



# Northumberland County Council

## Hexham Neighbourhood Plan

### Regulation 19 Decision Statement

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

The Hexham Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Northumberland County Council in March 2019. Publicity was undertaken in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. A report following Independent Examination of the Plan was published on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020. This report found that, with some modifications, the Plan passed the necessary legal tests and it could be put to local referendum. The County Council accepted these modifications for the reasons set out in the Examiner’s Report. A local referendum was held in the Parish of Hexham on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. A majority of those voting were in favour of the Plan being used by the County Council in making decisions on planning applications.

The Hexham Neighbourhood Plan, as modified following Independent Examination, 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 Hexham Neighbourhood Plan has been made by resolution of the County Council’s Cabinet on 13 July 2021. Decisions on planning applications in the Hexham Neighbourhood Area must now be made in accordance with policies in the Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

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

Signed:

Daljit Lally  
Chief Executive, Northumberland County Council

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