</p>

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	<p>33.3 affordable home ownership dwellings required over the Plan period. The approach is not sound it not meeting the assessed need or even coming close to it.</p> <p>Without prejudice to the above HNP policy 7 criterion a) requires that it be demonstrated, through the submission of a detailed site options appraisal, that the site is the most suitable site and that no other suitable and available sites exist within the Humshaugh settlement boundary. Criterion b) requires that the site should adjoin the Humshaugh settlement boundary. Acknowledging the above presumably any community-led housing site would be accommodated on land adjoining, likely outside, the Humshaugh settlement boundary. It is likely that such sites would be further from community facilities in Humshaugh, the School for example, than sites within the settlement boundary and result in a less sustainable form of development. In the circumstances the respondents consider there is a need for the approach to housing in the HNP to be worked through including in terms of the interrelationship with Community Action 5 and HNP policy 7.</p>	
Community action 6: Public transport		
Chris Robinson (resident)	Greater emphasis should be placed on the importance of improving the public transport offering to what is and will be an increasingly aging population in order to reduce reliance of motor cars to access the range of centralised eg health, leisure and transport facilities.	Comments noted, no amendments required. It is considered that the community action is appropriate as it looks to support improvements to public transport.
Community action 9: Highway and pedestrian safety		
Alexander Chylak (resident)	I disagree with a 20mph limit through the village, except in the vicinity of the school. No one will stick to it and no one will police it. Scottish villages/towns now have a 20mph max speed limit and the locals rarely stick to it.	Comments noted, no amendments required. It is considered appropriate to explore the opportunity to create a 20mph speed limit as residents are consistently raising this as an issue.
Richard Hewitt (resident)	Community Action 9: There is no evidence that a 20mph is needed (in 20 years living in Humshaugh my experience)	Comments noted, no amendments required. It is considered appropriate to explore the opportunity to create a 20mph speed limit as residents are consistently raising this as an issue.

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		In addition to improving pedestrian safety, a reduced speed limit would have other benefits including reduced emissions and noise.
Policies Map		
Northumberland County Council	The legend should be amended so that the 'Local Distinctiveness Boundary' is correctly identified as ' <u>the Settlement Boundary</u> '. The policies map should also identify the National Park and World Heritage Site (and buffer zone).	Comments noted. The local distinctiveness boundary was linked to proposals within the design code. Amend policies map to include settlement boundary, national park boundary and WHS (and buffer zone).
Local green space and protected open space background paper		
Paragraph	2.3	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	NPPF para 101 has been renumbered para 105 in the NPPF December 2023. It remains part of the guidance that Local Green Spaces should only be designated where a plan is prepared or updated, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.	Comments noted, amend to correct NPPF reference.
Paragraph	2.4	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	NPPF para 102 has been renumbered para 106 in the NPPF December 2023.	Comments noted, amend to correct NPPF reference.
Paragraph	2.6	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	Support the setting out of the Planning Practice Guidance. The respondents would specifically note the guidance in the first bullet point which states that plans must identify sufficient locations to meet identified development needs and that the Local Green Space designation should not be used in a way that undermines this aim of plan making (Paragraph 007 Reference ID:37-007-2014036).	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.

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Paragraph	3.4 – table row 2	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	The respondents consider land should be allocated for housing development in the Plan acknowledging amongst other things that Humshaugh is a Service Village, that there is a need for continuity of supply, a mix of housing and a significant affordable housing requirement which will not be met by a rural exception site. It is clear from the NPPF and the Planning Practice Guidance that Local Green Spaces should be capable of enduring beyond the end of the Plan period and that plans must identify sufficient locations to meet identified development needs.	Comments noted, no amendments required. The proposed LGS and POS allocations are considered to meet the basic conditions – as explained in response to the comments on the LGS and POS policies.
Paragraph	3.4	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	The respondents are the joint owners of LGS04, The Legitt Field. Their response to its proposed designation as Local Green Space, 'LGS' is set out in this consultation response and in their response to the HNP consultation draft.	Comments noted, no amendments required for the reasons set out above.
Appendices	1&2 LGS01 – School playing field and play area	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	The respondents support the assessment and the proposed designation of LGS01 as LGS.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Appendices	1&2 LGS02 – The Orchard	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	The respondents support the assessment and the proposed designation of LGS02 as LGS.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Appendices	1&2 LGS03 – Bog Field	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	The respondents support the assessment and the proposed designation of LGS03 as LGS.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.

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Appendices	1&2 LGS04 – The Legitt Field	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	<p>The respondents, the owners of the site, object to its proposed designation as LGS.</p> <p>The respondents do not consider the requirements set out in NPPF para 105 when designating land as LGS have been met, amongst other things it not being clear that the proposed LGS designations can endure beyond the end of the plan period acknowledging amongst other things the need for sustainable planning, that Humshaugh is a Service Village and that there will be a requirement for development within this and future plan periods.</p> <p>The Legitt Field has been assessed as being suitable, available and achievable in the SHLAA, site reference 9184. It is within the Humshaugh Settlement Boundary, is in a sustainable location in close proximity to the School and is bounded on all sides by existing development. In the circumstances, having regard to NPPF paragraph 105, The Legitt Field, should not be designated as Local Green Space such that it can contribute to Humshaugh's development needs in this and future Plan periods. For these reasons amongst others the proposed designation of LGS04 The Legitt Field is not sustainable.</p> <p>Following on from the above NPPF paragraph 106 sets out further guidance. It states that the LGS designation should only be used where the green space is: a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves; b) demonstrable special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.</p> <p>Responding to the assessments in Appendices 1 and 2 in relation to LGS04 The Legitt Field, the respondents do not agree that The Legitt Field is of particular local significance (criterion b) because of its beauty. In this respect the site is in the centre of the village and is bounded amongst other things by existing development including (1) the main road through Humshaugh to the west, (2) another road, Doctors Lane, to the north (3) a house to the north west (The</p>	<p>Comments noted, no amendments required.</p> <p>When the plan is submitted for examination it will be accompanied by a basic conditions statement. This will describe how the plan has had regard to national planning policy and guidance, is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan, contributes to the achievement of sustainable development and is compatible with legal obligations.</p> <p>Neighbourhood plans do not need to include policies for all types of development – it is for the neighbourhood planning body to define its scope. Whilst neighbourhood plans can play an important role in supporting the number, type and mix of homes required in an area, it is for the local planning authority to define neighbourhood planning bodies with details of the number of homes to plan for over the neighbourhood plan period. NCC provided this figure and, as explained within section 6 of the plan, it has been markedly exceeded. An assessment of ‘developable land’ does not need to be undertaken.</p> <p>With regard to ‘other’ (non housing) development – the draft neighbourhood plan has included policies where it feels it can add local detail to those within the Northumberland and National Park Local Plans.</p> <p>In identifying a site to be allocated as local green space, an assessment does not need to be</p>

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	<p>Legitt), (4) housing to the east. and (5) a recently completed housing estate to the south. These factors impact on the character and appearance of the site and mean it is not 'beautiful'.</p> <p>The respondents do not agree that The Legitt Field is of particular local historic significance (criterion b). It is outside the Conservation Area and does not adjoin it. In turn an application by a third party to add the site to the Schedule of Monuments was refused by Historic England (HE ref 1459660). The following principal reasons were listed by Historic England for the decision;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>"Rarity: medieval open field systems are widely distributed across England and areas of ridge and furrow are a common occurrence;</i> • <i>Survival: it is a fragment of a formerly more extensive field system, which is therefore poorly preserved overall;</i> • <i>Potential: insufficient of the field system survives to demonstrate its exact nature and any regional variations in the form of its fields and furlongs;</i> • <i>Group value: it does not retain a clear, physical association with the scheduled remains of a contemporary settlement".</i> <p>A copy of Historic England's letter dated 15 October 2018 and their associated report is attached. The principal reasons for not adding the site to the Schedule of Monuments remain applicable. The respondents would add that since Historic England's decision on 15 October 2018, the housing estate to the south has been developed and impacted on the character and appearance of the site.</p> <p>It is also not agreed that the site makes a particular contribution to the setting of Hopewell House or Humshaugh CofE Primary School. The List Descriptions for Hopewell House and Humshaugh CofE Primary School record the buildings were Listed for their Group Value reflecting amongst other things the historic association between the two buildings, Hopewell House formerly being the headmaster's house. These buildings are situated on the opposite side of the main road from The Legitt Field. To the south of The Legitt Field is a recent</p>	<p>undertaken as to whether it is developable. The approach to the assessment is clearly set out in the local green space and protected open space background paper which refers to the relevant sections of national planning policy and guidance.</p> <p>The suggestion that because site LGS04 (The Leggit Field) is included within the Northumberland SHLAA as suitable, available and achievable, within the settlement boundary and bounded by development, it is not appropriate for LGS designation is fundamentally flawed. The 'positive' assessment of a site within the SHLAA does not prevent allocation as LGS. If the site were allocated for development within the Northumberland Local Plan or had planning permission, then it would not meet the requirements of national planning policy or guidance (as explained within the background paper). There are many examples of LGS sites across Northumberland that lie within settlement boundaries and are bounded by development.</p> <p>To reiterate, the indicative housing figure of 28 dwellings to be completed within the parish between 2016 and 2036 has been markedly exceeded.</p> <p>Responses to the comments to the individual site assessment for LGS04 are included in the section of this document relevant to the background paper. In summary, the site is considered to be demonstrably special as a result of its beauty,</p>

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	<p>housing development. This is a similar distance from Humshaugh CofE Primary School to The Legitt Field and demonstrates that housing development can integrate acceptably on the opposite site of the road subject to appropriate design, landscaping and materials amongst other things.</p> <p>The respondents agree with the assessment that The Legitt Field is <u>not</u> of particular local significance because of its recreational value. As stated in the Appendix 2 assessment, there is no public access.</p> <p>The respondents do not agree that The Legitt Field is of particular local significance because of its tranquillity (criterion b). As stated in both Appendices 1 and 2 of the Background Paper, the site is in the centre of the village. It adjoins the main road and is close to the school which generates comings and goings, noise and activity. Doctors Lane is to the north and there is existing housing both adjoining the site and in close proximity, factors, which combined with the size of the site mean that it is not tranquil. It is additionally material that it is not publicly accessible.</p> <p>The respondents do not agree that The Legitt Field is of <u>particular</u> local significance because of its richness of wildlife, criterion b). In this respect similar wildlife is found on other sites proposed in the HNP to be designated as Local Green Space. Additionally it is material that the site has been grazed.</p>	historic significance, tranquillity and richness of wildlife.
Appendices	1&2 LGS05 – Humshaugh Burn	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	The respondents support the assessment and the proposed designation of LGS05 as LGS.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Appendices	1&2 LGS06 – Humshaugh War Memorial	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	The respondents support the assessment and the proposed designation of LGS06 as LGS.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.

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Appendices	1&2 LGS07 – Haughton Square	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	The respondents support the assessment and the proposed designation of LGS07 as LGS.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Appendices	1&2 LGS08 - St Peter's Churchyard	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	The respondents support the assessment and the proposed designation of LGS08 as LGS.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Appendices	1&2 LGS09 – The Glebe Field	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	The respondents support the assessment and the proposed designation of LGS09 as LGS.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Appendices	1&2 LGS10 – Entrance to Doctor's Lane	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	The respondents support the assessment and the proposed designation of LGS10 as LGS.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Appendices	1&2 LGS11 – Chester Meadow Amenity Area	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	The respondents support the assessment and the proposed designation of LGS11 as LGS.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.

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Appendices	1&2 LGS12 – Field opposite Douglas Terrace	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	The respondents support the assessment and the proposed designation of LGS12 as LGS.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Appendices	4 – POS01, field north of the Crown Inn	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	The respondents support the assessment and the proposed designation of POS01 as Protected Open Space.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Appendices	4 – POS02, Doctors Lane Field	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	The respondents support the assessment and the proposed designation of POS02 as Protected Open Space.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Appendices	4 – POS03, Evans Trust Field (north of war memorial)	
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	The respondents support the assessment and the proposed designation of POS03 as Protected Open Space.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Heritage background paper		
(resident 6)	In relation to the 'Conservation Area Heritage Paper, (also referred to as the Heritage Background Paper in the main document) I do not agree with the proposed changes by NCC to the Conservation Area Boundary.	Comments noted, no amendments required. Historic England Guidance (Conservation Area Appraisal, Designation and Management) highlights that an important aspect of a conservation area appraisal is considering where the boundaries of a conservation area are drawn and whether they should be redrawn (paragraph 68). No changes are proposed to the conservation area boundary as part of the plan. If changes are proposed these would be made by NCC and there

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		would be engagement on the detail of the proposals.
J C Davidson, M Grundseth & J McKee (Ward Hadaway) (landowners)	Following on from the above, the respondents have reviewed Map 7 : Proposed amendments to Conservation Area boundary in the Humshaugh Conservation Area Heritage Paper Reg 14 Neighbourhood Plan Consultation November 2023. Whilst this Map is entitled 'Proposed amendments to Conservation Area boundary', it was not clear what boundary changes are being considered. In the circumstances, without prejudice to the comments above, the respondents would record that the Conservation Area should not be extended to the south.	Comments noted, no amendments required. No changes are proposed to the conservation area boundary as part of the plan. If changes are proposed these would be made by NCC and there would be engagement on the detail of the proposals.
Design code		
Northumberland County Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RC.01 - set backs should say 'staggered' not 'mixed' 2. MA.01 - improve wording, reads as though locally distinctive materials preferred but then acceptable to select something different. 3. MA.03 - can this refer back to specific architectural styles or make references to the relevant character section e.g. for windows 4. MA.02/04 - typo duplicate sentence 5. LA.01 - does this include dormers? Proportionate to adjoining properties as two-storeys can vary significantly in height. 6. LA.04 - whilst a good concept, could this conflict e.g. with highways and driveways/ car parking space 7. LA.05 - should refer to key views map. 8. SC.02 - could match be changed to 'like for like'. Red brick could match red brick but there could be hundreds of years difference in their age which would give a huge difference in appearance. 9. SC.05 - would this only be larger developments rather than householder? 10. IN.02 - this statement could contradict spatial policy and should be removed or backland development should respect existing settlement patterns. Double-check definition of Backland Development. This 1992 version of Planning Policy Guidance Note 3 (Housing) makes a 	Comments noted. The design code has been updated by AECOM to reflect previous comments.

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	<p>distinction between backland and tandem development and (still) represents generally how planners think about the two. Planning Policy Statement 3 (PPS3) (housinglin.org.uk)</p> <p>11. Generally, say residential development not just development where criteria clearly apply to dwellings only.</p> <p>12. Fig. 21 could arrows be more clear, and inset images of the key views. Also check the Heritage Paper for key views mentioned.</p>	
Northumberland National Park Authority	This is an impressive and is fully supported. Figure 21 shows the key views, including one within the national park, however the figure itself is not clear. This could be remedied by the views being highlighted by a different colour symbol. But as it is, it is hard to read.	Support welcomed and comments noted. The design code has been updated by AECOM to reflect previous comments.
Do you have any other comments		
Jeffrey Keeble (resident)	An excellent plan which I am happy to fully support	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
(resident 4)	As we have only lived in the village for a few years, reading all about the history of Humshaugh was very interesting.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Anne Stennett (resident)	An admirable piece of work. I am very grateful to all who have contributed to the production of such a thorough professional document. Thank you!!!	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
(resident 3)	A well researched and comprehensive report for the benefit of Humshaugh village and local area. Sincere thanks to all contributors and the Parish Council for undertaking such a massive job!	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
(resident 6)	The NHP website appears to have an inconsistency. For example the tab 'Documents' does not include all of the current documents such as the Conservation Area Heritage Paper. This is instead included under the tab 'Draft Neighbourhood Plan Consultation' , but could perhaps be missed by others who did not know what they were looking for?	Comments noted, website to be amended to ensure clarity
Rhona Still (resident)	Well done to all those who took part in preparing & researching this plan, and to the Parish Council for initiating this process.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.

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Susan Birleson (resident)	I am in support of the proposed plan in order to protect our village from further inappropriate development and to protect our open spaces in order to preserve the rural character of Humshaugh. The future of the village, particularly with respect to the threat to climate change is of importance. We should all be encouraged to “our bit” and the proposed plan addresses this issue.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
David Still (resident)	It is so important that the parish has a strong say in protecting and developing policies. Until this process started, it was very disappointing that the parish council failed to deliver on a Neighbourhood Plan.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Alexander Chylak (resident)	The public consultation at the Village Hall was too close to the busy period leading up to Christmas.	Comments noted , the consultation period ran from the 7 th of December until the 25 th of January. Two drop in events were held to allow the local community to view hard copies of the plan. Hard copies of the plan and supporting documents were available in The Village Shop.
Dick Moules (resident)	There is no mention of NCC's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). It identifies land as being unsuitable for development in the foreseeable future. Is its exclusion intentional?	Comments noted, no amendments required. The SHLAA is not a policy document. The neighbourhood plan is not proposing to allocate land for housing development.
Margaret Lewis (resident)	Recreational swimming at Chollerford Bridge needs to be given more consideration. This would inevitably lead to the issue of sewage release in the North Tyne. Many people are concerned by this.	Comments noted; amend to include community action to capture that the parish council is working with the county councillor, Tyne Rivers Trust and Newcastle University to improve river quality.
[REDACTED] (resident 7)	Conservation area - East Farm was built after the boundary was drawn, and the houses should remain in it as they were deemed to meet design criteria at the time. Waynriggs Tce and East Lea should also remain in it, as it will stop inappropriate development. Waynriggs Paddock should definitely remain in the conservation area to prevent inappropriate development when the plot is sold by Mr & Mrs Campbell. I am not sure why there are disparaging	Comments noted, no amendments required. When a conservation character appraisal and management plan is prepared, this work will be led by Northumberland County Council, as the local planning authority. If there are proposed

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	<p>comments about East Farm being a cul-de-sac. So is Beechcroft, Valley Court, Hadrian Court, East Lea and Haughton Square.</p> <p>I have read the summary of the Housing Needs Assessment, and the Appendix that lists the calculations, and glanced over the rest. To me, it looks as though questionable statistics from various years (5 flats in Humshaugh have disappeared?) and sources have been used, averaged out and compared to average figures from both the county and the UK to get to figures that don't compare to the figures released by NCC regarding how many houses Humshaugh was supposed to build to meet its quota. This is a very complex document and inadequately sums up in simple language how the figures have been reached.</p>	<p>changes to the boundary, a consultation would be undertaken by NCC.</p> <p>The HNA has been prepared by a national consultancy following an agreed and established methodology. A summary of the findings of the HNA are included within the draft neighbourhood plan.</p>
Suzanne Newell (resident)	An excellent, well thought out document. Well done and many thanks to all concerned.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
██████████ (resident 9)	Thank you for all your hard work.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Rupert Gibson (resident)	<p>The plan is well written, beautifully presented and the photographic work exemplary. But some of the content is nearly a waste of time, as Northumberland County Council will always have the upper hand in all planning matters. There have been quite a few situations lately when NCC has gone against the passed neighbourhood plan of a settlement. The power of a neighbourhood plan is probably not just as powerful as you would all expect. It is not set in stone!</p> <p>Sustainable transport is a tricky one. It would be great to have a bus through Humshaugh every hour. But it will never happen if there are not enough bums on seats. NCC spends a fortune on buses of all types, and it cannot afford to spend any more. Extending footpaths and cycleways is very difficult to do. You just cannot say "I think the village should have a footpath along the riverbank". It will probably never happen that a highway will be instated with no background. I was on the Rights of Way committee for 8 years and it just</p>	<p>Comments noted. Neighbourhood planning is a powerful tool for local communities – the policies within neighbourhood plans form part of the development plan. Planning law requires that planning applications are determined in accordance with the development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.</p> <p>NCC (and NNPA) are the planning authorities covering the parish and whilst they make the planning decisions, these must be made in accordance with the policies contained within made neighbourhood plans.</p>

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	<p>does not happen like that. And the cyclists will have the same problem. All these projects will cost a fortune. Where will that money come from?</p> <p>But I see the biggest overall problem of the neighbourhood plan is the lack of space in the village for all the projects that are listed. We have been asked to supply allotments in the village at least twice in the last five years, and it has been impossible supply them. But more parking places, more EV charging points, bike stands, a bike shed etc etc. Where are they all going to go? That doesn't even take into account the wildflower meadows, community woodlands, hedgerows, ponds. waterways etc. That becomes a very large area.</p> <p>I can only feel that the whole scheme needs a good dose of reality. At the moment it is a Utopian vision. So I am afraid I shall be voting against in the referendum.</p> <p>But there is one thing you have missed. The area where the Cussins SUDS pond is. Ideal for a small nature reserve.</p> <p>I expect an email receipt when added into "the pot"</p>	
Judith Metcalfe (resident)	I broadly agree with the draft plan. It is obvious that an enormous amount of work has gone into it and those who have been instrumental in the drafting process are to be congratulated. I feel that it is extremely important for the village that we have a neighbourhood plan. Thank you for your efforts.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Richard Hewitt (resident)	No costings are shown for any proposals and/or policies.	Comments noted, no amendments required. It is considered that the proposals within the neighbourhood plan do not add any additional financial burden to development – no specific financial contributions are required as a result of the proposed policies within the plan.