



Northumberland County Council

Thirston Neighbourhood Plan

Regulation 19 Decision Statement

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

The Thirston Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Northumberland County Council in February 2021. Publicity was undertaken in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. A report following Independent Examination of the Plan was published on 18 June 2021. This report found that, with some modifications, the Plan passed the necessary legal tests and it could be put to local referendum. The County Council accepted these modifications for the reasons set out in the Examiner’s Report. A local referendum was held in the Parish of Thirston on 16 September 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 Thirston Neighbourhood Plan, as modified following Independent Examination, 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 Thirston Neighbourhood Plan has been made by resolution of the County Council’s Cabinet on 12 October 2021. Decisions on planning applications in the Thirston Neighbourhood Area must now be made in accordance with policies in the Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

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

Signed:

Daljit Lally
Chief Executive, Northumberland County Council

Date: 12 October 2021