

Cresswell 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 In order to meet the requirements of the Regulations, this consultation statement sets out:

- The background to the preparation of the Cresswell Neighbourhood Plan ('the CNP');
- A summary of the publicity, engagement and consultation that has helped to shape and inform preparation of the CNP;
- Details of those consulted about the CNP during plan preparation and the extent to which efforts were made to ensure the CNP was prepared with support and input from the local community; and
- A description of the changes made to the CNP in response to consultation and engagement.

1.3 Cresswell Parish Council (CPC) consider that the extent of engagement meets the obligations set out in the regulations.

1.4 The consultation statement is intended to help the independent examiner review the process of the preparation of the CNP and make any appropriate recommendations in relation to the CNP.

2. Background to the Cresswell Neighbourhood Plan

2.1 On 9th June 2022, the parish of Cresswell was designated as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning. CPC is a small parish, with only seven councillors. As a result it was determined that it was not necessary to establish a separate neighbourhood plan steering group. Work on the plan was therefore led by the full parish council and progress discussed at parish council meetings.

2.2 The main driving force behind the decision of the parish council to prepare a neighbourhood plan was concern at the increasing numbers of caravan sites and their impact on local green spaces and the need to protect our local rural and coastal environment . In September and October 2021 the parish council had conducted a survey via our newsletter delivered to all residential properties in the parish. The survey sought feedback on a broad range of issues .

2.3 The preparation of the CNP has involved inclusive engagement, all of which will be discussed further in this document. The parish wide survey informed the preparation of the Cresswell Pre-Submission Draft Plan, which was subject to consultation from 4th August to 14th September 2023. The draft plan identified:

- The context in which the plan has been prepared – an overview of Cresswell and the opportunities and challenges for the plan to address;
- A positive vision for the future of the Cresswell Neighbourhood Plan area; and
- How the vision of the plan will be delivered through a planning policy to designate a number of areas within the parish as local green spaces.

2.4 The Draft Submission Cresswell Neighbourhood Plan (January 2024) is a revised version of the PreSubmission Draft Craster Neighbourhood Plan (August 2023). It has been modified to take into account of representations received.

2.5 The key stages in the preparation of the plan can be summarised as:

- a)9th June 2022 Designation of the Cresswell Neighbourhood Area
- b)September -October 2021 Parish wide survey
- c)June 2022-January 2023 Pre-Submission Draft Plan engagement, including a drop-in event (4th January) .
- d)March 2024 Submission

3. Early Engagement

3.1 In order to inform the preparation of the draft CNP the parish council undertook a parish survey, which was sent to all residential properties in September and October 2021 (appendix 1). 3

3.2 The survey sought views on a wide range of issues

3.3 The parish council received 39 responses to the survey.

A recurring theme was the need to look after the village environment and community.

Several respondents raised issues with regard to traffic and parking in the village as well as the antisocial and dangerous behaviour of motorbikes and quadbikes behaviour.

4. Pre-Submission Engagement

4.1 Consultation on the Pre-Submission Draft CNP took place between August and September 2023. In advance of the commencement of the consultation NCC provided advice to ensure it was in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, (Appendix 2).

4.2 The local community, consultation bodies and other interested parties (Appendix 3) were informed of the consultation on the Pre-Submission Draft CNP and the opportunity to comment on the plan in the following ways:

- A notification email/ letter was set to statutory and non statutory consultation bodies (Appendix 4 and 5);
- The draft plan and supporting documents was available online at: northumberlandparishes.uk/cresswell/documents/neighbourhood-plan; and
- A drop-in event was held on Wednesday 4th January 2023 between 6p.m and 7 p.m where copies of the plan were available to view.

4.3 The drop-in event was attended by 6 people.

4.4 Constructive responses to the pre-submission consultation were received from:

- Historic England
- Marine Management
- Northumberland County Council as well as one local business
- Northumberland Leisure

4.5 No comment replies were received from

- Natural England
- National Gas
- National Grid

4.6 Acknowledgements only (no response) were received from

- Coal Authority
- Alncom
- Lynemouth Parish Council
- Vicar of St Bartholomew's Church (Cresswell, Lynemouth, Widdrington)
- National Highways

4.7 The responses and details of how they have been taken account of in the Submission Draft CNP is included in Appendix 6. Following engagement on the Pre-Submission Plan, the plan was amended where necessary.

5. Conclusions

5.1 The submission version of the CNP is the outcome of broad engagement since 2021. Throughout that time, guidance, input and support has been obtained from various sources, all of which has been afforded due consideration in the preparation of the plan.

5.2 This has resulted in a submission CNP that reflects the community's aspirations for the area and the advice of stakeholders, whilst being in general conformity with local and national planning policy and that meets the basic conditions.

5.3 This consultation statement demonstrates that the publicity, consultation and engagement on the plan has been meaningful, effective, proportionate and valuable in shaping the plan, which will benefit Cresswell parish both currently and in the future by ensuring it is a tranquil and attractive place to live and visit .

Christine Tyrie

Chair of Cresswell NP Steering Group

Appendix 1 .

Parish Survey

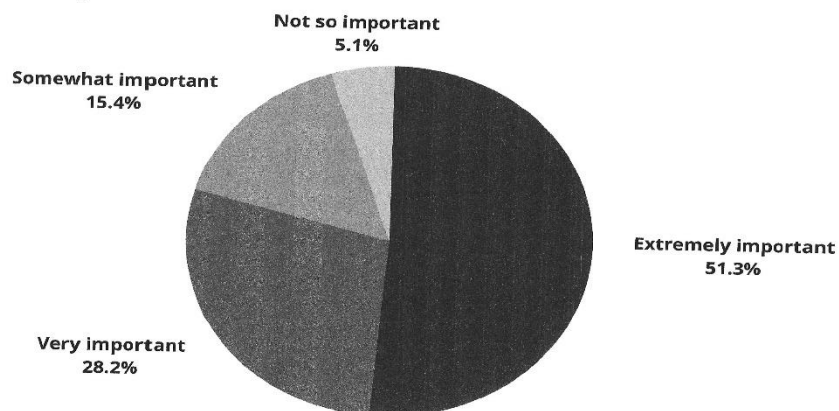


Cresswell Parish Council Survey results 17 November 2021

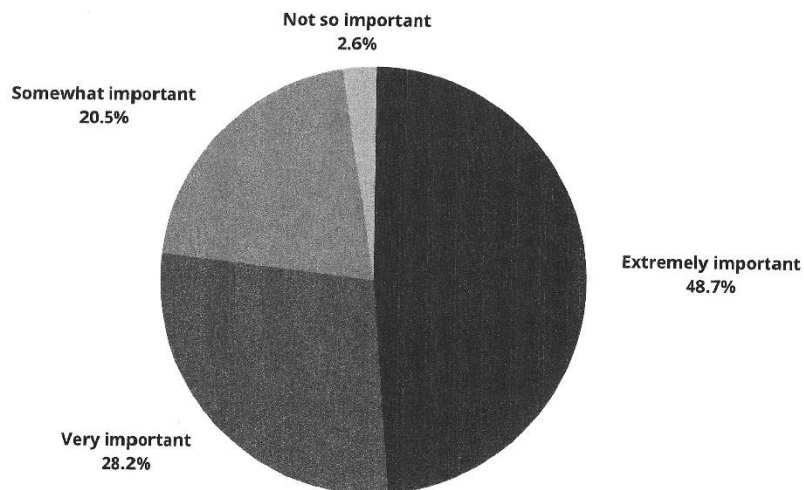


**39 respondents
September 2021 - October 2021**

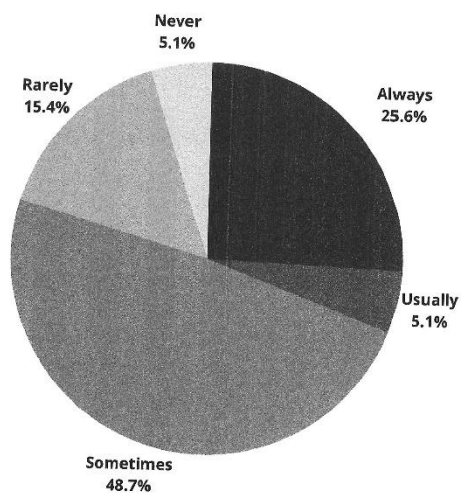
Q1. Cresswell Parish Council has surveyed traffic flow and discussed traffic issues roadside with the police. What level of importance is traffic management through Cresswell for you?



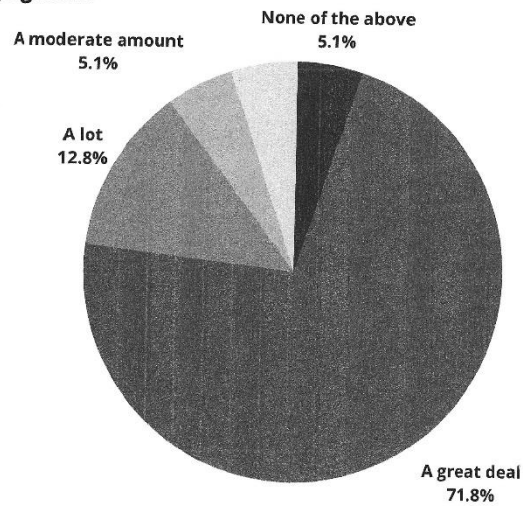
Q2. Cresswell Parish Council has discussed parking issues and potential solutions with Northumberland County Council. How important are parking issues in Cresswell for you?



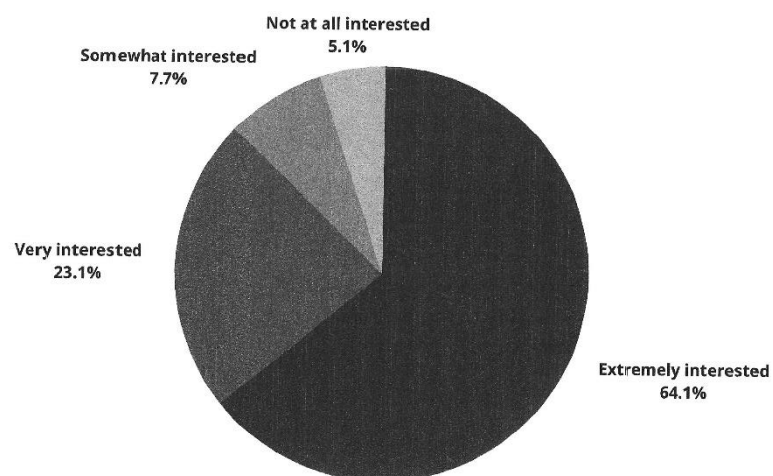
Q3 We pride ourselves as a village with low levels of anti-social behaviour. How concerned are you about anti-social behaviour in Cresswell?



Q4 Cresswell's first wild flower plantation occurred in 2021. Did you enjoy seeing the flowers on the village green?



Q5 How interested would you be in seeing further wild flower plantation areas in Cresswell?



Q6 Cresswell Parish Council would like to explore possible funding opportunities. What improvements, facilities, activities or services would you like to see?

Environmental:

More wild flower spaces on the village green (x 2 responses)

Regular beach reviews to understand the effects of climate change, review and work on coastal erosion,

More waste bins - x 5 responses a further respondent suggested a dog waste bin to help alleviate litter issues, another suggested more regular litter picks

Work to address litter problems at the beach

Glass recycle bins

Less weedkiller being used and more wild flowers

Community

I would like to see funding for a Time and Tide Bell in Cresswell. There is none in Northumberland. Think it would be an interesting addition to the village.

Improved access for disabled to the beach from the car park (x 5 respondents)

Continued support of the Pele Tower project

Will the bus to Morpeth be able to continue?

Opportunities for villagers to get together e.g. quiz night, music night bingo night pie and peas night, tea and coffee afternoon, new years eve party. These are just suggestions as I know these sort of activities depends on volunteers and covid of course

A book swap facility. These are really popular and a good way of sharing read books (x 2 respondents)

A few benches on the green or near the beach.

Safety

Traffic calming measures eg speed bumps, repeater 20mph sign at settlement boundaries (x 4 respondants)

Dealing with roads that flood with heavy rain.

Expand the boatyard car park from 60 to 70 to 200

Footpaths and parking

Establish a stretch of the beach as a lifeguard patrolled safe swimming area

Beach warden

A safe roadside path northbound from the village to the car park opposite the drift café (x 4 respondants)

Better policing of motorcycles and quad bikes tearing up the sand dunes

The prevention of youths on motorbikes and quad driving on the dunes and speeding through Cresswell Home Farm

Q7 Do you have any further feedback for Cresswell Parish Council?

It's great to be consulted and to have some say on village issues. Thank you.

Keep up your great work so far and hold PC meetings more often and at varying days of the week so that more residents can attend.

Good to see a proactive council

Well done for hitting the ground running you're doing a grand job letting people know you are there and are being proactive about seeking ideas for Cresswell.

Thank you for keeping in touch with the villagers re newsletters

A big thank you for keeping us informed and involving visitors in your decision making. involving villagers

You are doing a grand job. Well done all of you.

Keep up the good work - thanks

You do a Great job. I don't agree with parking on the village green.

Generally doing a great job.

Keep up the good work!

Thank you for your endeavours to support our village.

Cresswell is a lovely place to live, so keep it up !

The wild flower areas were greatly appreciated by both residents and visitors : when the flowers were in bloom, groups of people could be seen admiring, photographing and enjoying the scene.

Please could you review the policy on weedkilling by NCC, particularly next to walls on village green.

SPEED OF TRAFFIC GOING THROUGH VILLAGE 50/60MPH

Glad to hear there will be speed indicators going up. I was wondering which road they would be on. Would you consider sometimes having the PC meeting on another night to a Wednesday please?

I would hate to see the car parking issues resolved by putting more of the dunes under tarmac.



Neighbourhood Planning Advice Notes

Regulation 14 Consultation

1. What is 'Regulation 14'?

- 1.1 Regulation 14 of the [Neighbourhood planning regulations](#) require the draft neighbourhood plan proposal to be the subject of a pre-submission consultation before it is submitted to the local authority for independent examination. The consultation should last at least 6 weeks. The qualifying body (in Northumberland this would be the Parish Council) will need to approve the consultation draft of the plan and ensure that the Regulation 14 consultation takes place.
- 1.2 Pre-submission consultation requirements include publicising the draft plan to people who live, work or run businesses in the area. The publicity must include details of the proposed neighbourhood plan, where and when it may be viewed, and how to make comments on the plan and by what date.
- 1.3 Certain statutory bodies must be consulted, including the county council, the Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England. **A list of contact details for the statutory consultees is appended to this advice note.**
- 1.4 It is also advisable to consult any local business or community organisations, such as chambers of commerce, civic societies and local trusts.
- 1.5 Many people will not want to read through the whole document, so it is useful to produce a simple leaflet or display boards that set out the main aims and the focus of the policies in the plan. Drop-in events may be a useful means of allowing people to ask questions or discuss the plan on a one-to-one basis. The draft plan and supporting documents should be uploaded to the neighbourhood plan website. Printed copies should be made available at convenient locations, such as libraries, community centres, council offices and

other key public buildings. Copies should be available to send to people who can't access a digital or displayed copy.

2. Considering representations and modifications

- 2.1 Any comments received by the end of the consultation period must be considered conscientiously by the qualifying body. All representations need to be considered, but it is legitimate for the neighbourhood plan body to take a different view. Indeed, different representations may demonstrate opposing views. A planning judgement needs to be taken.
- 2.2 A decision will need to be made over whether or not to amend the neighbourhood plan in response to each representation. The decisions on whether or not to amend the plan, and the reasoning behind them, should be recorded, as this information will need to be incorporated into the consultation statement.
- 2.3 The Regulations require that a 'consultation statement' is prepared and submitted with a neighbourhood plan when the plan is sent to the County Council. The consultation statement must:
 - contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
 - explain how they were consulted;
 - summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
 - describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.
- 2.4 The qualifying body will need to agree the modifications and approve the resulting draft of the plan for submission to the local planning authority

Neighbourhood Planning Team

neighbourhoodplanning@northumberland.gov.uk

Appendix 3

Consultation Bodies

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Bodies for Cresswell Parish Council

Important note: This list is valid as of 27 July 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
Local Planning Authority	Northumberland County Council	Rob Murfin, Director of Planning, Northumberland County Council Email: [REDACTED]
		Neighbourhood Planning Team, Northumberland County Council Email: [REDACTED]
Local Planning Authority	Northumberland National Park Authority	Email: [REDACTED] (If relevant, i.e. if the Neighbourhood Area extends in to the NNP)
The Coal Authority	The Coal Authority	Planning and Local Authority Liaison, The Coal Authority Email: [REDACTED]
Homes England	Homes England	Homes England Email: [REDACTED]

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact Details
Natural England	Natural England	Consultation Service, Natural England Email: [REDACTED]
The Environment Agency	The Environment Agency	Planning Consultations, Environment Agency Email: [REDACTED]
Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England	Historic England	Historic England Email: [REDACTED]
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	Network Rail Infrastructure Limited Email: [REDACTED]
National Highways	National Highways	Asset Development Team - Yorkshire and North East, National Highways Email: [REDACTED]
Relevant Primary Care Trust	NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group	NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group Email: [REDACTED] Jamie Mitchell, Head of Commissioning, Estates and Premises, NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group Email: [REDACTED]
Any person who owns or controls electronic communications apparatus situated in any part of the area of the local planning authority	The Alncom Group	The Alncom Group Email: [REDACTED]
	Avonline	Avonline Email: [REDACTED]
	British Telecommunications Plc.	British Telecommunications Plc, Openreach Newsites PP 4AB, 21-23 Carlisle Square, Newcastle CTE, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1BB

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact Details
	Briskona	Email: [REDACTED]
	CTIL (Acting on behalf of Vodafone and O2)	Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited, EMF Enquiries Email: [REDACTED]
	EE	Alex Jackman, Corporate and Financial Affairs Department, EE Email: [REDACTED]
	Three	Jane Evans, Three Email: [REDACTED]
	Virgin Media Limited	Virgin Media Limited, Unit 2, Network House, New York Way, New York Industrial Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE27 0QF Virgin Media Limited (Head Office), 270 & 280 Bartley Way, Bartley Wood Business Park, Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9UP
	Wildcard Networks	Email: [REDACTED]
	Arqiva	Email: [REDACTED]
	Openreach	Email: [REDACTED]
Any person to whom the electronic communications code applies	CTIL (Acting on behalf of Vodafone and O2)	Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited, EMF Enquiries Email: [REDACTED]
	EE	Alex Jackman, Corporate and Financial Affairs Department, EE Email: [REDACTED]
	Three	Jane Evans, Three Email: [REDACTED]

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact Details
Any person to whom a licence has been granted under section 6(1)(b) and (c) of the Electricity Act 1989.	Northern Powergrid	Northern Powergrid, Records and Information, Manor House, Station Road, Penshaw, Houghton le Spring, County Durham, DH4 7LA
	National Grid	Matt Verlander, Avison Young, Email: [REDACTED] Spencer Jefferies, Town Planner, National Grid Email: [REDACTED]
Any a person to whom a licence has been granted under section 7(2) of the Gas Act 1986.	Northern Gas Networks	Northern Gas Networks, 1100 Century Way, Thorp Business Park, Colton, Leeds, LS15 8TU
Sewerage undertaker	Northumbrian Water Limited	Katherine Dobson, Planning Team Leader, Northumbrian Water Limited Email: [REDACTED]
Water undertaker	Northumbrian Water Limited	Katherine Dobson, Planning Team Leader, Northumbrian Water Limited Email: [REDACTED]
Marine Management Organisation	Marine Management Organisation	Stakeholder & Networks Officer, Marine Management Organisation Email: [REDACTED]
Adjoining local authorities – Parish Councils	Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Town Council	Town Clerk: Ms Elaine Brown Email: [REDACTED]
	Lynemouth Parish Council	Parish Clerk: Mr Graeme Popay Email: [REDACTED]

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact Details
	Ellington and Linton Parish Council	Parish Clerk: Ms Helyn Douglas Email: [REDACTED]
	Widdrington Village Parish Council	Parish Clerk: Mrs C Coomber [REDACTED]
Adjoining local authorities – local planning authorities (if relevant)	Any local planning authority that adjoins the Neighbourhood Area	<p>Northumberland National Park Authority Email: [REDACTED]</p> <p>North Tyneside District Council Email: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Newcastle upon Tyne District Council Email: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Gateshead District Council Email: [REDACTED]</p> <p>County Durham Email: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Carlisle District Council Email: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Scottish Borders Council Email: [REDACTED]</p>
Voluntary Bodies some or all of whose activities		None within the parish

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benefit all or any part of the neighbourhood area		
Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area		Reverend J Lacey, Vicar of St Bartholomew's Church Cresswell (also Lynemouth and Widdrington) Email: [REDACTED]
Bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the neighbourhood area		None within the parish
Bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area		Parkdean Resorts (Cresswell Towers Caravan Park) Email: [REDACTED] Northumbria Leisure (Golden Sands Caravan Park) Email: [REDACTED]
Bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the neighbourhood area		None within the parish

Appendix 4

E mail/ letter to Statutory Bodies



CRESSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

03/08/2023

Dear Consultee

Cresswell Neighbourhood Plan Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012: Regulation 14 consultation

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The Regulations require that consultation must take place for a period of not less than six weeks. Written representations are therefore invited between **Thursday 3rd August and midday on 14th September**.

The draft Plan and supporting documents can be viewed on the Cresswell Parish Council website at www.northumberlandparishes.uk/cresswell.

Requests for printed copies of the Plan and supporting documents, or for an appointment to view the documents must be made either by email Cresswellparishcouncil@gmail.com or by telephone 07446940355

Representations may be made by email please see below or by post to:
Mr M Burn, Clerk to Cresswell Parish Council, 4 Home Farm Cottages ,
Cresswell Northumberland ,NE61 5UL .

Yours sincerely ,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Chair of Cresswell Parish Council

Appendix 5

E mail/letter to non-Statutory bodies



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Yours sincerely ,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Chair of Cresswell Parish Council

Appendix 6

Summary of comments

Historic England suggested referring specifically to designated and non designated heritage assets within the parish. However it was our opinion that these were covered at sections 2.6 and 2.7. and the CNP was not amended.

Marine management advised referring to the North East Marine Plan in relation to areas within the CNP which might impact upon the marine environment .After due consideration it was agreed that this would not be the case so was the CNP was not amended.

Northumberland County Council , by way of the Neighbourhood Planning team, offered a number of helpful suggestions with regard to text and layout as well as up to date statistics and the CNP was amended accordingly.

Northumbrian Leisure expressed the view that Figure 4 and the Policy 1 map were insufficiently detailed to accurately show the areas to be covered by policy 1 (although OS coordinates were provided).The assistance of the Neighbourhood Planning Team was sought and the maps were amended accordingly. Policy 2 was criticised as being inadequate not exercising any meaningful control other than replicating other controlling policies and the phrasing used as inconsistent with the Northumberland local plan . The wording was amended in line with the latter comment but in relation to the policy itself and our objectives 2 and 3 we felt it important to retain this policy.