

Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Regulation 18 Decision Statement

Northumberland County Council has considered the Report of the Independent Examination into the Submission Draft Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Parish Neighbourhood Plan, published on 26 June 2023. As required under paragraph 12 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the County Council considered each of the recommendations made by the Examiner and has made a decision on whether to accept or reject the recommendations.

The County Council accepts the findings of the examiner for the reasons given in the examination report, with the exception of three recommended modifications: one relating to proposed changing to wording in Policy N1 Design, and two modifications to the policies map. The County Council considers that these modifications are not required in order for the policies to meet the basic conditions and are therefore not accepted.

The County Council considers that the Plan, as modified, meets the basic conditions as set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and that the Plan complies with provisions made by or under sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Accordingly, the Plan may proceed to referendum. The County Council is satisfied that the referendum area shall be the Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Neighbourhood Area which comprises the civil parish of Newbiggin-by-the-Sea.

A referendum will be held as soon as reasonably practicable following the publication of this decision statement.

Signature

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Date: 25 September 2023