



Northumberland County Council

Seaton Valley Neighbourhood Plan

Regulation 19 Decision Statement

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

The Seaton Valley Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Northumberland County Council in January 2021. Publicity was undertaken in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. A report following Independent Examination of the Plan was published on 05 May 2021. This report found that, with minor modifications, the Plan passed the necessary legal tests and it could be put to local referendum. The County Council accepted this recommendation. A local referendum was held in the Parish of Seaton Valley on 29 July 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 Seaton Valley 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 Seaton Valley Neighbourhood Plan has been made by resolution of the County Council’s Cabinet on 7 September 2021. Decisions on planning applications in the Seaton Valley Neighbourhood Area must now be made in accordance with policies in the Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

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

Signed:

Daljit Lally
Chief Executive, Northumberland County Council

Date: 14 September 2021