



## **Belford Parish Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 18 Decision Statement**

Northumberland County Council has considered the Report of the Independent Examination into the Submission Draft Belford Neighbourhood Plan received in July 2023. As required under paragraph 12 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the County Council considered each of the recommendations made by the Examiner and has made a decision on whether to accept or reject the recommendations.

The County Council accepts thirteen of the recommendations for modifications made by the examiner, but considered that a further 6 were not required in order to meet the basic conditions. These are detailed in the 'Proposed modifications notification document'.

The County Council considers that the Plan, as modified, meets the basic conditions as set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and that the Plan complies with provisions made by or under sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Accordingly, the Plan may proceed to referendum. The County Council is satisfied that the referendum area shall be the Belford Neighbourhood Area which comprises the civil parish of Belford.

A referendum will be held as soon as reasonably practicable following the publication of this decision statement.

### **Signature**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Murfin".

### **Rob Murfin**

Director of Housing & Planning, Northumberland County Council

**Date:** 12 January 2024