



Northumberland County Council

Lowick Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 19 Decision Statement

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

The Lowick Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Northumberland County Council in October 2022. Publicity was undertaken in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. A report following Independent Examination of the Plan was published in January 2023. This report found that, with minor modifications, the Plan passed the necessary legal tests and could be put to a local referendum. The County Council accepted the recommended modification to nine policies but considered that modifications recommended by the Examiner in relation to three policies were not required in order to meet the basic conditions. In taking the decision to come to a different view, the County Council considered the requirements set out in paragraph 13 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and advice provided in National Planning Practice Guidance. Accordingly, the persons prescribed in the regulations were notified and representations were invited on a Post-Examination Plan. Following this, a local referendum was held in Lowick Parish on 28 September 2023. A majority of those voting were in favour of the Plan being used by the County Council in making decisions on planning applications.

The Lowick 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 Lowick Neighbourhood Plan has been made under delegated authority.

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

The Lowick Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on the County Council’s neighbourhood planning website: www.northumberland.gov.uk/ourplan

Signed:

Rob Murfin
Director of Housing and Planning

Date: 16 November 2023