
FW: Response to questions from Examiner

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 3 attachments (850 KB)

Responses to comments on submission HNP 240717.pdf; Humshaugh Neighbourhood Plan - wind response - 20240709.docx; Possible amends to policy 5.pdf;

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Dear Tony

By way of introduction, I am Chair of Humshaugh Parish Council and Chair of our Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Very many thanks for your Email to our Parish Clerk Alix Pearson and for all the work you are putting into the examination of draft Neighbourhood Plan (NP). As we hope comes over in the draft NP, our community is very keen to secure the future of Humshaugh so that generations to come can enjoy living and working here as we do, and as previous generations have.

Attached is a table with the Parish Council comments on the responses to the consultation on the submission draft NP, we hope this is helpful.

In response to your specific questions to the Parish Council:

Policy 1 - what is the evidence for the statement in paragraph 4.12 that wind turbines up to 25m in height "would not be economically viable"?

See attached note (details also included within the responses to comments table).

Policy 4 - What is the basis on which an "historic core" has been defined, including the boundary shown on the Policies Map, and what evidence supports its identification and boundary?

See Humshaugh Conservation Area Heritage Paper – (pages 8 – 15) which describes the historical development of the village and defines the historic core.

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/NorthumberlandCountyCouncil/media/Planning-and-Building/planning%20policy/Neighbourhood%20Planning/09-Humshaugh-NP-Conservation-Area-Heritage-Paper-FINAL.pdf>

Policy 5 - is it the intention of the Policy that relevant planning applications should have regard to the Design Guidance and Codes document prepared by AECOM or only to the issues included in the policy text?

Yes, it is the intention that planning applications should have regard to the design guidance and codes document. Suggested amendments to policy 5 are attached (and included within the responses to comments table).

Policy 6 - what is the evidence for the statement in g. that there is a particular need for one, two and three bedroom affordable homes to buy as opposed to other affordable housing options, including homes to rent?

The Housing Needs Assessment has informed this statement – see sections 102 and 146 in particular.

Following a further review, the Parish Council consider that it would be appropriate to remove the reference 'to buy' from the policy 6(g).

https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/NorthumberlandCountyCouncil/media/Planning-and-Building/planning%20policy/Studies%20and%20Evidence%20Reports/Housing%20Studies/9.%20Local%20housing%20needs%20assessments/Humshaugh-Housing-Needs-Assessment_Final-Report-July-2023.pdf

Do please let me know if you have any further questions.

In addition to our Parish Clerk Alix Pearson our Parish Council Vice-Chair Chris Robinson and our Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Administrator Rhona Still, I have copied our planning consultant Jo-Anne Garrick and Sarah Brannigan, Interim Planning Manager in the Neighbourhood Planning Team at NCC, in on this Email. Jo-Anne and Sarah have provided invaluable support and advice to our community during the NP development, and we are extremely grateful to them. I am sure both are known to you.

Once again, very many thanks for all your hard work on our NP and do please come back to me if you have any further questions.

If you could please acknowledge receipt of this Email I would be very grateful.

Very best wishes, Herbie

Herbie Newell CBE – Chair Humshaugh Parish Council