



Northumberland
County Council

Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 19 Decision Statement

Northumberland County Council has resolved to ‘make’ the Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Neighbourhood Plan. It now forms part of the statutory Development Plan for the civil parish of Newbiggin-by-the-Sea.

The Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Northumberland County Council in February 2023. Publicity was undertaken in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. A report following Independent Examination of the Plan, published in June 2023, found that, with minor modifications, the Plan passed the necessary legal tests and could be put to a local referendum. The County Council accepted most of the recommended modifications but considered that modification of Policy N1 Design was not required in order to meet the basic conditions. In addition, the County Council proposed a correction to Policy N8 Rights of Way and minor changes to the policies map, for clarity.

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 the Parish on 23 November 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 Newbiggin-by-the-Sea 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 Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Neighbourhood Plan has been made under delegated authority.

Decisions on planning applications in Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Parish must now be made in accordance with policies in the Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

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

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rob Murfin', on a light blue background.

Rob Murfin
Director of Housing and Planning, Directorate of Place and Regeneration

Date: 15 December 2023