

Lesbury Parish Council is grateful to Northumberland County Council for sending the comments received on their recent Regulation 16 consultation.

Most of the consultees had responded to the Regulation 14 consultation and those comments and responses have been provided to the Examiner. Below are comments from Lesbury Parish Council to the responses to the Regulation 16 consultation.

If there are any issues raised in this Regulation 16 submission on which the Examiner would like clarity and/or a formal response from the Parish Council, then we will be willing to provide it.

Statutory Consultees

Respondent	Response made by respondent	Comments from Lesbury PC
Coal Authority	Reiterates response made to the Regulation 14 consultation. The plan has no impact on the Coal Authority and therefore there are no objections	Thanks for the response; comments noted.
National Grid	Reiterates response made to the Regulation 14 consultation. No concerns and therefore no objections	Thanks for the response; comments noted.
Historic England	Acknowledged the changes we made in response to earlier comments in the Regulation 14 consultation; very positive about the NDP	Thanks for the response; comments noted. It's good to have feedback on what we have done.

<p>Highways England</p>	<p>Reiterates response made to the Regulation 14 consultation.</p> <p>No objections to the small-scale development proposed in the NDP, but will be monitoring the proposal to build two housing estates as this may be problematic.</p>	<p>Thanks for the response; comments noted.</p>
<p>Natural England</p>	<p>Positive response, much as in the Regulation 14 consultation.</p>	<p>Thanks for the response; comments noted.</p>
<p>Northumberland County Council</p>	<p>The letter from David English notes that we meet statutory requirements, but suggests that adopting a different approach to setting out our Plan would have made it more concise and accessible.</p>	<p>Members of the PC are bewildered by this given that the NDP Steering Group have been supported throughout the three year process by a member of David's team. We understood that all advice had been sanctioned by David and, being lay people, have been at pains to follow advice as closely as possible. We have also worked with a very experienced consultant who checked her advice with David at regular intervals.</p>

Northumberland Estates	<p>The response provided by NE reiterates the objections made to the Regulation 14 consultation. Essentially, the objections relate to the level of consultation, the validity of the housing needs assessment and consultation exercises undertaken to form the substance of the Plan and the legality of the process followed.</p> <p>In addition, NE states that there has been insufficient consultation with Alnmouth Parish Council.</p> <p>There is also an assertion that Alnmouth has been disadvantaged by not being consulted because it has children in Hipsburn School and shares other amenities.</p>	<p>We note the comments and stand by the responses we have provided to NCC which have been forwarded to the external Examiner.</p> <p>Lesbury Parish (Hipsburn, Bilton and Lesbury) is a service centre in its own right. Alnmouth, one of the neighbouring Parishes has no school and over 50% of houses are second homes.</p> <p>When invited to create a joint NDP Alnmouth PC decided not to do so. As with other neighbouring councils, they have been consulted at each stage and have replied. The response to the Regulation 14 consultation was positive and supportive of the Lesbury NDP.</p> <p>One third of the Hipsburn pupils come from outside the Parish; all neighbouring Parishes have been consulted.</p>
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Non-statutory Consultees

Mr and Mrs Starkey Fir Tree Cottage	Reiterates submission made after consultation event. Raises issues about where the settlement boundary should be drawn in terms of their property. The map provided by NCC for the NDP differs from the map relating to the deeds of the property.	Comments noted. The settlement boundaries were determined using a clear methodology that has been set out in the supporting documents. This methodology identified a number of factors that were important. A key factor was to base the settlement boundaries on those previously adopted in the existing Development Plan (the Alnwick District Wide Local Plan (1997)). Further information can be found in the supporting documents. We consider that making minor changes along residential boundaries would undermine the overall methodology with no clear justification.
Mr and Mrs Towers Brookside	Reiterates submission made after consultation event. Raises issues about where the settlement boundary should be drawn in terms of their property. The map provided by NCC for the NDP differs from the map relating to the deeds of the property.	Comments noted. The settlement boundaries were determined using a clear methodology that has been set out in the supporting documents. This methodology identified a number of factors that were important. A key factor was to base the settlement boundaries on those previously adopted in the existing Development Plan (the Alnwick District Wide Local Plan (1997)). Further information can be found in the supporting documents. We consider that making minor changes along residential boundaries would undermine the overall methodology with no clear justification.