

Thirston Neighbourhood Plan

Summary of representations received and submitted to the Independent Examiner

Northumberland County Council is required, under Regulation 4(3)(b) of The Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012, to provide a summary of any representations submitted to the independent examiner pursuant to paragraph 9 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act.

This document provides a summary of those representations which were made in relation to the Submission Draft Thirston Neighbourhood Plan.

Electronic copies of the representations made on the Plan, and which were submitted to the independent examiner, are available under the Thirston tab on the County Council's Neighbourhood Planning webpage:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Planning/Planning-policy/Neighbourhood.aspx>

List of Representations

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Name	Organisation (if applicable)	Summary of representation
Mr Simm	n/a	The representation concerned the proposed settlement boundary for Eshott Village and considered that an area of land had been omitted.
	Historic England	Historic England raised concerns regarding Policy 2 (New Housing Development), specifically references to enabling development, which repeats national planning policy.
	Coal Authority	The Coal Authority noted that the Neighbourhood Plan does not propose to allocate any sites for future development and on that basis had no specific comments to make.
	Northumberland Estates	Northumberland Estates made representations in relation to settlement boundaries and housing needs.
	Highways England	Highways England raised no concerns with the policies and provisions within the Neighbourhood Plan, insofar as they intersect with Highways England's areas of interest in relation to influencing the operation and safety of the strategic road network.

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	Northumberland County Council	<p>Northumberland County Council's representation included a number of concerns regarding the content of the Plan:</p> <p>Policy 1: Concern that criterion (h) relating to biodiversity net gain would fail to meet the basic conditions as it conflicted with national policy.</p> <p>Policy 2: Concern that the limitation of housing outside settlement boundaries to rural exceptions sites only conflicted with national policy and placed tighter restrictions than those allowed through NPPF.</p> <p>Policy 3: Suggested more accurate mapping of watercourses to better align the Policies Map with the wildlife corridors identified in the policy.</p> <p>Policy 5: The County Council considered that the policy did not adequately describe how development would be managed in relation to Local Green Spaces, consistent with the NPPF</p> <p>A number of minor typographical and cartographical modifications were also suggested.</p>
	Avison Young, on behalf of National Grid	National Grid confirmed that it has no record of its assets in the neighbourhood area and provided no further comments on the Neighbourhood Plan.
	Homes England	Homes England confirmed that they did not wish to make any representations on the Neighbourhood Plan.