



# Northumberland County Council

## **Cresswell Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 19 Decision Statement**

**Northumberland County Council has resolved to ‘make’ the Cresswell Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan has been brought into legal force. It now forms part of the statutory Development Plan for the Cresswell Neighbourhood Area which comprises the whole of the civil parish of Cresswell. Decisions on planning applications must now be made in accordance with policies in the Cresswell Neighbourhood Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.**

The Cresswell Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Northumberland County Council in April 2024. Publicity was undertaken in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. A report following Independent Examination of the Plan was published in October 2024. This report found that, with minor modifications, the Plan passed the necessary legal tests and could be put to local referendum. The County Council accepted the examiner’s recommendations. A local referendum was held in Cresswell Parish on 06 March 2025. A majority of those voting were in favour of the Plan being used by the County Council in making decisions on planning applications.

The Cresswell Neighbourhood Plan complies with legal requirements governing the making of neighbourhood development plans set out in the Planning Acts and associated Regulations. Accordingly, I hereby confirm that the Cresswell Neighbourhood Plan has been made under delegated authority.

Decisions on planning applications in the Cresswell Neighbourhood Area must now be made in accordance with policies in the Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The Cresswell Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on the County Council’s neighbourhood planning website: [www.northumberland.gov.uk/ourplan](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/ourplan)

Signed:

Rob Murfin  
Director of Housing and Planning

Date: 12 March 2025