

## Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan Examination

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To

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Having received the submitted documents and representations my Examination has begun. I have visited the neighbourhood area.

I have reviewed the material for any "fatal flaws" that would prevent the Examination proceeding and have found nothing to date.

There are a number of points on which further clarification from Northumberland County Council would be helpful:

- Please can you confirm what comprises the development plan for the neighbourhood area?
- Does Northumberland County Council consider the submitted Plan to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan?
- Is a map showing the area of the registered Green at The Braid (proposed Local Green Space 10) available?
- What is the status of the updated Warkworth Conservation Area Character Appraisal? Has it been subject to public consultation and have any of the considerations addressed in Policy W4 2. been contested? Is it intended to be adopted and when?
- Can Northumberland County Council commit to including all relevant Warkworth neighbourhood plan policies on the "Development Plan Policies Map" made available through its website?
- Northumberland County Council's representations reference previous comments on emerging Plan policies - please may I be sent a copy of any relevant comments, such as on the pre-submission draft Plan

There are a number of points on which further clarification from Warkworth Parish Council would be helpful (and any additional comments from Northumberland County Council on these would also be welcome):

- Policies Map - This is referenced in a number of the Plan's policies. Where can the Policies Map be found?
- Policy W1 - The Plan helpfully recognises the need to avoid duplication with existing development plan policy and address issues distinct to the locality. Which parts of Policy W1 are not already addressed in development plan policy (including the Local Plan's QOP policies) and what is the evidence for them being distinct to the locality?
- Policy W2 - Is it the intention that this Policy would also apply to the Amble settlement boundary given its adjacency to the neighbourhood area (as shown in Figure 6)
- Policy W2 - Which parts of Policy W2 are not already addressed in development plan policy (including Local Plan Policy HOU7) and what is the evidence for them being distinct to the locality?
- Policy W3 - Having visited each of the proposed Local Green Spaces I would welcome any further evidence or feedback on the following issues:

- LGS03 - What is the rationale for not including areas of green space to both the north and south along the river?
- LGS05 - What is the rationale for the chosen boundary adjacent to the car park? Why has land south of the car park been excluded? Is the southern slope of the moat within the proposed Local Green Space or does the boundary run along the bottom of the moat and what is the rationale for this?
- LGS10 - What is the rationale for including Amble Boat Club and Coquet Yacht Club? What is the rationale for excluding the green space to the northwest including the sculptures Flock Sphere and Tern Wings? What is the rationale for the south east boundary not running along the urban edge - does it follow the parish council boundary in this location?
- LGS13 - Is there any additional evidence of this being "*demonstrably special*" to the local community?
- LGS14 - Is there any additional evidence of this being "*demonstrably special*" to the local community?
- What is the rationale for designating as Local Green Space areas which are designated as protected Open Space in Local Plan Policy INF5?
- Policy W4 - Which parts of Policy W4 1. and W4 3. are not already addressed in national planning or development plan policy (including Local Plan Policy ENV9) and what is the evidence for them being distinct to the locality? Is the evidence base for the issues identified in Policy W4 2. the unadopted updated Warkworth Conservation Area Character Appraisal?
- Policy W5 - What is the evidence supporting identification of the six community facilities having "*great importance to the local community*"
- Policy W5 - Which parts of Policy W5 2. and W5 3. are not already addressed in development plan policy (including Local Plan Policy INF2) and what is the evidence for them being distinct to the locality?

I should welcome any comments from Warkworth Parish Council on the representations made on the submitted Plan if there are any.

It will be helpful to receive a response within two weeks or otherwise to be informed when it will be possible.

My current view is that a hearing will not be required.

These requests and the responses should be made publicly available, such as by being put online.

I may come back with further questions or requests as the Examination proceeds.

Thank you for supporting the process. It will be helpful if all correspondence is shared between the local planning authority, the parish council and myself.

Tony