

Belford Neighbourhood Plan

Summary of representations received and submitted to the Independent Examiner

Northumberland County Council is required, under Regulation 4(3)(b) of The Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012, to provide a summary of any representations submitted to the independent examiner pursuant to paragraph 9 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act.

This document provides a summary of those representations which were made in relation to the Submission Draft Belford Neighbourhood Plan.

Electronic copies of the representations made on the Plan, and which were submitted to the independent examiner, are available under the Belford tab on our Neighbourhood Planning web page:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Planning/Planning-policy/Neighbourhood.aspx>

List of Representations

1. Belford Community Group
2. Bell View
3. Alan MacNicoll and Christiane Algar
4. Marine Management Organisation
5. National Highways
6. Natural England
7. County Councillor
8. Savills, on behalf of Dunham Leisure
9. Coal Authority
10. Historic England
11. Lichfields on behalf of Ida Homes
12. Northumberland County Council

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Name	Organisation (if applicable)	Summary of representation
Amanda White	Belford Community Group	Asked for clarification if they wanted to sell the shop in the future, as Belford Community Shop has been identified as a locally valued community facility under Policy 4.
Martin McMahon	Bell View Resource Centre	Housing needs survey quoted in Plan from 2018. Focus then was on housing for elderly but now need affordable housing for all ages especially young people.
Alan MacNicoll and Christiane Algar		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believes the second home ownership has now exceeded 20% threshold in Belford. • Policy 1 should require adequate services for new development. • Golf club should be a Local Green Space i.e. if the club ceases to exist could be used for other green purposes e.g. community orchard • Support Policy 7 and Policy 14 • Policy 13 restricts climate change mitigation/ adaptation
Amy Fielding Marine Planner (North East)	Marine Management Organisation	Encourages reference to part of the North East Marine Plan
Sunny Ali Regional Spatial Planning Manager	National Highways	Supportive of the Neighbourhood Plan, recommended modifications incorporated in full.
Sally Wintle Consultations Team	Natural England	No specific comments.

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Guy Renner-Thompson	County Councillor	<p>Focus since Plan process started in 2015 was housing for elderly, but now need affordable housing for all ages especially local working people. Recommends new updated housing survey.</p> <p>Examine contradiction between sustainable small settlements and Highways (HDM) objecting to applications as reliance on private car does not provide a genuine choice of transport (NPPF Para 112 and NLP TRA1 and TRA2).</p>
Martin Bonner, Associate Director	Savills for Dunham Leisure	Concerned about wording of Policy 11, criterion 1 restricting development to small-scale. Argues this would not meet the basic conditions. They want to expand South Meadows Caravan Park over the next 7-8 years.
Melanie Lindsley Development Team Leader (Planning)	Coal Authority	No specific comments.
Jules Brown Historic Places Adviser	Historic England	<p>Comments from pre-submission draft taken into account.</p> <p>Policy 13 needs more robust evidence and a conservation area character appraisal could have been prepared as part of the evidence base.</p>
Oliver Joslin, Planner	Lichfields for Ida Homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settlement boundary should be revised to include client's land. • Provision of housing for older people can come forward via sites other than Rural Exception Sites. • Wording of Policy 8 should be amended to reflect Northumberland Local Plan Policy ICT2.
Sarah Brannigan, Interim Planning Manager	Northumberland County Council	Re-wording for clarity required in Policy 4, Policy 7, Policy 11, Policy 17 and Para 3.14.