# Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan

## Consultation Statement

**November 2023**

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# 1. Introduction

1.1 This consultation statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations set out in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Section 15(2) of the regulations, define that a consultation statement must contain:

- Details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- An explanation of how the persons and bodies were consulted;
- A summary of the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
- A description of how those issues and concerns have been considered and where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

1.2 To meet the requirements of the Regulations, this consultation statement sets out:

- The background to the preparation of the Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan ('the plan');
- A summary of the publicity, engagement and consultation that has helped to shape and inform preparation of the plan;
- Details of those consulted about the plan during its preparation and the extent to which efforts were made to ensure the plan was prepared with support and input from the local community; and
- A description of the changes made to the plan in response to consultation and engagement.

1.3 Warkworth Parish Council consider that the extent of the engagement meets the obligations set out in the regulations.

1.4 This consultation statement is intended to help the independent examiner review the process of the preparation of the Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan and make any appropriate recommendations in relation to the plan.

# 2. Background to the Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan

2.1 The Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by Warkworth Parish Council, the qualifying body for the Warkworth Neighbourhood Area. The neighbourhood area was designated by Northumberland County Council on 21 February 2020.

2.2 The decision to prepare a neighbourhood plan was informed by the early engagement which took place during 2019 and early 2020. As a result of the Covid19 pandemic, there was a delay in the formation of a steering group until December 2020. The steering group membership has changed during the development of the plan to reflect its scope. It has always included members of the parish council as well as representatives of the local community[1]. Throughout the preparation of the plan, the steering group has met regularly, with minutes available on the parish council website[2].

2.3 Key stages in the preparation of the plan can be summarised as follows:

- **May 2019** – public meeting to explore support for the preparation of a neighbourhood plan. There was strong support and the parish council voted unanimously to begin the process;
- **November 2019** – second public meeting to identify and map areas of interest, concern and need;
- **February 2020** – Warkworth Neighbourhood Area designated by Northumberland County Council;
- **July 2020** – terms of reference agreed for the steering group;
- **December 2020** – first meeting of neighbourhood plan steering group;
- **March to August 2021** – evidence gathering, including Community Action Northumberland commissioned to undertake a local housing needs survey;
- **August 2021** - planning consultant appointed to assist with the preparation of the plan;
- **October to November 2021** – residents and business surveys;
- **December 2021** – housing needs assessment technical support and initial green space assessment work commenced;
- **May to July 2022** – consultation on draft vision, aims, possible planning policies and community actions
- **August to October 2022** – review of feedback, completion of evidence work and preparation of pre-submission draft plan;
- **November 2022 to January 2023** - engagement on the pre-submission draft plan and associated evidence base;
- **February 2023 to August 2023** – review of feedback and amendments to draft plan and background papers;
- **June 2023** – submission draft plan agreed by parish council;
- **July 2023** – amended submission draft plan agreed by parish council.

[1] https://northumberlandparishes.uk/sites/default/files/parish-councils/documents/2021/January/NP%20%20terms%20of%20reference%20.pdf
[2] https://northumberlandparishes.uk/warkworth/documents/neighbourhood-plan

# 3. Early engagement and awareness raising

Early issues consultation

3.1 To inform the decision as to whether work should begin on a neighbourhood plan a public meeting was held in May 2019 to gauge support. This included presentations from a nearby parish and an officer from the Northumberland County Council neighbourhood planning team, as well as a workshop to discuss issues and opportunities. A second public meeting took place in November 2019 and a third in February 2020 provided a list of people who had expressed an interest in assisting with the preparation of the plan. The first meeting of the steering group had been scheduled to take place in March 2020, however this was delayed as a result of Covid19 (appendix 1).

3.2 A dedicated neighbourhood plan website was established in 2021 (warkworthnp.org) to provide updates on the preparation of the plan. During October and November 2021 the local community and businesses were invited to complete surveys. Hard copies of the surveys were distributed to all addresses in the parish and there was the ability to complete the surveys online (appendix 2). The residents survey was completed by 385 people, a 40% response rate. The business survey was delivered to over 50 businesses and charitable organisations, there were 21 responses. Copies of the feedback reports are included in appendix 3.

Engagement on planning policy areas and draft community actions

3.3 During May to July 2022 consultation took place on draft planning policy areas and community actions for the neighbourhood plan. Information was added to the neighbourhood plan website and a flyer was sent to all households and notices included in The Pelican (which is a monthly publication[3]). As part of the engagement a drop in event took place on 21 May 2022. Information sheets with explanations about the possible planning policies and extra details were available, organised under the various aims of the plan (appendix 4). Residents were encouraged to read these explanations, and to discuss them with members of the steering group who were in attendance. They could vote on the different options on the display sheets, and make comments on post-it notes.

3.4 Approximately 80 residents attended, from all areas of the parish, and a further 20 responded online, of whom all bar two confirmed that they had read the drop-in information. A report from the consultation is available in appendix 4.

[3] https://sites.google.com/stlawrence-church.org.uk/2020/community/the-pelican

# 4. Pre-submission engagement

4.1 Consultation on the pre-submission draft plan took place for seven weeks between 21 November 2022 and 9 January 2023. Awareness was raised of the consultation in the following ways:

- Consultation bodies, identified by NCC and other interested parties (appendix 5)were sent a letter (appendix 6);
- The draft plan, policies maps and all evidence documents were available on the parish council website and were promoted online via social media(appendix 7);
- A hard copy of the plan and small exhibition (appendix 8) was available to view at St Lawrence Church. Hard copies of the plan were also available on request to those without internet access;
- A leaflet was set to all households informing them of the consultation (appendix 9);
- Posters were displayed at key locations across the parish (appendix 10);
- Articles were included in the Pelican and Northumberland Gazette (appendix 11)
- Comments could be provided online, via a feedback form (appendix 12) or in writing (by email or post).

4.2 A drop in event took place on Saturday 26 November 2022, as part of the Warkworth Christmas lights switch on, from 2pm to 6pm in St Lawrence Church. Hard copies of the plan and background papers were available to view, and a summary of the plan proposals included on display boards (appendix 13).

4.3 Responses were received from 10 consultation bodies, seven other organisations/ bodies, 47 parish residents, 12 from residents of Amble Parish, two from residents of Bedlington and two anonymous responses. Appendix 14 provides a table of responses and details of how the comments have been taken into account in the submission draft plan.

4.4 The submission draft plan was considered and approved at the Warkworth Parish Council meeting on 22 June 2023 and then a revised version (which made amendments to the LGS section of the plan) reconsidered and approved on 6 July 2023.

# 5. Conclusions

5.1 The submission draft Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan is built upon broad engagement with the community since May 2019 until the plan was finalised for submission in August 2023[4]. The outcome is a submission plan that reflects both the aspirations of the local community and is in general conformity with both local and national planning policy, meeting the basic conditions.

5.2 This consultation statement demonstrates that the consultation and engagement process for the plan has been substantial, effective and proportionate. It has also been extremely effective in shaping a plan that is aimed to benefit both current and future generations of Warkworth.

[4] Submission was delayed until November as a result of awaiting final SEA and HRA screening opinions.

## Appendix 1: Early issues engagement (2019 and 2020)

May 2019 - Flyer to all households

# Developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Warkworth

**Do you want to help shape and improve our community for the future?**

**YES!**

***Then come to an introductory information meeting to find out how you can help develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Warkworth.***

**When: Tuesday 7 May 2019**
**Time: 6.30 pm**
**Where: Warkworth United Reformed Church Hall, The Butts**

The meeting will provide an opportunity to:

Hear the progress and experiences of developing the Lesbury Plan from people involved
Hear how Northumberland County Council will support and help finance a neighbourhood plan
Understand the legality of such an enterprise
Find out how you can be involved further in shaping our community

*If you cannot attend but would like to know more or to register an interest in being involved, then contact Karon Hadfield, Parish Clerk on warkworthparish@gmail.com*

This meeting is being facilitated by Warkworth Parish Council

May 2019 – notes from public meeting

## Neighbourhood Planning for Warkworth Parish

7th May 2019 - United Reformed Church Hall

*"Our aim is to inform, share and communicate a process towards a neighbourhood plan"*

**Agenda**

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|---|---|
| 6.30 | Welcome & introduction |
| 6.35 - 6.55 | The Lesbury Story an example (Jean Humphries & Pam Allen) |
| 6.55- 7.20 | NCC support & legal procedures (Chris Anderson) |
| 7.20 - 7.35 | Q&A to presenters |
| 7.35 - 8.10 | Workshop sharing ideas |
| 8.10 | Moving forward & action planning |
| 8.30 | Close |

Apologies/interest were expressed by:
Helen Wilson, Moira Kilkenny, Jackie Galilee, Katie Macfarlane, Jeff Watson, Maureen Shepherd & Peter Burnham.

Attendance list was circulated.

**Introduction by Sally Black (Chair Warkworth Parish Council)**

Summary of the journey so far towards a Neighbourhood Plan (NP):

- Originally discussed when the Cussins Morwick Rd development was announced, however the Warkworth Parish Council (WPC) decided against an NP.
- Amble Town Council (ATC) proposed a joint NP, at the time WPC were of the opinion that the needs of Amble & their plan for the future were different from that of Warkworth.
- ATC have subsequently decided not to proceed with an NP.
- In December 2018 WPC agreed to take forward the proposal to develop an NP, resulting in work leading up to this meeting.
- There were two important points to be made:
  - The NP would be for Warkworth Parish as a whole, not just the village of Warkworth. This was illustrated on a map on display, covering many hamlets; farms; over a special rural coastal area. https://northumberlandparishes.uk/warkworth/
  - The NP would not belong to the WPC. The NP Steering Committee & Champions would be a mixture of WPC & Warkworth Parish residents.
- Aims of the NP:
  - Manage growth
  - Direct Development
  - Positively influence the future of the village

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## Neighbourhood Planning for Warkworth Parish

**"Lesbury Parish story" by Jean Humphries (Lesbury PC) & Pam Allen (Steering Group)**:

http://www.lesbury-pc.org.uk/ndp-finaldocs.php

- Began 3.1/2yrs ago, at that time not many NP's had been completed, therefore it was all new territory.
- Must be a plan owned by the "community".
- Initial thoughts were presented to gauge interest in Lesbury, initially the interest was similar to that of the Warkworth meeting they were addressing.
- In an ideal world the NP lead person/Chair should not be from the Parish Council (PC), however it was recommended to have the vice-Chair from the PC.
- Ensure all geographic areas of the Parish are represented.
- An existing Parish plan from 2009 was the starting point for Lesbury.
- First step: set out "visions & objectives".
- Communication is key.
- Champions are very important, Lesbury had approx. 20 to cover their "patch" for housing surveys etc plus spreading the word.
- Surveys are specialist topics, requiring carefully crafted questions & collate results. Independent body used for this.
- The type of topics covered included:
  - What was the housing requirement?
  - Would a large development fund the development of village facilities? (The community decided they did not want this).
- A specific community event was held to define priorities:
  - Station/parking
  - Housing
  - Leisure & Education
- Subsequently 3 events were held to focus on each priority. Housing actually had a series of 3 events at different times & in different locations to try to get the widest possible coverage.
- There was a special focus upon "young people"
- After each consultation event a summary newsletter was issued.
- The focus was to develop objectives from the priorities.
- A lot of advice was received from Chris Anderson & his NCC team. Advised to take advantage of this "no-cost" service.
- Holiday homes: Lesbury has less than 20% of the housing stock as holiday homes, therefore are not in a position to have covenants against new developments being used as holiday homes.
- It then got to the stage of needing an independent planner to write the Lesbusy NP. Grants are available up to £9k to fund this from the locality plan budget.
- The advantage Warkworth now have is that there are many NP's now available out there, recommend finding similar Parishes & using them to assist the process.
- NP's are not just wish-lists, they need to be defined projects.

## Neighbourhood Planning for Warkworth Parish

- The language used in the NP will be "Planning-speak", this is sometimes difficult to understand, but it is required to make a legally enforceable NP. This is why a professional consultant is required. Lesbury used Jenny Ludman. https://www.ludman-planning.co.uk/
- The NP writing began 2 years ago, & has gone through many consultation phases.
- AONB & SSSI areas (such as Lesbury & Warkworth) mean that a "Strategic Environmental Assessment is also required.
- The final phases involve the NP being scrutinised by various statutory consultees.

Summary:
The Lesbury NP has been extremely hard work & lengthy. However it has been worthwhile in the creation of a legally enforceable planning document that needs to be adhered to.
One of the biggest unforeseen benefits has been that it has brought the Lesbury Parish together & summarises the common aims of the residents.

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## Neighbourhood Planning for Warkworth Parish

**Neighbourhood Planning & Infrastructure by Chris Anderson (NCC Strategic Planning)**:

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

http://www.neighbourhoodplanning.org

<pdf of Chris's presentation available>

- 2yrs with NCC, began NP specialism in 2011.
- 37 NP's in Northumberland at various stages of completion.
  - Completed: Alnwick & Denwick; North Northumberland Coastal Parishes; Longhorseley; Morpeth; Stannington; Ponteland; Whittington; Acomb; Allendale.
- Lifespan of an NP = 15 years.
- Allows the creation of legally enforceable planning development documents.
- Northumberland "Local Plan" (LP) for the County is also being compiled.
  - NP's need strategic alignment with LP
- We will need to decide "what we want?"; "what we want the Parish to look like in 15yrs time?"
- There are a lot of bureaucratic & legal loopholes, plus mandatory steps to follow:
  - Get designated
  - Gather issues
  - Draft plan
  - Consultation (the more the better but not endlessly)
  - Submit plan
  - Publicise plan
  - Independent examination
  - Referendum (must be >50% of those voting in favour)
  - "Make" plan (i.e. it is completed)

Summary:

- Recommends we refer to the "keeping it simple" document by Tony Burton https://mycommunity.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/keeping-it-simple-v3.pdf
- NCC have a team dedicated to & specialising in NP's
- "enough is enough the perfect plan does not exist"

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## Neighbourhood Planning for Warkworth Parish

**Questions & answers**:

Q: Could a NP be used to create a "buffer" between Amble & Warkworth which have differing community identities?
A: Settlement boundaries can be defined as can green spaces, however the Parish of Warkworth does include area of the northern side of Amble.

Q: How do you take into account local business interests, especially farming?
A: Businesses will be a specific part of the consultation. As Warkworth Parish covers a large rural area, farming is a very important sector.

Q: How are the independent examiners selected?
A: A panel will propose 3 planners/examiners to the Steering Group who will choose one based upon the cv of those proposed.

Q: Is the Northumberland Local Plan available?
A: Yes it is on-line, use CTRL-F to instigate a search of the pdf "Warkworth" would show where reference was made in the most recent draft.
https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Planning/Planning-policy/Plan.aspx#northumberlandlocalplan

# Neighbourhood Planning for Warkworth Parish

## Issues raised from the floor:

**Red – most important; Orange – less important; Green – least important; Black – not classified**

| Children and Young People | Accessibility | Environment and Green Spaces | Holiday Homes | Integrity of Village | Settlement | Traffic Management and Parking |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Park/Play Area and centre (village hall) | Access to community facilities eg Memorial Hall/new hall | Discourage car use/encourage cycling and walking | Brings money into the economy. Brings in new ideas and people. Keeps the village alive. | Preserve the famous burgages from any development | Settlement to create and preserve community | Disc parking |
| Improve football field facilities | Access and parking re businesses eg shops and cafes | Create paths eg back of dunes to north pier. Green ways | Holiday homes or holiday lets? Need to establish how many there are – ratio. | Green belt around the village. Define a southern boundary in terms of the current housing developments forming the boundary | Boundaries to be defined and kept | Short term parking restriction in town centre |
| Devt of recreational facilities at Shorebase Trust/Boat Club, cricket club, or golf club | Pavements and pathways for access around village eg outside Topsy Turvey and Brewery Lane – drops in wrong place | Castle field/cricket pitch/burgage plots – green spaces | Reduces availability of housing for local families – effect on local schools? | Allow in-fill development – Birling, up Station Road, and Morwick Road up to the final houses on these roads. | Green spaces to be maintained as such within the settlement | Enforcement |
| Free/subsidised transport to facilities outside the area | Parking for access to key facilities. Traffic and crossings | Litter | What can be done to prevent existing properties becoming holiday lets when they change ownership? | Establish that the current stock of caravan parks within the curtilage of the village should not be increased | Consideration of occupancy – homes versus holiday homes. New homes designated to home owners? | Long stay parking – upgrade Beach Road. English Heritage |
| Use of school after hours and staff paid for | The elderly | Public transport | Lots of different occupiers during the year destroys community spirit and cohesion | Restrict the profusion of signs within the village in keeping with a mediaeval settlement | Character and impact of the buildings – sympathetic materials and frontage. | Signage for car parks |
| Road safety (main road and school) | Public Transport – maintain public transport links for village | Design and materials for new builds | Limit size of Birling Carrs caravans – settlement boundaries. Development- limit ability to extend | Housing needs should be established | Business development for small businesses | Raised pavements/accessibility |
| Parking on Castle Street makes it difficult for pushchairs, wheelchair users or bikes to use safely | Housing – provision of housing/accommodation suitable for the disabled | Too many road signs | | | Community facilities – hall, disabled access etc | Access to Beach Road car park from the north. One way? |
| Get the schoolkids involved. | | Protect sensitive habitats from over development | | | | Speed limits v emissions |
| | | | | | | Pavement parking – a good thing? |
| | | | | | | Traffic calming |

**Red – most important; Orange – less important; Green – least important; Standard black – not classified**

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## Neighbourhood Planning for Warkworth Parish

**Close**:

- Participant sheet was circulated to seek people who would be interested to form part of the team:
  - Steering group members
  - Champions
  - Helpers
- Show of hands requested to indicate support to develop a NP was nearly unanimous.
- Thanks expressed to Jean, Pam & Chris, plus to all those who had attended & contributed in such a positive manner.
- Suggested strap-line for all NP documents:
  - "Warkworth Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Building a Community"

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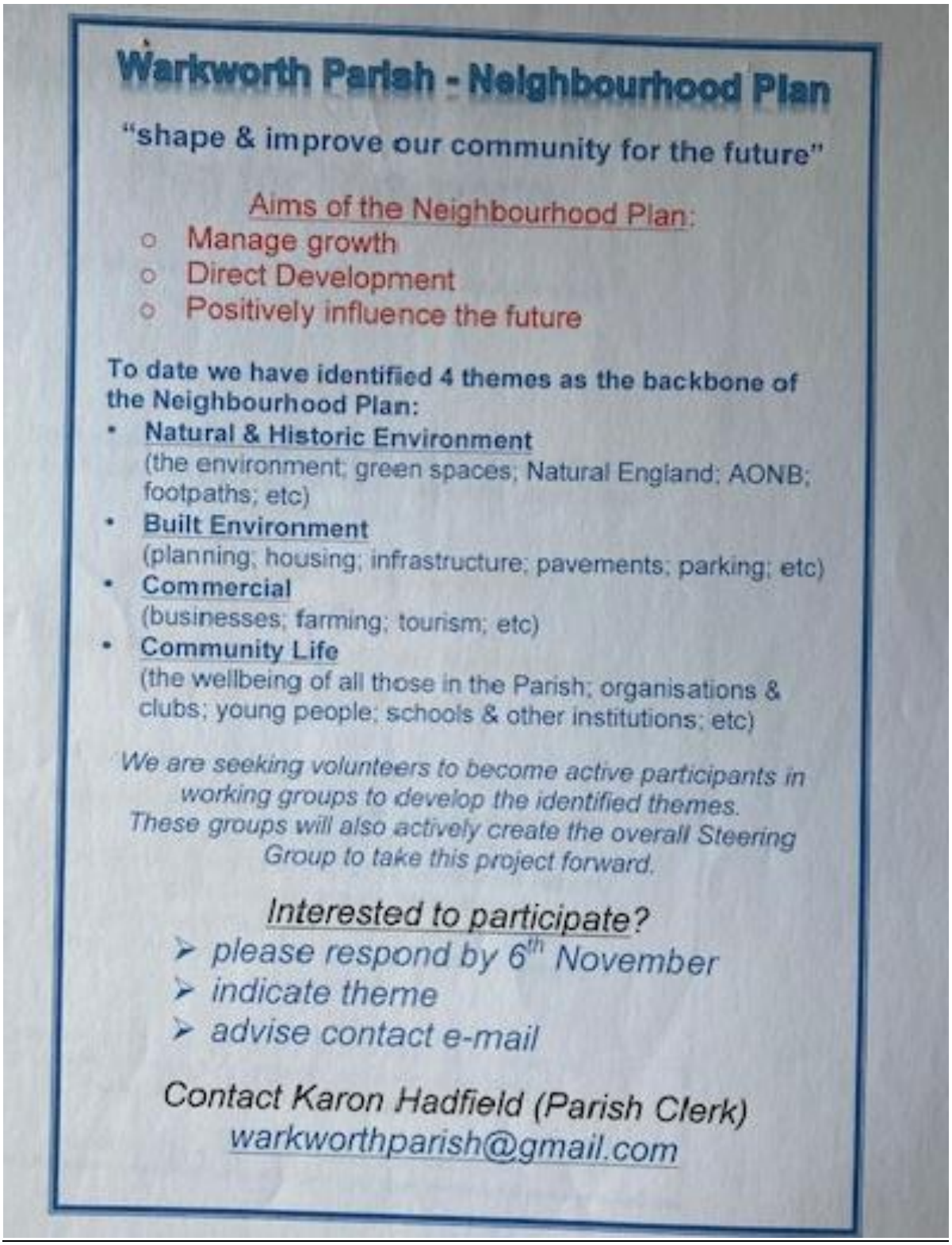
November 2019 – flyer



# Warkworth Parish - Neighbourhood Plan

"shape & improve our community for the future"

Aims of the Neighbourhood Plan:

- Manage growth
- Direct Development
- Positively influence the future

**To date we have identified 4 themes as the backbone of the Neighbourhood Plan:**

- **Natural & Historic Environment**
  (the environment; green spaces; Natural England; AONB; footpaths; etc)
- **Built Environment**
  (planning; housing; infrastructure; pavements; parking; etc)
- **Commercial**
  (businesses; farming; tourism; etc)
- **Community Life**
  (the wellbeing of all those in the Parish; organisations & clubs; young people; schools & other institutions; etc)

*We are seeking volunteers to become active participants in working groups to develop the identified themes. These groups will also actively create the overall Steering Group to take this project forward.*

*Interested to participate?*

- *please respond by 6th November*
- *indicate theme*
- *advise contact e-mail*

*Contact Karon Hadfield (Parish Clerk)*
*warkworthparish@gmail.com*

February 2020 – meeting agenda

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MEETING**
**Saturday 8th February 2020**

**Chris Anderson** will explain the process and the role of NCC

**John Hobrough and Chris:**

- The concept map
- Explanation
- Project framework
- Risk assessment
- Measuring success

**Next steps:**

- The role of the Steering Group
- Formation of Steering Group
- Chairmanship of the Steering Group
- Role of the Parish Council
- Local Champions
- Administrator/Clerk/Secretary
- What skills YOU can offer!
- What additional skills we need
- Role of consultant and process of selection

*An additional task for today:*
*The AONB have asked for our help in carrying out a Dwelling Review to accurately assess the situation throughout their area. Please can you mark on the map provided any houses which you know are permanent residences, any which are second homes, and any which are holiday lets.*

February 2020 – flyer, call for volunteers

# Warkworth Parish Neighbourhood Plan "Building a Community"

**To help shape and improve our community for the future?**

***On the 7th May we held a very well attended introductory meeting which generated a lot of enthusiasm to go forward.***
***We intend to hold further similar events.***

Aims of the Neighbourhood Plan:

- Manage growth
- Direct Development
- Positively influence the future

*Want to know more or to register an interest in being involved?*

*Contact Karon Hadfield (Parish Clerk)*
*warkworthparish@gmail.com*

## Appendix 2: Parish surveys (October 2021)

Residents Survey Covering Letter

# WARKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

https://northumberlandparishes.uk/warkworth

## Neighbourhood Plan Resident Questionnaire

(to be returned by 15th November 2021)

Dear Resident,

As part of the process of compiling the Neighbourhood Plan, it is important to understand what issues are important for residents. This questionnaire will help to establish **your** priorities.

Following the public meetings in 2019, the concerns which residents raised have been translated into **draft Vision and Aims for Warkworth Parish** which are printed overleaf. This questionnaire is based broadly on these Aims and will enable detailed policies to be drawn up. **Some explanation about how a Neighbourhood Plan can support the Vision and Aims is given below:**

**About You:** These questions will help to establish whether people of different ages or parts of the Parish have different priorities.

**Sustainability (Aim 1): The sustainability aim is crosscutting and will run through all elements of the plan. An important part of sustainability is how the local community feel about their area.** What do you consider to be the positives and negatives of living in Warkworth, now and in the future? Please note that whilst some of these issues **cannot** be tackled through a Neighbourhood Plan, they **can** feed into future Parish Council priorities.

**Housing (Aim 2):** A Neighbourhood Plan can include policies and support developments that are needed by the local community. Questions on this aim were covered by the Housing Needs Survey conducted in May this year, the results of which can be seen here: https://northumberlandparishes.uk/warkworth/documents/neighbourhood-plan

**Environment (Aim 3):** Whilst some areas of our Parish already have some environmental protection, a **Neighbourhood Plan can also protect certain local green spaces in the Parish** that are special to a local community and hold a particular local significance. A **Neighbourhood Plan can also protect certain heritage assets** which the community values. Our Parish has a large number of historic assets, which are already protected, for example the castle and the Church of St Lawrence but it would be helpful to understand which other buildings or structures you feel are important.

**Community (Aim 4): A Neighbourhood Plan can support the retention of valued community facilities and services** through planning policies and prevent their loss in the future

**Economy (Aim 5): A Neighbourhood Plan can support and make it easier for the right types of business to expand and new business to locate in the right places** to sustain the local economy.

**Transport and Access (Aim 6)**: Whilst a lot of elements of traffic management measures cannot be addressed directly by a Neighbourhood plan, some understanding of the issues could help to inform planning decisions, and could direct infrastructure to create more opportunities to walk and cycle.

**The questionnaire is designed to be completed by each individual in the household,** including those children who are interested and might have an opinion. Additional copies can be downloaded using this link: https://northumberlandparishes.uk/warkworth/documents/neighbourhood-plan . If you need more paper copies or a **large print version** please e-mail warkworthnp.chair@gmail.com or phone Ann Burke on 07773 024528. **You can also complete the survey online by using the QR code on the questionnaire.**

**With many thanks for your assistance,**

**Sian Smith** (Chair, Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering group) E-mail: warkworthnp.chair@gmail.com

## Warkworth - THE VISION

Our draft vision describes what the Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan intends to achieve over the plan period to 2036.

*"In 2036 the Parish of Warkworth will be an attractive place to live and grow with a community that is sustainable, cohesive, and thriving. We will have retained and improved our community facilities; protected and enhanced our valued green spaces and special landscapes; and conserved our unique historic environment. Warkworth will be a carbon neutral parish.*

*The diverse needs and wellbeing of the existing and future residents will be provided for and the community will be sustainable in relation to the facilities and infrastructure available to residents. Residents will have good access to facilities and be well connected by safe roads, cycle ways and footpaths.*

*The natural, historic, and environmental character of the area will be maintained and enhanced for future generations by ensuring that new developments are of an appropriate quality, scale and design and embed important habitats for wildlife.*

*New development will minimise environmental harm by employing high quality design and sustainable building technology. Developments will be designed to be resilient to the effects of climate change.*

*All people who live in the parish will have the opportunity to participate in shaping their surroundings and feel proud of where they live."*

To deliver the vision six draft aims have been developed.

**Aim 1 – Sustainability :** The special characteristics of our Parish and the vibrancy of our community will be conserved and enhanced by seeking high quality sustainable design in new development, which will make a positive contribution to social, environmental or economic needs and will mitigate any negative impacts.

**Aim 2 – Housing:** The location, quantity and type of housing built in the Parish will meet locally identified needs. Housing will reflect the distinct character and built heritage of Warkworth.

**Aim 3 - Environment:** The natural environment, including the Northumberland Coast AONB, will be conserved and enhanced, including biodiversity and green infrastructure networks and local green spaces which are valued by the community. New development will make a positive contribution to the historic and built environment.

**Aim 4 – Community:** Key community facilities and infrastructure will be protected and developed to ensure that the community is inclusive and sustainable.

**Aim 5 - Economy:** Appropriate and sustainable levels of commerce in a variety of sectors across the Parish will be encouraged, and key services and facilities that contribute to a thriving community will be protected.

**Aim 6 – Transport and Access:** Access to facilities and services will be promoted for all residents, and visitors, by the creation of safe and high- quality roads, parking areas, pavements and green routes including footpaths, cycle routes and bridleways.

**We would welcome your feedback on whether you support the draft vision and aims or if you feel there are changes that should be made.**

Residents Survey

## WARKWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PUBLIC SURVEY OCTOBER 2021

### About You

Scan the QR code if you prefer to complete the survey online

1. What is your Age Group?

| Under 16 | 16-24 | 25-44 | 45-64 | 65-74 | 75 and over |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |

2. Where in Warkworth Parish do you live?

| Warkworth village centre | Warkworth village Morwick Road end | Warkworth village Station Rd end | Gloster Hill area | Outside Warkworth village |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |

3. How long have you been resident in Warkworth Parish?

| Under 5 years | Under 15 years | 15 Years or more | This is not my main residence |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

4. What is your current employment status? If you choose 'other', please clarify

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Full time employment | | Self employed | | Retired | |
| Part time employment | | Student | | Other (please state): | |

5. If you are in employment, do you work in Warkworth Parish?

| Yes | | No | |
|---|---|---|---|

### Sustainability

6. What do you value most about living in Warkworth? Tick all those that are relevant to you.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strong Village community | | Community facilities | | Close to place of work | |
| Close to countryside and beaches | | Local shops and services | | Close to family and friends | |
| Attractive setting and views | | Access to cycle paths and footpaths | | Access to wildlife | |
| History and heritage of the Parish | | Access to public transport | | Other (please state): | |

7. What concerns you about Warkworth at the present time? Tick all those that apply.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Volume of traffic | | Condition of footpaths and cycle paths | | Dog fouling and/or litter | |
| Availability of parking | | Access to health facilities | | Access to public transport | |
| Properties without permanent residents | | Other (please state): | | | |

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**8. What concerns you about the future in Warkworth? Tick all those that apply.**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Local carbon footprint | | Flooding | | Too many holiday lets /second homes | |
| Loss of wildlife habitats/species | | Loss of green spaces | | Not enough renewable energy | |
| Pollution | | Not enough affordable homes for local people | | Other (please state): | |

**Environment**

**9. Which of the following green spaces in Warkworth Parish would you want to see protected and why?**

| | Recreational value | Richness of wildlife | Historic significance | Tranquillity | Beauty |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| The playing field between Morwick Rd and the Castle | | | | | |
| The Stanners riverside area | | | | | |
| The Butts riverside area | | | | | |
| The Coquet River bank | | | | | |
| Play area near school | | | | | |
| The Castle grounds | | | | | |
| The cricket pitch | | | | | |
| The Burgage plots (including allotments/community garden) | | | | | |
| Millennium garden | | | | | |
| The beach and dunes at Warkworth | | | | | |
| The football pitch, Beach Road | | | | | |
| Rotary Way | | | | | |
| The Braid, close to Amble | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | |
| If you strongly value a particular green space please say why: | | | | | |

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**10. Are there any buildings or structures you feel are important to the history of our parish? If so, please identify them and explain why they are important to you.**

| |
|---|
| **1.** |
| **2.** |

**11. Would you support the development of community spaces to enhance the natural environment, mitigate the effects of climate change, support sustainability or provide learning opportunities?**

| Yes | | No | |
|---|---|---|---|

a. **If yes, would you be prepared to loan or gift land?**

| Yes | | No | |
|---|---|---|---|

b. **If yes, what types of community projects would you support?**

| | Support | Would get involved | | Support | Would get involved |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Community woodland | | | An Improved play area | | |
| Community orchard | | | An outdoor gym | | |
| Community nature reserve | | | A wildflower meadow | | |
| Other (please state): | | | Other (please state): | | |

**If you answered 'yes' to 11a, or would like to get involved for 11b, please share your contact details at the end of this questionnaire.**

**12. Taking account of the fact that Northumberland County Council has an aim to be carbon neutral by 2030, which of the following environmental projects and developments would you support?**

| | Support | Do not support | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wind turbines | | | |
| Power from the River Coquet | | | |
| Solar power | | | |
| Improved housing insulation | | | |
| Electric car charging points | | | |
| Other (please state): | | | |

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### Community

**Which community facilities and services are important to protect in Warkworth? Please tick all that apply**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St Lawrence's Church | | Post Office/ general store | | Cricket Club | |
| United Reformed Church/ Hall | | Other retail | | Golf Club | |
| Warkworth War Memorial Hall | | Cafes/ Restaurants | | Mobile library | |
| Warkworth Village School | | Pubs/Hotels | | Trades and services | |
| Care Homes | | Other (please state): | | | |

**13. Do you have difficulties accessing community events?**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Yes | | No | |

**a. If yes, why? Please tick all that apply and which venue.**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lack of parking | | Access difficulties | | Other (please state): | |
| Inconvenient location | | Poor facilities | | | |
| Venue(s): | | | | | |

**14. How do you find out/keep up to date about activities in Warkworth? Tick all that apply**

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Facebook | | Pelican | | Gazette | | Other (please state): | |

### Economy

**15. Do you run, or would you like to run, a business in Warkworth?**

| Do you | Yes | No | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|
| Own a business in Warkworth | | | |
| Run a business from home | | | |
| Work from home at least some of the time | | | |
| Want a business hub/occasional office facility in Warkworth | | | |
| Wish to start up a new business in Warkworth | | | |

**As it is important for the Neighbourhood Plan to understand the needs and priorities of local business, we would like to ask for your views in more detail. If you are willing to participate, please share your contact details at the end of this questionnaire.**

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**16. Which of the following tourism initiatives in Warkworth would you support?**

| | Support | Do not support | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|
| Encouraging an increase in daily visitors | | | |
| More holiday lets | | | |
| More permanent caravan/camping sites | | | |
| More touring caravan/camping sites | | | |
| Other (please state): | | | |

**Transport and Access**

**17. How far do you typically travel to access the following?**

| | N/A | Less than 5 miles | 5 to 10 miles | More than 10 miles |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| To get to work/study | | | | |
| To do main shopping | | | | |
| For leisure/ social | | | | |

**18. When you are travelling for work, shopping or leisure, what method of transport do you typically use?**

| | N/A | Walk | Cycle | Bus | Car | Train |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To get to work | | | | | | |
| To do main shopping | | | | | | |
| For leisure/social | | | | | | |

**19. Would you support any of the following measures to improve non-motorised travel routes within the Parish? Please tick all that apply.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alteration/creation of footpaths for wheelchair or pushchair users | | New links to connect footpaths, bridleways and byways | |
| Development of safe cycle routes within the Parish | | Secure cycle parking within the village | |
| Electric bike charging within or close to the village | | Better signage and safer access to National Cycle Route 1 to Alnmouth | |
| Other (please state): | | Other (please state): | |

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**20. What issues currently prevent you from cycling or walking more? Please tick all those that apply.**

| Health | No suitable paths | Busy roads | Distance | Other (please state): |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |

**21. Which of the following traffic and parking related initiatives would you be in favour of?**

| | Support | Do not support | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|
| More parking in or near the village? | | | |
| Charges for visitor parking in the village | | | |
| A residents' parking scheme | | | |
| Improvements for visitors to the Beach Road car park (recycling area) | | | |
| Improvements for visitors to the Warkworth Beach car park | | | |
| Other (please state): | | | |

**Finally:**

**22. If project funding and/or land were available, what would be your top three priorities for improving Warkworth?** (e.g. improved village facilities, buildings, or green spaces)

1.

2.

3.

**Thank you for completing the questionnaire. Please note on the next page any comments or general observations you may have on any of the questions you have answered.**

**Please also use this space to make any comments that you might have on the Neighbourhood Planning process, or on the Vision and Aims outlined in the accompanying letter.**

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**Comments:**

**If you are happy to be contacted in the future** to follow up any points in this survey, or to discuss other Neighbourhood Plan activity, please give your contact details below. These will only be used in relation to the work on the Neighbourhood Plan and in accordance with the Parish Council's privacy statement.

Name: .....

Email: .....

Phone: .....

Contact preference:

**Please return completed questionnaires to The Greenhouse (opening hours Tuesday- Saturday 10:00 to 5:00, Sunday 10:00 to 4:00) or to the collection box in the porch of St Lawrence's Church.**

**Alternatively, please e-mail warkworthnp.chair@gmail.com or phone Ann Burke on 07773 024528 to arrange a collection.**

## Closing date: Monday 15th November 2021

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Business survey

## WARKWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN BUSINESS SURVEY

**A Neighbourhood Plan can support and make it easier for existing business to expand and new business to locate in the right places to sustain the local economy. Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering group is therefore inviting comments from across the Business community to feed into this process. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.**

### About your business

1. **Do you have a business in Warkworth Parish?**

| Yes | | No | |
|---|---|---|---|

   a. **If yes, where in Warkworth Parish is your business located?**

| | |
|---|---|
| Warkworth village | |
| Warkworth Parish outside the village | |

   b. **If no, please go to Q18**

2. **How long has your business been trading in Warkworth?**

| Under 2 years | Under 5 years | Under 15 years | 15 Years or more |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

3. **Is your Business address the same as your home address?**

| Yes | | No | |
|---|---|---|---|

4. **Please describe your business:**

| |
|---|
| |

5. **What is your customer base?**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Warkworth Parish and immediate surroundings | | Northumberland | | Northeast England | |
| Nationwide | | International | | Other (please state): | |

6. **How many people do you employ?**

| |
|---|

7. **Of the people you employ, how many live in Warkworth Parish?**

| |
|---|

8. **If you are happy to be contacted about future events regarding the Neighbourhood plan, please enter your contact details below:**

| Business name | Email | Tel No. |
|---|---|---|
| | | |

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## WARKWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN BUSINESS SURVEY

### Business Issues

**9. What do you consider to be the advantages of trading in Warkworth Parish?**

| |
|---|
| |

**10. Does your business experience any challenges to expansion?**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Planning restrictions | | Lack of land | | Lack of parking | |
| Poor broadband performance | | Poor mobile phone reception | | Lack of local skilled/ qualified workforce | |
| Poor transport connections | | Other (please state): | | | |
| Comments: | | | | | |

**11. Would you be interested in the provision of a business hub where meetings could be held and where some office facilities and shared business support might be available?**

| Yes | No | Comments: |
|---|---|---|
| | | |

### Parking and traffic

**12. How do you and the people you employ generally travel to work?**

| Walk | Cycle | Bus | Car | Comments: |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |

**13. Do you have private parking at your Business?**

| Yes | | No | |
|---|---|---|---|

**14. Thinking of deliveries to or from your business do you have:**

| | N/A | Daily | Weekly | Monthly | Comments: |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Small Vehicle (Transit or Sprinter size) | | | | | |
| Large Vehicle (Wagon > 3.5 tonnes) | | | | | |

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WARKWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN BUSINESS SURVEY

**15. Which of the following traffic and parking related initiatives would you be in favour of? Please tick all that apply.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| More parking in or near the village? | | A residents' parking scheme | |
| Charges for visitor parking in the village | | Improvements for visitors to the Beach Road car park (recycling area) | |
| Improvements for visitors to the Warkworth Beach car park | | Provision of electric charging points | |
| Other (Please state): | | | |
| Comments: | | | |

## Tourism

**16. It would be helpful to understand the effects of tourism on businesses in Warkworth:**

| | Yes | No | Comments: |
|---|---|---|---|
| Is your business reliant on tourism? | | | |
| Does your business have seasonal fluctuations because of tourism? | | | |
| Is tourism detrimental to your business? | | | |

**17. What tourism initiatives in Warkworth would assist your business? Tick all that apply**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Encouraging more daily visitors | | More permanent caravan sites | |
| More Holiday lets | | More touring caravan/ camping sites | |
| Other (please state): | | | |
| Comments: | | | |

## WARKWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN BUSINESS SURVEY

### Business interests not located in Warkworth

**18. If you live in Warkworth Parish, but have a business elsewhere,**

**a. Please describe your business and its location.**

| |
|---|
| |

**b. Would you move your business into Warkworth Parish if it were possible?**

| Yes | No | Comments: |
|---|---|---|
| | | |

**Finally:**

**19. If project funding and/or land were available, what would be your top priorities for improving business opportunities for Warkworth?**

| |
|---|
| 1.<br><br>2. |

**Please add any additional comments below, either on the questions raised in this survey or on the Neighbourhood Plan draft Vision and Aims, which you can find here:**
https://northumberlandparishes.uk/warkworth/documents/neighbourhood-plan

| |
|---|
| |

**Thank you for filling in this survey. Once completed, please e-mail me at the address below and we will arrange to collect it.**

**Sian Smith**

**Chair, Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group** warkworthnp.chair@gmail.com

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Facebook posts

**Warkworth Northumberland UK**

Graeme Popay · 7 Oct 2021 ·

The Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan Group will be having a stall at the Warkworth Memorial Hall community coffee morning on Saturday 9th October (10:30 to 12:30).

Do come along to find out... See more

**Warkworth Northumberland UK**

Graeme Popay · 3 Nov 2021 ·

REMINDER

Closing Date 15th November 2021

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If you are a Warkworth resi... See more

**Appendix 3: Parish residents and business surveys engagement reports**

# Report on the Findings of the **Warkworth Resident Questionnaire** carried out November 2021

*Prepared by the Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group*

*Approved by Warkworth Parish Council 03/03/2022*

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## Report Summary

A survey was carried out in Autumn 2021 to ascertain the views of residents on a wide range of topics. The survey was designed to reflect the draft Neighbourhood Plan Vision and Aims for Warkworth, which in turn were developed following public meetings held before the pandemic in Autumn 2019. These meetings identified themes of Environment, Community, Business and Housing. Tourism and parking were added as concerns which have grown over the last two years. The issue of housing was covered in the Housing Needs Survey in summer 2021, but has been developed further in this survey.

In this summary the results have been considered under the headings of environment, economy and equity, where any further development should be fair and considerate to members of the community both now and in years to come. A good balance between these three is essential for a sustainable community.

***Environment***

The theme of the environment comes out strongly in the survey. Respondents wanted to protect green spaces throughout the village, especially for recreational purposes, but also for their beauty, tranquillity and wildlife. They were keen to support and get involved in a variety of projects to plant more community green spaces. There were also several respondents who wanted more sports and play facilities for the community, and this was echoed in the Improvement Priorities section. The need to protect wildlife and conserve their habitats was frequently stressed, and concerns were raised about the effect of more development, and increased tourism on green spaces. The aim to be carbon neutral was broadly supported, with enthusiastic endorsement for improved building insulation, EV points, and some renewable energy projects, subject to the effects on wildlife.

***Economy***

The economy of the village has increasingly become dependent on tourism. This is causing problems in the village centre for parking, use of facilities, and use of the river. Tourism in general was recognised as important, especially given the medieval heritage of the village, which makes it attractive to tourists and residents alike. There was, however, resistance to an increase in tourism, and a wish for residents' needs to be taken into account. The proliferation of holiday lets was seen as an increasing problem, especially in relation to the effect on community cohesion and the loss of council tax revenue. Improvements and better signage to the car parks on Beach Road were well supported, as was a residents' parking scheme. The existing village shops, services and facilities are strongly valued, although these have declined over the years. Recent changes to working practices mean a number of respondents are now working from home. Several would like to start a new business, and would welcome a business hub/occasional office facility.

***Equity***

There were concerns that the present housing stock is too expensive for local families and that more affordable homes are needed to enable young families to stay in the village. There was a strong feeling that new homes should be for primary residence only. However, it was stressed that any new development should be accompanied by appropriate infrastructure, including access to health care, transport, and non-tourist shops. The importance of village facilities in fostering a sense of community was recognised by respondents, and the wish for improved facilities was reflected in the Improvement Priorities. Many respondents mentioned a community centre that is easy to access, as well as facilities for older children. Traffic was raised as an issue, both in volume and the size of vehicles, and any increase due to development was a concern. Many people raised local cycle paths and their signage as an area to improve. There were also concerns about sharing cycle routes with pedestrians.

The **next steps** will hope to build on this report and other data collected for the Neighbourhood Plan to create policies and community actions that accurately reflect the views of the community.

## Questionnaire overview

There were 385 returns, which is a very good response of approximately 40% from 947 households, of which 76 (nearly 20%) were on-line. It should be noted that there were multiple entries from some households, which was encouraged by the format of the questionnaire.

The questionnaire was split into 5 main headings, to reflect the draft Vision and Aims for the Neighbourhood Plan. After collecting some personal data, these were: Sustainability, Environment, Community, Economy, and Traffic/Access. Respondents were also asked to list their three main priorities for improvements and had the option to make any final comments. The report goes through each of these topics in order.

## Personal data (Q.1-5)

The majority of respondents (62%) were over 65 years old, and the least represented demographic were aged 16-24 with only 2 respondents. Most people who responded (57%) live at the Morwick Road end of the village, followed by the village centre, and over 50% of respondents have been in Warkworth for 15 years or more. 5 respondents were not primary residents. In line with the age demographic, nearly 70% of respondents were retired, and just over 25% were in work of some sort. Of those who are employed, 20% work within the Parish. See Appendix 1 for pie charts for questions 1 to 4.

## Sustainability (Q. 6-8)

Sustainability can be defined as *"meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"* (UN World Commission on Environment and Development). The sustainability aim for the Neighbourhood Plan is crosscutting and will run through all elements of the plan. An important part of sustainability is how the local community feel about their area now and in the future.

### Analysis

Respondents were asked firstly what they valued most about Warkworth; secondly, what concerned them about Warkworth at present; and finally, what concerned them about Warkworth in the future. Respondents could tick more than one box, and on average, ticked approximately 6 boxes each.

Figure 1 shows what respondents value about Warkworth ranked in order. There were 384 answers to this question and the top three were each chosen by over three quarters of respondents. It is clear that respondents value Warkworth for its beautiful surroundings, countryside and heritage.

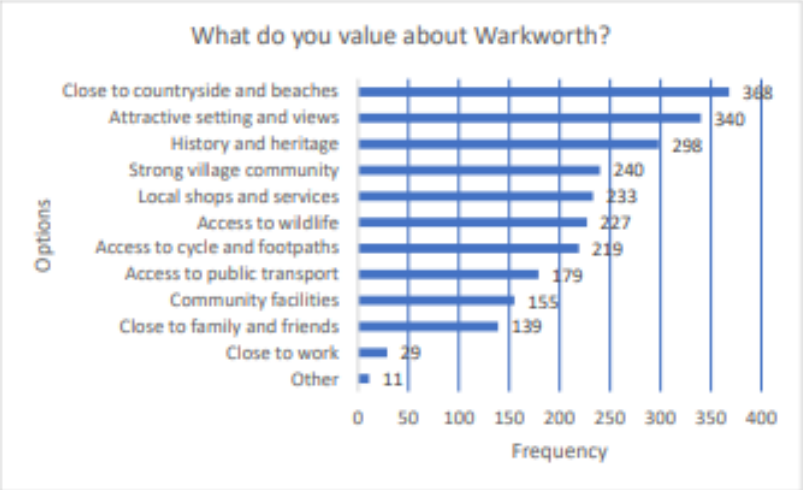


*Figure 1*

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Figure 2 shows what concerns people currently have about Warkworth. There were 383 responses, and people ticked an average of 3.5 options each. As can be seen, the main problems identified by the respondents are traffic, parking and second homes/property lets. All these were ticked by over 60% of the respondents.

Two dominant themes emerged in the *'other'* category, which were the damage to the river bank through tourism, and over-development of the village, so these have been added to the chart for clarity.

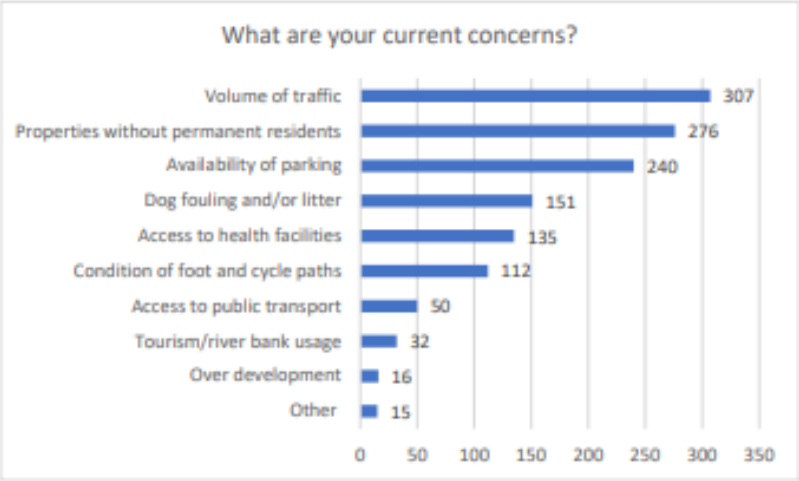


*Figure 2*

The 380 responses to the final question in this section are shown in Figure 3. Respondents ticked approximately 4 options each. It clearly shows that most people (80% of respondents) are concerned about the proliferation of holiday lets and second homes. This matches the concerns expressed in the previous question. The next three issues all attracted over 60% of the respondents and show a clear concern for the local environment and a need for affordable housing for local people. The dominant fears expressed in the *'other'* category were of over-development and loss of village facilities, and these have been shown for clarity.

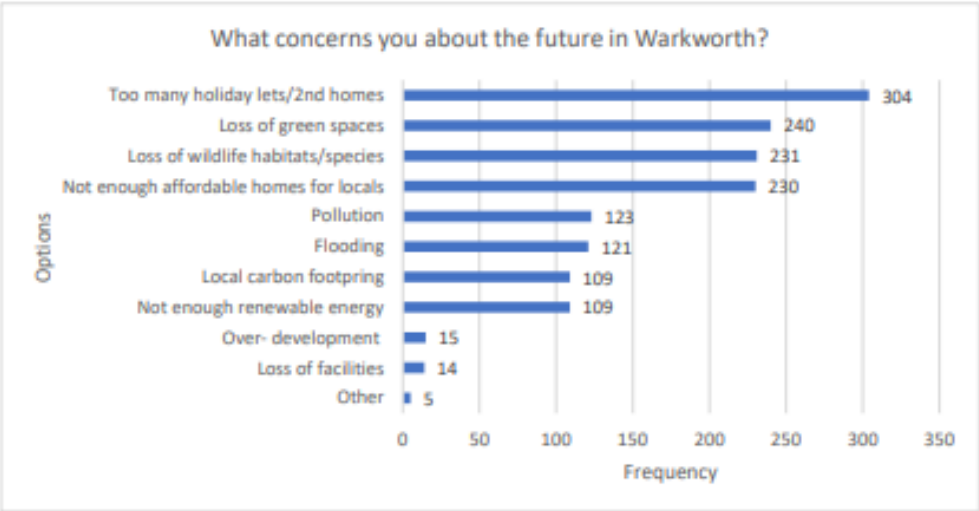


*Figure 3*

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### Commentary

The people of Warkworth who replied to this survey are concerned about the effects of further development on the environment, as well as increases in traffic and tourism. This is balanced by the wish to have affordable housing for local people.

## Environment (Q. 9-12)

### a. Green spaces

Whilst some areas of the Parish already have some environmental protection, a Neighbourhood Plan can also protect certain local green spaces in the Parish that are special to a local community and hold a particular local significance.

### Analysis

Respondents were asked which green spaces in Warkworth Parish would they want to see protected and to give reasons for their choices. The NP steering group had already identified 13 local green spaces and respondents were asked to tick which ones they wanted to see protected. They were also asked to identify any other green spaces that the steering group had not included in the survey. More than one space could be chosen, and respondents were asked to identify why it was important to protect those spaces based on 5 criteria; recreational value; richness of wildlife; historic significance; tranquillity and beauty.

In total, over the 5 criteria, 9505 boxes were ticked, and the results are shown below in Figure 4, ranked by total score from all 5 criteria.

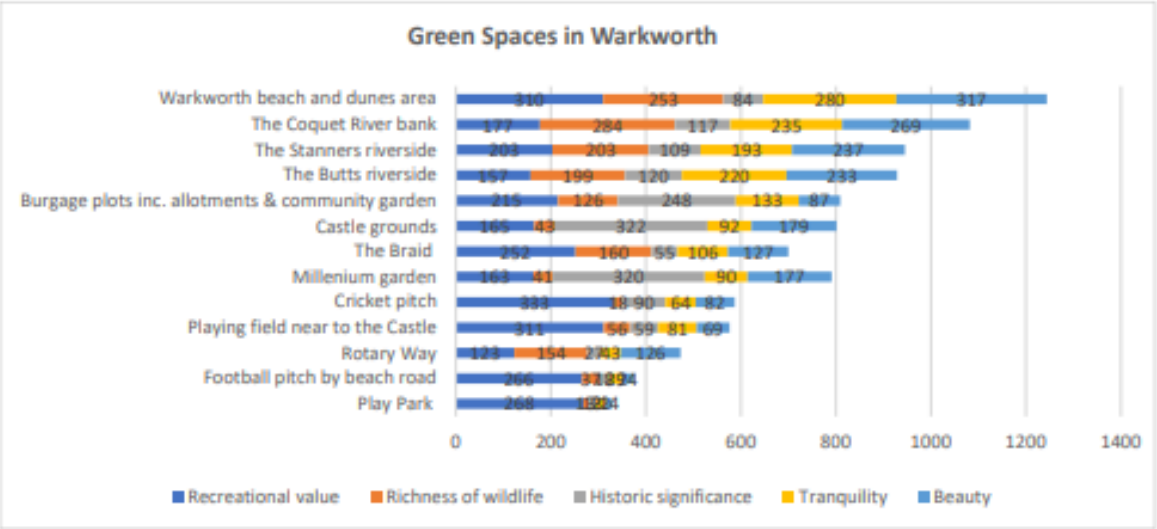


*Figure 4*

The beach and dunes were the most valued green space, scoring highly in every category. The different parts of the banks of the River Coquet (comprising The Stanners, The Butts, and the Coquet riverbank, including Mill Walk) were also highly valued. These 3 areas were valued mostly for their wildlife, tranquillity and beauty. Several respondents felt that too much water sport activity was damaging the river areas.

As might be expected, some green spaces were only valued for one specific reason, and thus did not attract a large score in Figure 4. They are nevertheless highly valued for that one reason. Figure 5 shows the ranked score for each of the spaces based on the highest individual criteria score for that green space, colour coded to match Figure 4. For a detailed breakdown of these results, see Appendix 2.

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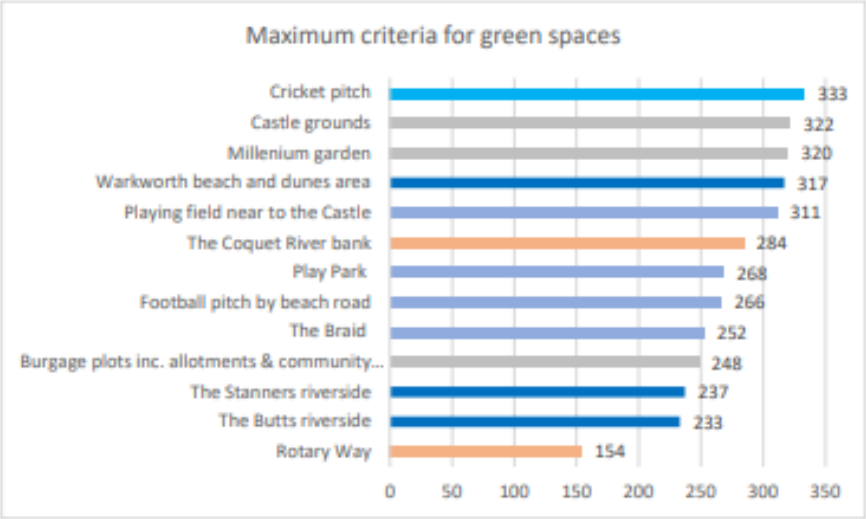


*Figure 5*

The table below shows the other areas identified by respondents. Many people also referred to the open views of the whole castle and cricket club area, saying that these fields 'bring both wildlife and agriculture into the heart of the village'.

| Green space | Supporters |
|---|---|
| The woods along the river at Mill Walk | 10 |
| The fields around the cricket pitch and playing field | 8 |
| The field behind Morwick Road between the houses and river woodland. | 7 |
| The 'Birling Gap' area together with the beach road cemetery and surrounding land, | 5 |
| Black Bridge area | 4 |
| St Oswald's Way | 4 |

### Commentary

The people of Warkworth who responded to the survey are very much in favour of protecting green spaces throughout the village, especially for recreational purposes, but also for their beauty, tranquillity and wildlife. The beach, dunes and riverside areas are very important to respondents, as well as all of the sports/play areas. It is not surprising that such a high number of residents completed this section, as green spaces are becoming more important in people's lives.

## b. Community spaces

Respondents were asked whether they would support the development of community spaces to enhance the natural environment, mitigate the effects of climate change, support sustainability or provide learning opportunities.

### Analysis

326 people responded to this question and Figure 6 shows which spaces would be supported.

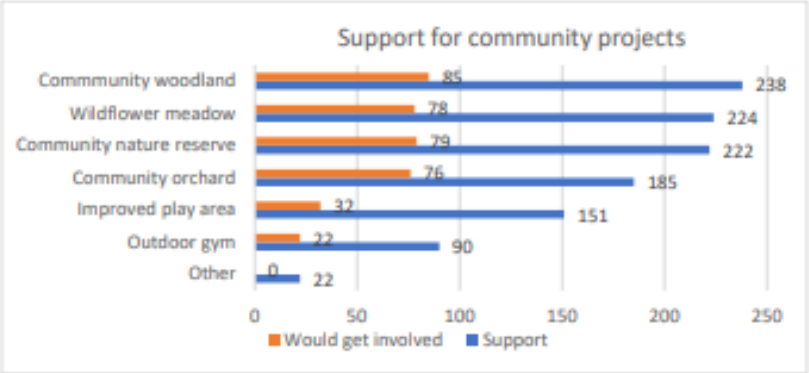


*Figure 6*

The chart clearly shows that community woodland, a community nature reserve, wildflower meadows and a community orchard would be the best supported projects. Around 80 people said they would be keen to get involved with each of those projects.

Of the 22 respondents who ticked "other projects", there was considerable support for improved facilities for older children/teens and improved sports areas (6). *"A useable outdoor space for teenagers – sadly lacking in Warkworth"* was a typical quote. There were also requests for more community green spaces (7) including a space in Morwick Gardens and *"Benches arranged in groups to encourage community spirit and gatherings"*. Other comments were for better protection for the local wildlife and nature (4) and improved walking routes around the village (3).

### Commentary

There is considerable support for a variety of projects to enhance the natural environment both for wildlife and for community enjoyment.

## c. Environmental projects

Taking account of the fact that Northumberland County Council has an aim to be carbon neutral by 2030, respondents were asked which environmental developments they would support.

### Analysis

The results are shown in Figure 7. Overall, the responses are very positive and there is large support for all the proposed carbon reduction projects.

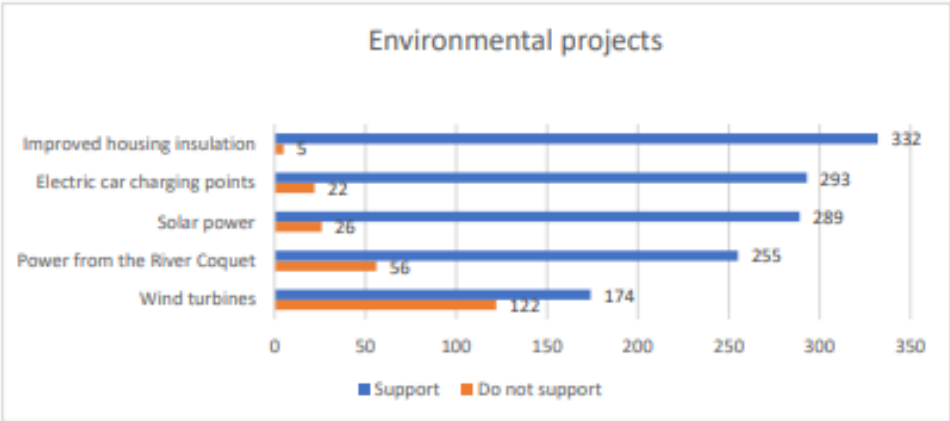


*Figure 7*

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The most popular projects were improved insulation, electric vehicle (EV) chargers and solar power projects, although the comment was made that planning regulations and cost can impede installation of double glazing and insulation in listed buildings. The market square, URC car park, Beach Road car park and Castle Street were all suggested as possible locations for EV points, although the concern was raised that they should not reduce parking spaces. Several comments were in favour of solar panels on all new builds.

Wind turbines and power from the River Coquet were both popular but more controversial - often with a caveat that support would depend on where they were sited, and any other environmental impacts. Many people voiced concern for any negative impacts of these projects on wildlife, particularly on the river.

In the *'other'* section, there was support for better composting and recycling services (12), better low carbon transport (10), rewilding, vegetable and tree planting (8) ground source heat pumps (5) and various other initiatives such as turning off the street lighting 1 am to 6 am, and having a policy to make Warkworth carbon neutral.

### Commentary

Warkworth residents are very conscious of the need for action to combat climate change by embracing policies to reduce carbon use. Support for larger projects such as solar, river or wind energy would depend on location and exact details, but smaller projects such as EV points, better insulation, ground source heat pumps and solar panels on housing were well supported. There were also some interesting suggestions on recycling and low carbon transport.

## d. Heritage buildings and structures

A Neighbourhood Plan can protect certain heritage assets which the community values. The Parish has a large number of historic assets which are already protected, for example the castle and the Church of St Lawrence but the survey hoped to establish which other buildings or structures are valued. Respondents were asked whether there were any buildings or structures that they felt were important to the history of the Parish, to identify them and explain why they are important.

### Analysis

There were 385 returns to the survey and 223 respondents replied to this question, 58% of respondents. On average, respondents mentioned 1.7 buildings. The bar chart is shown below in Figure 8.

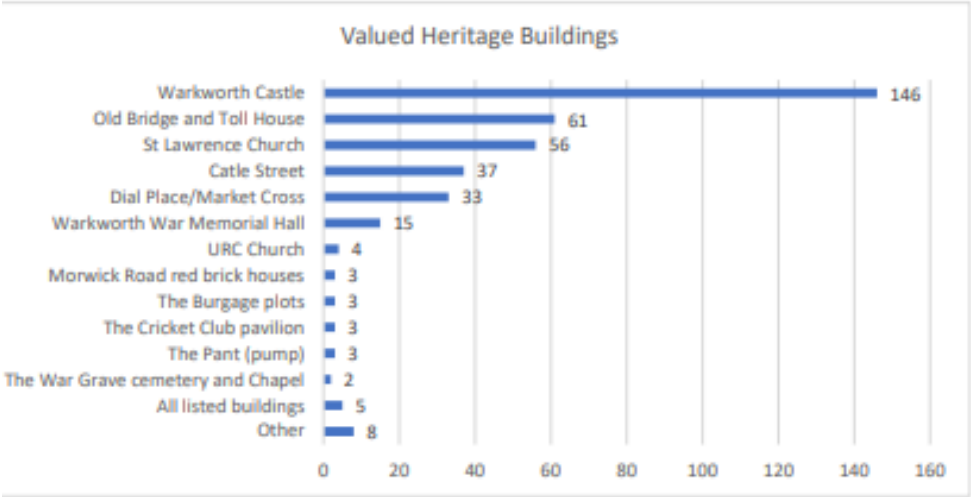


*Figure 8*

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The results show that of the 223 respondents who answered this question, 65% feel Warkworth Castle is important to the history of the Parish. Reasons given were that it was the key to the shape and structure of the village layout, it is a unique and beautiful structure; stunning, iconic and architecturally appealing. *'The identity of Warkworth as a place central to the community in the modern day'.*

The next most mentioned building was the Old Bridge and Toll House (27%). Comments recognise that the Toll House has national importance, as it is a rare structure, being only one of two in the country. Respondents feel that the bridge and river epitomise the beauty, history and tranquility of Warkworth and are emblematic of Warkworth. One personal response was, *'For the views- it feels like home when I cross the Old Bridge.'*

There were 25% of respondents who felt that St Lawrence Church was important to them, not only as a place of worship but also because it offers important community support; it provides spiritual sustenance; it is personally important for family occasions and is an oasis of peace at the heart of the village. It has also great historical importance and significance, as well as having historical and architectural appeal.

The respondents who feel that Castle Street and Dial Place/Market Cross are important, say that they both have character, heritage and beauty. Dial Place/Market Cross also have historical and cultural significance, and are at the heart of the village. Memorial Hall was identified as a valuable community facility, *'the hub of village life if we want to remain a community'*, and could be developed further as a social centre for the village.

### Commentary

Most of the buildings and structures mentioned in the responses are Listed Buildings, and therefore are already protected. They are all of great significance to the Parish and recognised by the respondents as needing to be preserved for the present day and future, both for residents and for visitors. Those not listed include the red brick houses on Morwick Road, and the houses on Station Road

## Community (Q. 13-14)

A Neighbourhood Plan can support the retention of valued community facilities and services through planning policies and prevent their loss in the future. Respondents were asked which community facilities and services were important to them and should be protected.

### Analysis

381 people answered the question, and the results are shown in Figure 9. The most popular was the Post Office and General store (98%), but all the facilities and services are valued by over 50% of respondents.

Respondents were also asked whether they had difficulty accessing community events. 352 people responded, but only 17 % of these had difficulties. When asked for more detail, 68 people cited lack of parking, 15 said an inconvenient location and 18 had access difficulties. When asked to say which venues these comments related to, 16 respondents mentioned Warkworth War Memorial Hall.

Respondents were also asked how they kept up to date with events in Warkworth. 354 people responded, and of these 83% use The Pelican, 38% use The Gazette and 22% use Facebook. 10% rely on word of mouth.

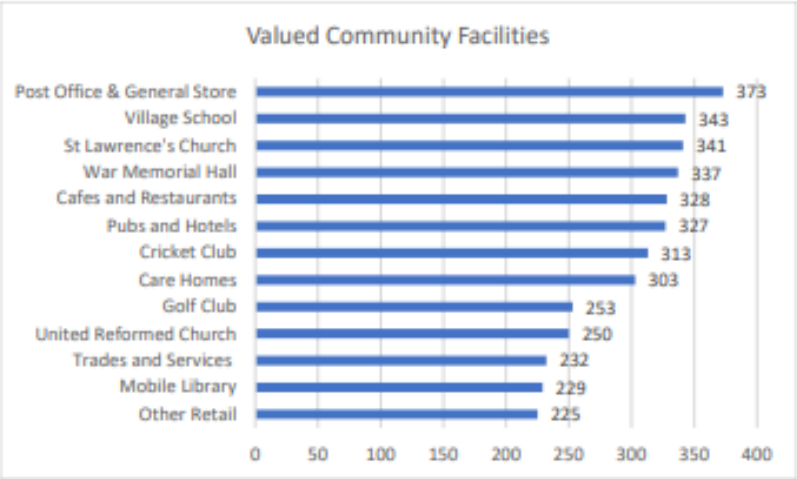


*Figure 9*

### Commentary

These facilities and services help give the village a sense of community and make the village a better place for residents and visitors alike and are all highly valued. Warkworth is fortunate to have retained a range of facilities and services that many similar sized villages elsewhere have lost in recent years. However, some respondents did lament the decline in the range of retail facilities.

## Economy (Q. 15-16)

A Neighbourhood Plan can support and make it easier for the right types of business to expand and new business to locate in the right places to sustain the local economy.

### a) Business ownership

Questions were asked both about business ownership and home working in the Parish, and Figure 10 shows the responses to these questions.

*Figure 10*

### Analysis

The survey shows a significant number of people working from home at least some of the time which may in part reflect changes brought about by the pandemic.

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There is some demand for a business hub / occasional office facility in Warkworth and a small number of people want to start up a new business.

50 businesses have been identified in Warkworth and have been sent a separate survey to complete; to date 21 responses have been received and are being analysed.

## b) Tourism

Respondents were asked which tourism initiatives they would support and Figure 11 shows the results.

*Figure 11*

### Analysis

There is limited appetite for any initiative that would increase tourism in the village, although the most popular was more touring caravan/camp sites. Many respondents think there are already too many tourists, but some point out that many local businesses such as the Warkworth House Hotel, Greys, Fenwick's, Cabosse and the Greenhouse rely heavily upon tourism. The various pubs and cafes in the village are heavily used by both day visitors and those staying in the village in holiday lets, B&Bs, hotels etc. particularly during the summer months.

The main themes that emerged from analysis of the comments received are:

- tourism in the village needs to be proportional and to take into account the needs of residents;
- there are opportunities to improve facilities in the village to potentially benefit both residents and tourists; and
- the number of holiday lets need to be controlled and associated taxation addressed as current arrangements are seen as fundamentally unfair. Residents are keen to ensure that action is taken to prevent problems associated with the unrestricted growth in holiday lets seen in other villages in Northumberland such as Beadnell, Craster and Alnmouth.

### Commentary

Warkworth is attractive to tourists and tourism forms a major part of the local economy, but local residents need to be sure that their needs are being considered if visitor numbers increase.

## Transport and Access (Q. 17-21)

Whilst a lot of elements of traffic management measures cannot be addressed directly by a Neighbourhood plan, some understanding of the issues could help to inform planning decisions, and could direct infrastructure to create more opportunities to walk and cycle.

### a) Transport

Respondents were first asked how far they travelled to access a variety of services (see Figure 12), and then what type of transport they used (see Figure 13).

*Figure 12*

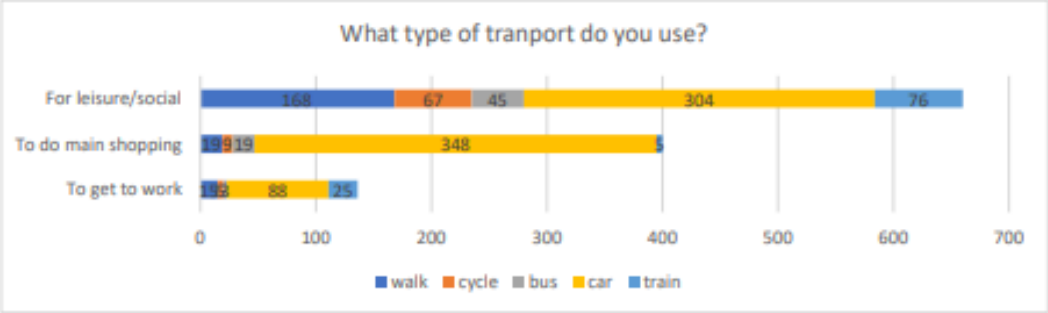


*Figure 13*

#### Analysis

Most journeys were quite short, apart from those who need to travel to work or study, and most journeys were by car. However, a reasonable proportion of the respondents do walk (and cycle) for leisure.

Respondents were also asked which measures to improve non-motorised travel routes they would support. The question was answered by 355 or 92% of respondents to the questionnaire with over 250 of these (72%) supporting improvements to the signage and access to National Cycle Route 1 to Alnmouth. Other categories which dealt with the development and improvements to the walking and cycling infrastructure of the Parish were also strongly supported by over 66% of respondents. See Figure 14 for the results.

38 or 11% of respondents suggested other measures. Of those the two most favoured were to keep cars (9) and cyclists (6) off pavements.

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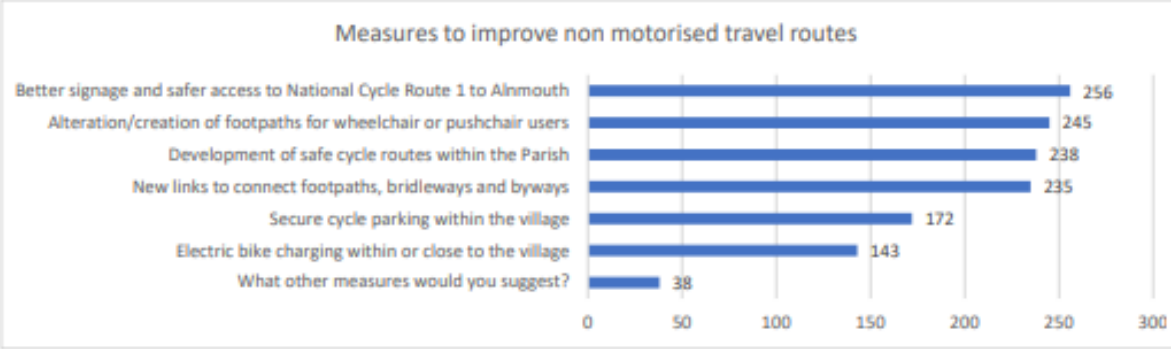


*Figure 14*

Respondents were also asked what issues prevent them from walking or cycling more, and the results are shown in Figure 15. This question was answered by 298 or 76% of respondents to the questionnaire with the most important issue being traffic and busy roads.

40 respondents cited 'other' issues of which path condition (6) was the most significant, apart from 8 who cited sloth or age!

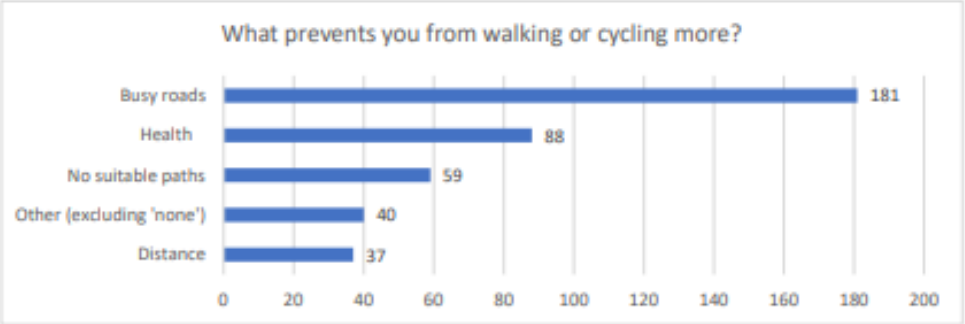


*Figure 15*

### Commentary

Most of the respondents were keen to walk and cycle more, and would like the local networks of paths to be improved, although the point was made that some people cannot walk or cycle for health reasons and they also need to be considered.

## c) Parking

From discussions with residents when carrying out a pilot survey, it was established that parking in Warkworth village is a real problem.

### Analysis

The questionnaire asked which traffic and parking related initiatives would be supported and the results are shown in Figure 16.

It should be noted that, due to an oversight, the on-line version did not include the 'resident parking scheme' category, but respondents included it under 'other'. These have been extracted and included with the paper version numbers. Whilst this is not ideal, it does show a strong level of support for some type of resident scheme, although there were differing views as to what form this should take.

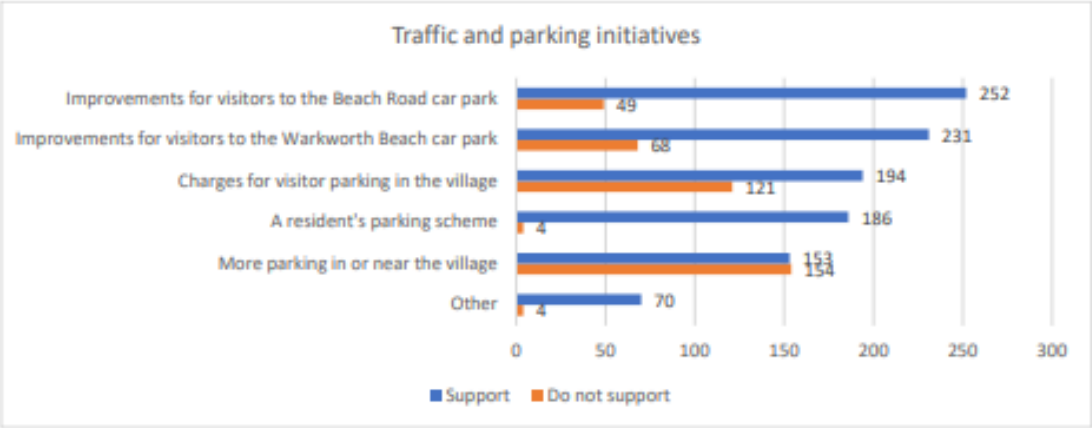


*Figure 16*

Other strongly supported initiatives were charges for visitor parking in the village, and improvements to both the car parks outside the village on Beach Road. Views were evenly divided on whether more car parking should be found/allowed within the village.

There were many other suggestions for improvements regarding parking, for example, no parking on Castle Street pavements (13) or creating parking bays up Castle Street to regularise parking there (2). *'Car parking on pavements create problems for social distancing, wheelchair and pushchair mobility'* was one quote. More disabled bays were requested (3) and many people (15) commented on the need for better signage to the Beach Road car park and felt that this should be free to visitors, combined with either a charge, or time limited parking in the centre. However, 10 respondents felt that the parking was all fine at present, and at least 2 people felt charging visitors would not benefit the village.

Traffic related comments included having a bypass (5), and a 20mph restriction or other traffic calming measures (6). Pedestrian crossing places were requested on Castle St and The Wynd (4)

A number of suggestions were made about where a car park could be sited. Of these 51 responses, 14 suggested improving or increasing the Beach Road car park, with another 2 suggesting the football field could be used, or adapted. 5 respondents suggested space near the cricket pitch and another 5 suggested near the Castle, perhaps liaising with English Heritage to have longer opening hours.

There were mixed feelings about camper vans on Beach Road, and several suggestions (6) for some sort of park and ride scheme, either from the Beach Road car park, or from the train station at Alnmouth.

## Improvement Priorities

Respondents were asked what their top three priorities were for improving Warkworth, if project funding and/or land was available. There was a total of 700 suggestions, and these generally fell into 4 main areas of emphasis as shown in Figure 17: community (coloured yellow); transport, safety and travel (blue); green environment (green); housing (orange). These main areas have then been subdivided, and these results are also shown in Figure 17.

Many of the suggestions were too vague to put into action, and some are outside the scope of a Neighbourhood Plan, but the most popular suggestions that could be implemented were: green space for both recreation and wildlife, more sports facilities for both adults and children, and a new community centre.

More detailed analysis will be done to draw up a list of projects that could be taken forward.

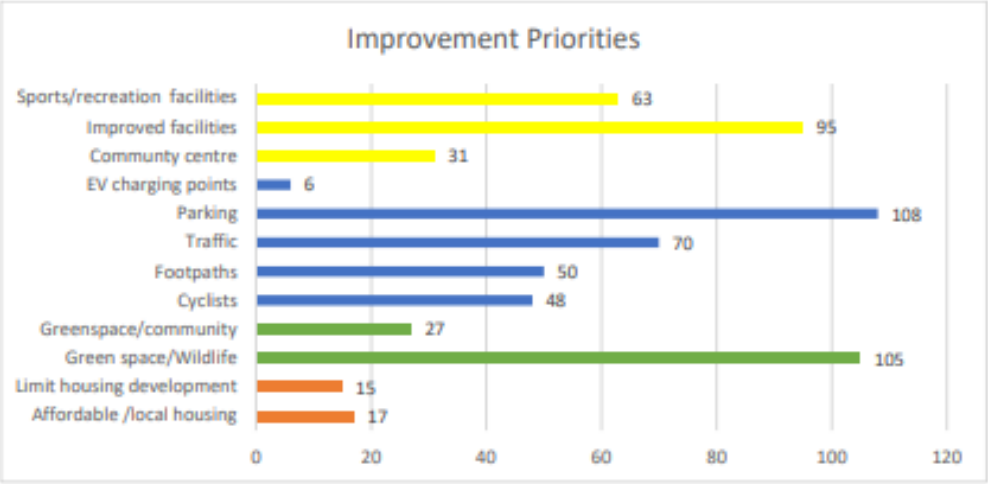


*Figure 17*

## Final Comments

At the end of the questionnaire, respondents were asked if they had any comments, either on the Neighbourhood Planning process, or on the Vision and Aims. It was also an opportunity for respondents to mention issues that they felt strongly about. There were 138 replies, but several responses touched on a variety of topics. Figure 18 below shows the main topics that were raised. The same general categories and colour coding have been used as for Figure 17 with the addition of tourism (grey) and general comments (light blue)

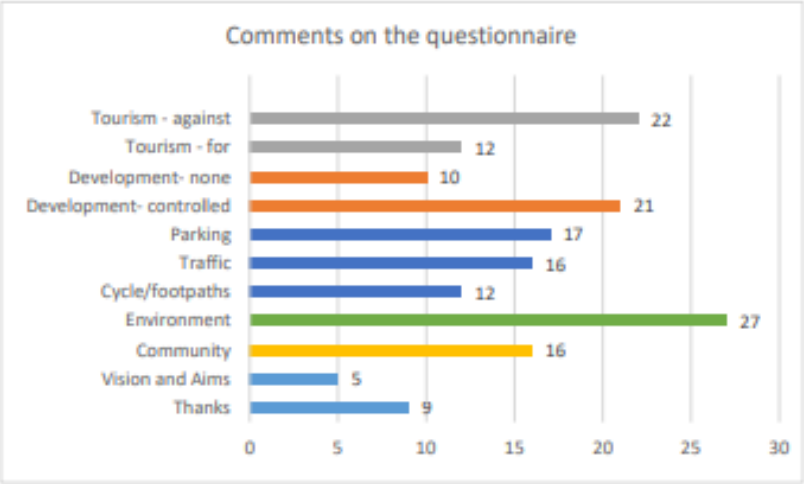


*Figure 18*

The topic which was touched upon most was tourism (34 comments for and against) and its effects on the village. Approximately twice as many people were against tourism as were in favour. Traffic and parking came next (33) and an additional 12 respondents were concerned about the condition and safety of the local cycle paths and footpaths.

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Concerns over development (31) was the next topic. About twice as many people wanted development to be controlled as wanted no development at all. Controls included primary residence restrictions (5), the need for affordable housing (7) and the need for infrastructure to keep up with any further development (7).

It is clear that the environment is important to people (27 respondents). This was a broad category which included protecting wildlife and the river, concerns about controlling dogs and dog fouling, tree planting, agriculture and climate change. Community issues were raised by 16 respondents, the majority of whom wished to see more facilities in the village, particularly for children and teenagers (4), health services (3) and retail (2).

## Next Steps

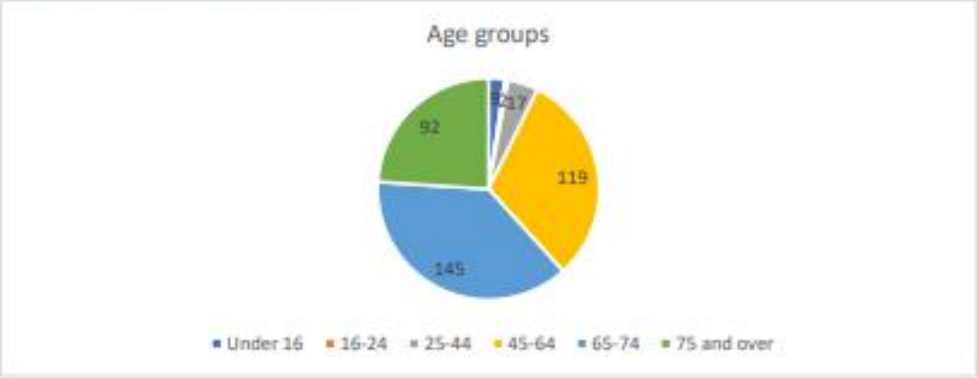
The next steps for the Neighbourhood Plan will be twofold.

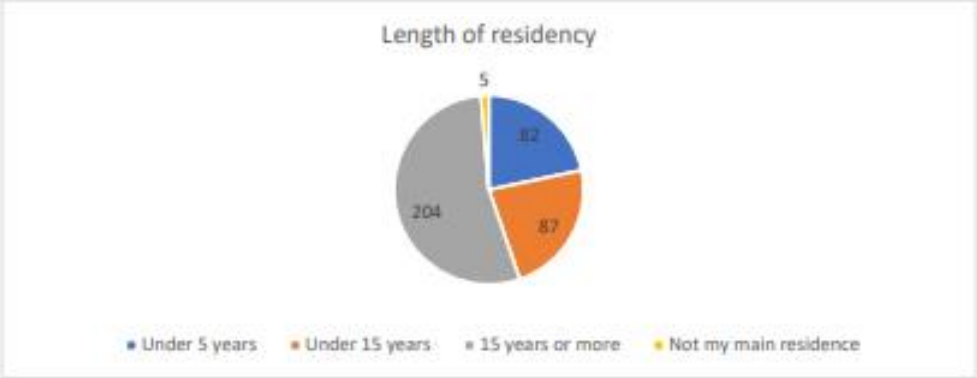
Firstly, to prepare a list of improvement priorities and projects for consideration by the Parish Council. Some of these will be outside the scope of the Parish Council and will need to be discussed with the County Council and Highways Authority.

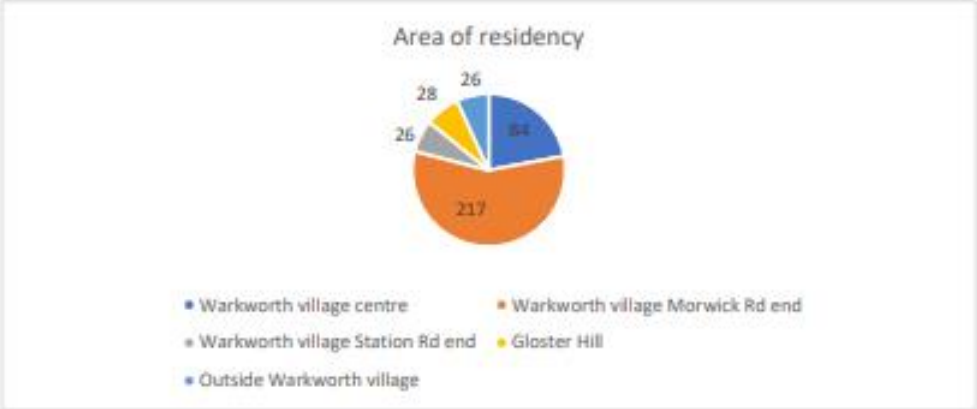
Secondly, to use the findings of this report, together with other data collected for the Neighbourhood Plan, to amend and refine the Vision and Aims for Warkworth over the next 15 years and to draft policies to make this a reality. Other data will include the Business Survey, the Housing Needs Survey and the Housing Needs Assessment that has recently been commissioned by the Parish Council.

There will still need to be further dialogue with the residents of the Parish, but this report gives a good understanding of their concerns and views at the present time.

## Appendix 1 Personal data



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## Appendix 2 Green spaces

| Green Spaces | Recreational value | Richness of wildlife | Historic significance | Tranquillity | Beauty | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Playing field near to the Castle | 311 | 56 | 59 | 81 | 69 | 576 |
| The Stanners riverside | 203 | 203 | 109 | 193 | 237 | 945 |
| The Butts riverside | 157 | 199 | 120 | 220 | 233 | 929 |
| The Coquet River bank | 177 | 284 | 117 | 235 | 269 | 1082 |
| Play Park | 268 | 13 | 13 | 22 | 14 | 330 |
| Castle grounds | 165 | 43 | 322 | 92 | 179 | 801 |
| Cricket pitch | 333 | 18 | 90 | 64 | 82 | 587 |
| Burgage plots inc. allotments & community garden | 215 | 126 | 248 | 133 | 87 | 809 |
| Millenium garden | 178 | 65 | 58 | 160 | 194 | 655 |
| Warkworth beach and dunes area | 310 | 253 | 84 | 280 | 317 | 1244 |
| Football pitch by beach road | 266 | 37 | 18 | 29 | 24 | 374 |
| Rotary Way | 123 | 154 | 27 | 43 | 126 | 473 |
| The Braid | 252 | 160 | 55 | 106 | 127 | 700 |
| Total | 2958 | 1611 | 1320 | 1658 | 1958 | 9505 |

**Key:**

- **The totals have been given graduated colours from dark green (highest) to dark red (lowest)**
- **The maximum for any individual green space is coloured light blue**

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# Report on the findings of the **Warkworth Business Survey** carried out November 2021

*Prepared by the Warkworth Neighbourhood Steering Group*
*Approved by Warkworth Parish Council 07/04/22*

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## Overview

The survey was handed out to over 50 businesses and charitable organisations within Warkworth Parish. These were identified either by using the business rates register, local knowledge, or self - identified via the resident questionnaire.

There were 21 returns, making a response rate of approximately 40%, which is a good response, and in line with the other surveys conducted regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.

## About your business (Q. 1-7)

All the businesses were located within Warkworth Parish, two thirds within the village and one third outside. 13 businesses had been trading for 15 years or more and none had been trading less than 2 years. See Figure 1 for details.

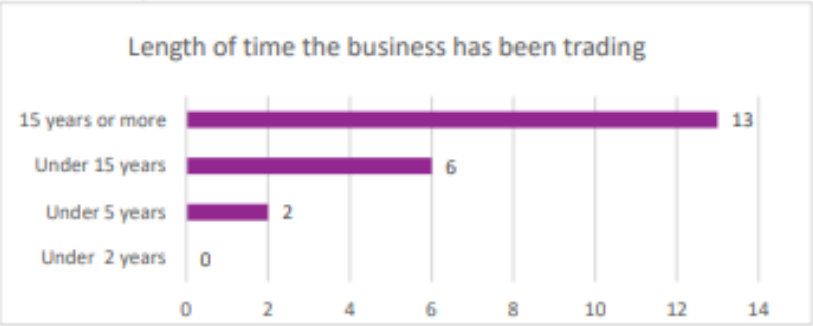


*Figure 1*

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Twelve of the businesses were trading from their home address. The range of businesses was quite wide, but the most responses were from the hospitality and retail industries. Their customer base ranged from very local to international. See the table below and Figure 2 for details.

| Type of business | Number |
|---|---|
| Hospitality | 5 |
| Retail | 5 |
| Farming | 2 |
| Design Services | 3 |
| Trades | 2 |
| Sports facilities | 2 |
| Educational services | 1 |
| Community services | 1 |

*Figure 2*

79 people are employed by the businesses that responded to the survey, of whom 23 (29%) live within Warkworth parish.

## Business Issues (Q. 9-11)

The survey asked what the advantages were of being situated in Warkworth. The results are shown in Figure 3.

Whilst some felt that there were no advantages, and others are situated here because it is their home, the fact that it is a tourist destination, and the associated footfall, was quoted by 6 businesses.

*Figure 3*

Businesses were also asked about any challenges to expansion. Whilst 5 said they had no wish to expand, and 3 had no challenges, the lack of parking was quoted by 9 respondents and poor mobile reception and broadband performance were also causing issues. See Figure 4 below.

Eight businesses would either be interested in, or would support the provision of, a business hub where meetings could be held, and where some office facilities and shared business support might be available.

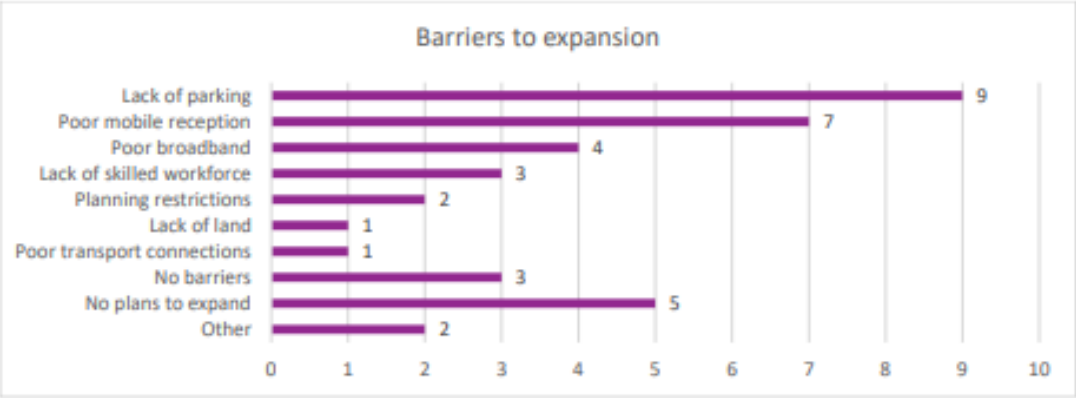


*Figure 4*

## Parking and traffic (Q. 12-15)

In response to a question about transport to work, the majority (10) walk to work, closely followed by using a car (9). One person cycled and one came by bus. 11 of the businesses have private parking whilst 9 do not. Deliveries vary from business to business, and these are summarised in Figure 5. The majority are small vehicles daily, but larger vehicles are used weekly and monthly – although some of these businesses are not in the village centre.

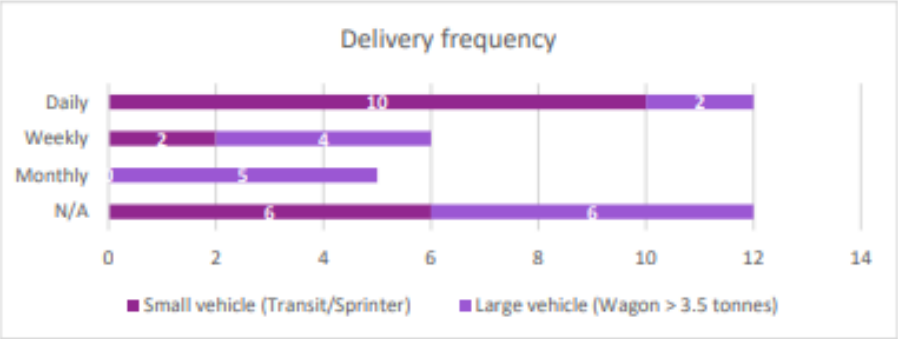


*Figure 5*

The Business questionnaire asked a similar question about traffic and parking initiatives as in the Resident questionnaire and the results showed a definite demand for more parking within the village, and improvements to the car parks on Beach Road. However, the most popular initiative was for the provision of electric charging points. See Figure 6 below.

*Figure 6*

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## Tourism (Q. 16-18)

Tourism is important to the economy of Warkworth, and this was strongly borne out by the responses to the question asking about the effect of tourism on business. Two thirds said that their business was reliant on tourism and that they had seasonal fluctuations because of tourism. Only 1 (out of 21) said that tourism was detrimental to business. Comments were that tourism is essential, but that holiday lets are changing the village.

In line with the Resident questionnaire, businesses were also asked about which tourism initiatives would assist them. The results are shown in Figure 7. The most popular option was encouraging more daily visitors, followed by more touring caravan/camping sites. Whilst 5 businesses would want more holiday lets, 3 of the comments at the end stated that holiday lets should be restricted because of the detrimental effect on the village.

*Figure 7*

## Business interests not in Warkworth (Q.18)

Two respondents live in Warkworth, but have business interests elsewhere (one in Amble and one is IT based). Neither would want to move their business to Warkworth.

## Improvement Priorities (Q. 19) and Comments

Only 8 respondents completed this section, but of these, 5 wanted improvements to parking. Most suggested the development of, and signage to the Beach Road car park. Suggestions included developing the Beach Road car park for hospitality/retail (1), or a business hub (2). Other suggestions were electric vehicle points (1) and bike parking (1).

Heavy traffic in the village was identified as a problem, particularly for the hospitality industry since there is a lot of traffic noise, and pedestrians have difficulty crossing the road. A bypass was suggested as a solution (1), or that only businesses with a low impact on the village should be encouraged (1). Another suggestion was that Dial Place should be used as a traffic free market square (1).

The final suggestion for improvement was that there should be a public landing area/picnic area on the far side of the river for canoeists (1).

## Appendix 4: Planning policy areas and draft community actions engagement (May 2022)

Early engagement – leaflet to all households

# WARKWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
are hosting a Drop-in session

## Saturday 21st May 10am - 3pm
## United Reformed Church Hall
The Butts, Warkworth

Come along and have your say
on the future of the village

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Early engagement - poster

# WARKWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Did you miss the Drop-In Session on 21st May?

**Don't panic!**

You can still find out all about the Neighbourhood Plan, and have your say, by visiting the website www.warkworthnp.org

You can also use this QR code to get straight to the website

The website has all the information from the Drop-In Session and a link so that you can contribute on line.

**Deadline 10th June**

Early engagement – notices in the Pelican

# Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan

**April update:**

A report on the findings of the Business survey carried out last autumn is now available on our dedicated website www.warkworthnp.org

## Public Drop-in Session

Following the analysis of the resident and business questionnaires, and draft findings of the Housing Needs Assessment, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have a number of policies and community actions that we would like to put forward for your comments.

We are having a drop-in session where these will be on display, and where members of the Steering Group can discuss them with you.

Date: **Saturday 21st May 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Place: **United Reformed Church Hall,** The Butts, Warkworth

- **Come at any time for a coffee and a chat**
- **See what policies and community actions are proposed**
- **Have your say about the proposals**
- **Find out more about the process**

All the information will be available on the website after the drop-in session.

If you have any comments, please send them to WarkworthNP@gmail.com

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## May update

### Drop In session (21st May)

Many thanks to all those who attended. We will be using your feedback to update our policies and community actions. There is still time to contribute via the website. ***Please e-mail any comments by 10th June.***

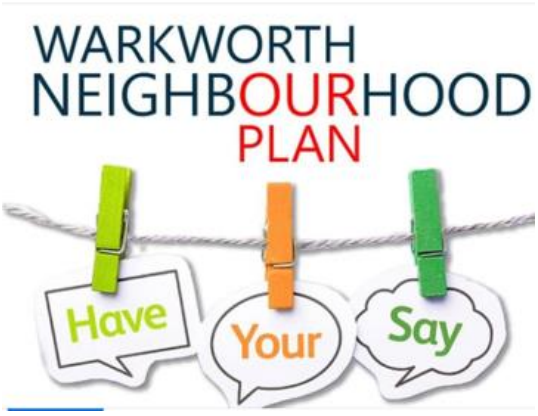
### Housing Needs Assessment

The final report of the HNA carried out by AECOM has been published on the NP website. The HNA used a variety of sources in the public domain including the ONS, Land Registry and Local Authority data together with the NP Housing Needs Survey to predict future housing need. A summary of its findings are as follows:

- House prices in Warkworth have been increasing over the last 10 years. The average (mean) price has increased by 53% and the median by 39%
- Local households on average incomes appear to be unable to afford even the cheapest homes in the parish, unless they have a very large deposit
- A relatively large number of households in the parish may be able to afford to rent privately but cannot afford home ownership
- There is an estimated need for 42 affordable homes (to buy) to be delivered in the parish between now and 2036
- There is a need for smaller and mid-sized homes to be built within the parish
- ONS estimated data shows that since the 2011 census there has been a significant increase in those aged 65 and over in Warkworth
- The parish is forecast to have significant growth in the population aged 75 and over by 2036, with an increase in specialist accommodation required
- The report estimates that the percentage of holiday homes and holiday lets in the parish could be as high as 21%, but the 2021 census will give an accurate figure

Early engagement Facebook posts

**Warkworth Northumberland UK**
Graeme Popay · 21 May 2022 ·
Don't forget to drop into the United Reform Church today between 10:00am and 3:00pm to have your say on the Village Neighborhood Plan

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What a fantastic turnout we had today. Thank you everyone who came to have their say about the Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan.

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Thank you to those people who attended the Neighborhood plan drop in session last Saturday. If you were unable to attend there is a link on www.warkworthnp.org to the information and an electronic version of the survey. Deadline 10th June.

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# Aim 1 – Sustainability

The special characteristics of our Parish and the vibrancy of our community will be conserved and enhanced by seeking high quality sustainable design in new development, which will make a positive contribution to social, environmental or economic needs and will mitigate any negative impacts.

**Sustainable location of new development:**

Both national and county planning policy seeks to focus the majority of new development in sustainable locations. The Northumberland local plan defines a settlement boundary for Warkworth (see map). Through our Neighbourhood Plan (NP), we could expand the boundary if we have evidence to demonstrate we need more land for development

Development outside the settlement boundary can only take place if it meets criteria defined within the local plan. This includes certain economic development, agricultural and other land-based rural business development, rural tourism and leisure development, limited residential development including the provision of affordable housing, development to retain or improve community facilities and essential infrastructure

| Policy W1: Sustainable location of new development | Agree | Disagree |
|---|---|---|
| Development within the Warkworth settlement boundary, as defined on the policies map, will be supported.<br>Land outside the settlement boundary will be treated as countryside, whose intrinsic character and beauty will be recognized in decisions on planning applications in the countryside. | | |

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## Aim 1 Sustainability (continued)

**Design:**

Good design is important for the delivery of sustainable development, especially in a parish such as Warkworth with a conservation area and much of it within the AONB. The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) could include a policy on the design of all new development. which would address matters such as ensuring new development enhances the character of the area, conserves and enhances the natural and built environment, embeds sustainable design and construction, protects residential amenity, provides sufficient parking and encourages sustainable travel.

| Policy W2: Design | Agree | Disagree |
|---|---|---|
| Development should conserve and enhance local distinctiveness by demonstrating high quality design which both respects existing character and responds to the distinctive character of the area.<br>Development will be supported where it:<br>• uses appropriate materials,<br>• enhances the character of the area,<br>• conserves and enhances the natural and built environment,<br>• respects established building lines,<br>• embeds sustainable design and construction,<br>• protects residential amenity,<br>• provides sufficient parking and encourages sustainable travel. | | |

**Community Actions relevant to the aim of sustainability:**

| | Community Action | Agree | Disagree |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1.1 | Encourage homeowners to insulate their properties. | | |
| 1.2 | Encourage new and existing properties to install solar panels and ground or air source heat pumps | | |
| 1.3 | Encourage new and existing properties to install electric vehicle charging points | | |

## Aim 2 – Housing

The location, quantity and type of housing built in the Parish will meet locally identified needs. Housing will reflect the distinct character and built heritage of Warkworth.

The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) will include a policy ensuring that any new housing development in the parish meets the needs identified in the housing needs survey and housing needs assessment. The HNA indicates that there is a requirement for:

- An estimated 42 affordable homes (to buy) in the period to 2036
- More small and medium sized properties
- More properties suitable for older people.

There are two main options available to us regarding the delivery of affordable housing and other development needed to support a sustainable community. **We need your feedback on these options** to inform work on the development of a draft plan.

**Option 1 – Rely on planning policies contained within the Northumberland Local Plan**

The Northumberland Local Plan has drawn a tight settlement boundary around Warkworth, which would restrict new development. The Local Plan does however include policies which would allow for development outside the settlement boundary, where it is well related to it, for the delivery of affordable homes, self-build, custom build, and community-led housing projects where there is a clearly demonstrated need. These policies would be used to assess new development proposals outside the settlement boundary.

**Pros**: Any more development will have to pass strict tests, including requiring the delivery of affordable housing, as an exception site
**Cons:** We can only be reactive to development proposals, not proactive.

**Option 2 – Allocate specific sites within the NP for development outside the present settlement boundary**

Although the Local Plan includes robust policies for the assessment of development proposals that could come forward, relying on these policies is a reactive approach. There is the opportunity through the NP to identify specific sites for development outside the present settlement boundary. The type of housing mix can be specified and the local community would be consulted on the opportunities and constraints of different sites. There could be a specific policy, or policies, for the development of each site.

**Pros :** We could be pro-active about development, shaping the community in a positive way
**Cons**: When allocating housing sites we could only require the delivery of **25%** affordable housing on these sites (in accordance with local plan requirements) when more could be needed.

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*Please indicate which of the following options you would support:*

| Option | Agree |
|---|---|
| Option1<br><br>Keep a tight settlement boundary and rely on the newly strengthened planning policies contained within the Northumberland Local Plan for proposed development outside it | |
| Option 2<br><br>Allocate specific sites for development outside the present settlement boundary | |

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# Aim 2 – Housing (contd)

## Meeting Housing Needs

The following policy could apply whichever option is chosen:

| Policy W3: Meeting housing needs | Agree | Disagree |
|---|---|---|
| The mix of housing types and tenure delivered on housing sites, including the provision of affordable housing, should have regard to and be informed by evidence of housing needs, including the Warkworth Parish Housing Needs Survey (2021), Warkworth Housing Needs Assessment (2022) and the Northumberland Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2018) and any subsequent updates.<br><br>New housing development should contribute to meeting identified needs, particularly through the provision of one-, two- and three-bedroom homes and housing suitable for older people. | | |

### Permanent residency

One of the problems that has been highlighted by residents is the growth in holiday homes and holiday lets, which it is felt has a detrimental effect on the sustainability of the parish, contributing to higher house prices and reducing the number of permanent residents.

The Northumberland Local Plan requires a 'principal residents' criteria on development coming forward in any Parish with over 20% of dwellings with no usual residents. The HNA estimates that Warkworth parish has exceeded this threshold so the Local Plan policy would be sufficient to address this issue.

The 2021 census will give an accurate figure when it is published later this year, and NCC will add Warkworth to their list of parishes affected if this is the case.

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## Allocating sites for Housing (Only for Option 2)

If the plan were to allocate housing sites (Option 2) there could be a separate policy for each housing allocation site which will provide details of the level and type of housing and other key site considerations. For example:

| Policy W4: Land at xxxx | Agree | Disagree |
|---|---|---|
| Development of between x to x dwellings on land xxxx, as identified on the policies map, will be supported where it can deliver the following:<br>**a**. A range of housing types and tenures which meets local needs identified within the Warkworth Housing Needs Assessment (2022) and Warkworth Housing Needs Survey (2021) and the Northumberland Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2018) and any subsequent updates:<br>**i**. the tenure mix should include 25% affordable housing, particularly affordable home ownership;<br>**ii**. house types should include one, two and three bedroom homes and homes suitable for older people | | |

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# Aim 3 – Environment

The natural environment, including the Northumberland Coast AONB, will be conserved and enhanced, including biodiversity and green infrastructure networks and local green spaces which are valued by the community. New development will make a positive contribution to the historic and built environment.

## The environment

The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) can designate areas of Local Green Space and Protected Open Space that are important to the local community as indicated by the results of the residents' survey.

**Local Green Space (LGS)**

LGS designation is a way to provide special protection against development for green areas of particular importance to local communities. Once formally designated, LGS affords a level of protection consistent with Green Belt in national policy. Northumberland Local Plan is leaving the designation of LGS up to Neighbourhood Plans. It is therefore important to identify and designate all of the green areas important to our community as LGS.

The residents' survey identified green areas which the community want to protect, **and any other suggestions would be welcome.**

The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:

a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;

b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, [for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife;] and

c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

| **Policy W5: Local green space** | Agree | Disagree |
|---|---|---|
| The following areas are designated as local green space:<br>[See attached map and list for the proposed areas] | | |

Many of these areas were listed in the residents' survey (marked with an asterix), so reasons have been given. Others were suggested by feedback from the survey. Not all will be eligible, but it will be useful to see whether they are supported generally. Larger tracts of land are not eligible – see comments under Protected Open Space.

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| **Policy W5: Local green space**<br>[See attached map for the proposed areas]<br>Reasons must be one or more of: Beauty (**B**), historic significance (**H**), recreational value (**R**), tranquillity (**T**) or richness of its wildlife (**W**) | Agree | Reason | Disagree |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1. The playing field between Morwick Rd and the Castle *** | | | |
| **2. The Stanners riverside area*** | | | |
| **3. The Butts riverside area*** | | | |
| **4. Play area near school*** | | | |
| **5. The Castle grounds*** | | | |
| **6. The Cricket Pitch*** | | | |
| **7. The Burgage plots including allotments/community garden*** | | | |
| **8. Millennium garden*** | | | |
| **9. The football pitch, Beach Road*** | | | |
| **10. Rotary Way*** | | | |
| **11. The Braid, near Amble*** | | | |
| **12. Warkworth Golf Course** | | | |
| **13. Warkworth School playing fields** | | | |
| **14. St Lawrence Church grounds** | | | |
| **15. Black Bridge area** | | | |
| **16. Part of the Field between Morwick Road and Mill Walk Woods** | | | |
| **17. Fields surrounding the playing field, Castle and Cricket Pitch (includes St Johns Close and the medieval deer hunting park boundary)** | | | |
| **18 . 'Birling Gap' area – land adjacent to cemetery behind the beach road car park.** | | | |
| **19. Killikrankie ravine** | | | |

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**Protected Open Space**

In relation to larger tracts of land, many residents wanted to protect the beach, dunes and the River Coquet and its banks. These areas are already covered by environmental designation, as is the entire coastline of Northumberland. Such designation includes Marine Conservation Zones and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI's). Warkworth Dunes and Saltmarsh is designated a SSSI, as is much of the River Coquet and its riverbanks. These do not require further designation as Protected Open Space or Local Green space in a Neighbourhood Plan.

**Community actions relating to the environment:**

| | Community Actions | Agree | Disagree |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3.1 | Create and develop community outdoor areas such as woodland/ orchard/ wildflower meadow/ nature reserve | | |
| 3.2 | Encourage residents to volunteer as Tree Wardens – *pilot scheme in Rothbury by NCC* | | |
| 3.3 | Save energy by turning off street lights between 1am and 6am | | |
| 3.4 | Leave verges uncut, where it is safe and legal to do so, and encourage wild flowers in these areas | | |
| 3.5 | Aim to achieve recognition as a Wildlife Friendly Parish or similar | | |

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# Aim 3 Environment (contd)

## Heritage

The plan could also include a policy or policies to identify key buildings within the conservation area.

| Policy W6: Warkworth Conservation Area | Agree | Disagree |
|---|---|---|
| Development within or affecting the setting of the Warkworth Conservation Area, will be supported where it preserves or enhances the character or appearance of the conservation area and its setting.<br>Consideration should be given to the impact of development on the following key buildings and structures, which are identified on the policies map and their role in contributing to the significance of the conservation area:<br>CA1 Warkworth Castle CA2 Old Bridge CA3 Bridge Gatehouse CA4 Church of St Lawrence CA5 Cave hermitage CA6 Deer park boundary bank CA7 St Lawrence Terrace | | |

**Community actions for heritage**

| Community Action | Agree | Disagree |
|---|---|---|
| Encourage the repair and conservation of the Bridge Gatehouse for the benefit of the residents and visitors if this is feasible | | |

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## Aim 4 – Community

Key community facilities and infrastructure will be protected and developed to ensure that the community is inclusive and sustainable.

The Neighbourhood Plan could identify important facilities and services as identified by the residents' survey. Many of these are protected already by policies in the Local Plan.

| Policy W7: Services and facilities | Agree | Disagree |
|---|---|---|
| The following facilities are identified as having great importance to the local community: Post Office and general store, Warkworth School, St Lawrence's Church, URC, War Memorial Hall community centre, Cricket club, pubs and cafes, and care homes.<br>Where planning permission is required development proposals will be supported which sustain or protect existing shops, facilities and services.<br>A development that would result in the loss of the valued community services and facilities identified above will only be supported where the applicant can demonstrate that:<br>a. It is no longer needed in its current form;<br>b. A replacement service or facility of sufficient size, layout and quality is to be provided in an alternative suitable location; or<br>c. It would not be economically viable or feasible to retain the service or facility and there is no reasonable prospect of securing an alternative community use of the land or building | | |

**Community actions arising from the Community Aim**

| | Community action | Agree | Disagree |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4.1 | Develop a new Community Centre with parking and easy access | | |
| 4.2 | Develop sports and recreation facilities, particularly for young people, perhaps within a community centre | | |
| 4.3 | Improve existing play areas, and develop for older children as well | | |
| 4.4 | Put in more picnic benches and seating areas in community green spaces in the village and by the river | | |
| 4.5 | Develop outdoor trim trails/ gym | | |

## Aim 5 – Economy

Appropriate and sustainable levels of commerce in a variety of sectors across the Parish will be encouraged, and key services and facilities that contribute to a thriving community will be protected. Tourism will be managed so that it enhances the charm of the village and does not detract from the needs of permanent residents.

The Northumberland Local Plan contains detailed policies on supporting new businesses and tourism development within the parish. These will ensure, where planning permission is required, the retention and growth of local businesses, as well as protecting employment land from non-employment generating uses.

Policies identify:

- the need to deliver economic growth whilst safeguarding the environment and community well-being;
- allocation and protection of sites for employment development;
- support for home working;
- support for other employment uses in the built-up area;
- and support for the growth in the rural economy including diversification.

**As a result, it is considered that the Neighbourhood Plan could not add any further detail to that contained within the local plan.**

| | Agree | Disagree |
|---|---|---|
| **No additional policy required** | | |

**Community actions related to the economy:**

| Community Action | | Agree | Disagree |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5.1 | Develop a business hub/ occasional office facility, perhaps within a community centre | | |
| 5.2 | Develop some tourist facilities at Beach Rd car park to attract visitors to park there. | | |

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## Aim 6 – Transport and Access

Access to facilities and services will be promoted for all residents, and visitors, by the creation of safe and high- quality roads, parking areas, pavements and green routes including footpaths, cycle routes and bridleways. The use of public transport will be encouraged.

The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) could identify and protect important rights of way as shown below:

| Policy W8: Sustainable transport network | Agree | Disagree |
|---|---|---|
| Support will be given to development that will improve and extend the existing public rights of way network, allowing greater access to services and facilities for residents and visitors.<br><br>The public rights of way network [identified on the policies map] will be protected from development, unless:<br>a. There is a clear and demonstrable justification for the loss of the route; and<br>b. A suitable alternative route will be provided within an agreed timescale. | | |

The residents' survey highlighted a number of actions that they would like addressed. Much of this is the County Council's responsibility, and is not related to planning.

**Community actions for transport and access**

| **Community action** | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Cycling** | | **Agree** | **Disagree** |
| 6.1 | Better signage to Cycle Route 1 in both directions in Warkworth Village | | |
| 6.2 | Cycle parking in Warkworth Village and at Beach Road car park. | | |
| 6.3 | Develop safer cycle routes in the parish. Mentions were made for:<br>a) The back road between Warkworth and Amble (to JCSC)<br>b) Rotary Way<br>c) Cemetery Bank. | | |

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| **Pedestrians** | | **Agree** | **Disagree** |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6.4 | Develop safer walking routes in the parish. Mentions were made for:<br>a) The back road between Warkworth and Amble (to JCSC)<br>b) Rotary Way<br>c) Cemetery Bank. | | |
| 6.5 | Improve wheelchair and pushchair access to footpaths | | |
| 6.6 | Develop more footpaths and links between existing rights of way | | |
| **Parking** | | **Agree** | **Disagree** |
| 6.7 | Improve signage to Beach Road and beach car parks. Advertise as free long stay | | |
| 6.8 | Improve parking facilities at Beach Rd car park (see 5.2) | | |
| 6.9 | Charge, or have a 3 hour maximum stay on The Stanners, using parking discs (*if possible*) | | |
| 6.10 | Consider a Residents parking scheme – perhaps for Castle St, The Butts and Dial Place | | |
| 6.11 | EV points at Beach Rd car park and in the village | | |
| 6.12 | Enforce no parking on pavements | | |
| 6.13 | Create parking bays on Castle St to regularise pavement parking there | | |
| 6.14 | Liaise with English Heritage to have their car park open for longer in the evening. | | |
| **Traffic** | | **Agree** | **Disagree** |
| 6.15 | Create pedestrian crossings, or islands, on Castle St, The Wynd in Amble, and Warkworth Bridge | | |
| 6.16 | 20mph zone through Warkworth | | |
| 6.17 | Campaign to have a bypass for Warkworth | | |

Photographs from drop in event

Early engagement - report

# Report on the Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan

# Drop-in Session held 21st May 2022

Prepared by Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Agreed by Warkworth Parish Council 7/7/22

## Context

A Drop In Session was held on 21st May 2022 to consult with residents of Warkworth on the draft Policies and Community Actions that had been drawn up following surveys of residents and businesses in the area. Information sheets with explanations about the policies and extra details were available, organised under the various aims of the plan. This information is contained in the document *Drop In Session Information final version* and is on the website. Residents were encouraged to read these explanations, and to discuss them with members of the steering group who were in attendance. They could 'vote' on the different options on the display sheets, and make comments on post-it notes.

Approximately 80 residents attended, from all areas of the parish, and a further 20 responded online, of whom all bar two confirmed that they had read the drop-in information. The online response form was available to submit comments until the 4th July 2022.

## Settlement Boundary

The most important question to be asked of residents was whether the Warkworth settlement boundary should be extended, or should remain as recently set by the Northumberland Local Plan. The pros and cons of each option were outlined in the Drop in session information sheet.

| Option | Responses | Agree |
|---|---|---|
| **Option1**<br>Keep a tight settlement boundary and rely on the newly strengthened planning policies contained within the Northumberland Local Plan for proposed development outside it | 60 | 80% |
| **Option 2**<br>Allocate specific sites for development outside the present settlement boundary | | 20% |

In summary, 80% of respondents wanted the settlement boundary to remain as presently defined.

Of the 18 comments made on this section, 8 respondents stressed the need for more affordable homes, and some queried why these could only comprise 25% of new development. 4 comments were against extending the boundary and there were several comments on second and holiday homes.

**As a result of the feedback, it is proposed that the Neighbourhood Plan will now proceed on the basis of Option 1, which means that we will not be allocating sites for development and thus will not need proposed policy W4.**

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## Policies

The following policies were presented together with detailed background explanations (see Drop – in Information Papers final version). The overall responses are shown as percentages to the nearest whole number, and the total number of responses is also shown for context. The full breakdown of the figures i shown in Appendix 1. Please note that the wording of the policies has been abbreviated in some cases fo the purposes of brevity in this report.

| Policy | Responses | Agree | Disagree |
|---|---|---|---|
| **W1: Sustainable location of new development** | 47 | 83 % | 17% |
| Development within the Warkworth settlement boundary, as defined on the policies map, will be supported.<br>Land outside the settlement boundary will be treated as countryside, whose intrinsic character and beauty will be recognized in decisions on planning applications in the countryside. | | | |
| **Policy W2: Design** | 54 | 100% | 0% |
| Development should conserve and enhance local distinctiveness by demonstrating high quality design which both respects existing character and responds to the distinctive character of the area. | | | |
| **Policy W3: Meeting housing needs** | 59 | 97% | 3% |
| The mix of housing types and tenure delivered on housing sites, including the provision of affordable housing, should have regard to and be informed by evidence of housing needs, including the Warkworth Parish Housing Needs Survey (2021), Warkworth Housing Needs Assessment (2022) and the Northumberland Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2018) and any subsequent updates. New housing development should contribute to meeting identified needs, particularly through the provision of one-, two- and three-bedroom homes and housing suitable for older people. | | | |
| **Policy W5: Local green space:** The following areas as shown on the annotated map are designated as local green space [* indicates included in the resident survey] | | | |
| 1. The playing field between Morwick Rd and the Castle * | 44 | 100% | 0% |
| 2. The Stanners riverside area* | 43 | 100% | 0 |
| 3. The Butts riverside area* | 41 | 100% | 0 |
| 4. Play area near school* | 37 | 97% | 3 |
| 5. The Castle grounds* | 42 | 100% | 0 |
| 6. The Cricket Pitch* | 42 | 100% | 0 |
| 7. The Burgage plots including allotments/community garden* | 35 | 100% | 0 |
| 8. Millennium garden* | 37 | 100% | 0 |
| 9. The football pitch, Beach Road* | 41 | 100% | 0 |
| 10. Rotary Way* | 42 | 95% | 5 |
| 11. The Braid, near Amble* | 44 | 98% | 2 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12. Warkworth Golf Course | 34 | 88% | 12 |
| 13. Warkworth School playing fields | 28 | 100% | 0 |
| 14. St Lawrence Church grounds | 37 | 100% | 0 |
| 15. Black Bridge area | 35 | 100% | 0 |
| 16. Part of field between Morwick Road and Mill Walk Woods | 33 | 94% | 6 |
| 17. Fields surrounding the playing field, Castle and Cricket Pitch (includes St Johns Close and the medieval deer hunting park boundary) | 37 | 95% | 5 |
| 18 . 'Birling Gap' area – land adjacent to cemetery behind the beach road car park. | 34 | 94% | 6 |
| 19. Killicrankie ravine | 35 | 100% | 0 |
| **Policy W6: Warkworth Conservation Area** | 42 | 100% | 0% |
| Development within or affecting the setting of the Warkworth Conservation Area, will be supported where it preserves or enhances the character or appearance of the conservation area and its setting.<br>Consideration should be given to the impact of development on the following key buildings and structures, which are identified on the policies map and their role in contributing to the significance of the conservation area: CA1 Warkworth Castle CA2 Old Bridge CA3 Bridge Gatehouse CA4 Church of St Lawrence CA5 Cave hermitage CA6 Deer park boundary bank CA7 St Lawrence Terrace | | | |
| **Policy W7: Services and facilities** | 39 | 100% | 0% |
| The following facilities are identified as having great importance to the local community: Post Office and general store, Warkworth School, St Lawrence's Church, URC, War Memorial Hall community centre, Cricket club, pubs and cafes, and care homes.<br>Where planning permission is required development proposals will be supported which sustain or protect existing shops, facilities and services. | | | |
| **Economy: no policy required - Rely on Local plan** | 23 | 65% | 35% |
| **Policy W8: Sustainable transport network** | 48 | 96% | 4% |
| Support will be given to development that will improve and extend the existing public rights of way network, allowing greater access to services and facilities for residents and visitors. | | | |

In summary, every policy had the backing of at least 80% of the respondents, and many had 100% support. There was 65% support for the proposal to rely on the policies and protections contained within the Northumberland local plan for the economy, but no comments were made to expand on any objections.

Several comments were made on Policy W5 (Local Green Spaces). There was a suggestion that the rigg and furrow field to the north west of the river be included as a local green space since it is part of the view from the village and the castle. This can be assessed under the LGS criteria.

However, the main thrust of 11 comments (both in person and, particularly, on-line) concerned the wish to designate the whole of the Braid as a LGS, as shown on the NP map. This concern is because the present designation as protected open space (and village green) excludes a small strip around the edge, which is at present the focus of a planning application for an access road to a proposed development in Amble. Given the strong feelings expressed, the NP will retain the boundary as shown on the map (to include the whole of the Braid). However, this might be challenged by NCC.

**Based on these results, the Neighbourhood Plan will proceed with policies W1,W2, W3, W5, W6, W7 and W8. Please note that policy W1 might not be needed since the settlement boundary is not changing and we can rely on the provisions contained in the local plan.**

## Next Steps

**A draft neighbourhood plan will be prepared based on this feedback.** This will be discussed by the steering group and then presented to the Parish Council in September, after which there will be public consultation on a full draft plan.

## Community Actions

A variety of community actions were presented to residents based either on popular actions proposed in the Warkworth Resident Survey carried out in Autumn 2021, or on responses to that survey. Their responses are shown below and the detailed figures are contained within Appendix 2.

The first column gives an indication of how these actions can be taken forward. Some can feed into Parish Council spending priorities. Others are outside the PC powers, but give a good indication of public feeling, which can be used when discussing highways and other issues with Northumberland County Council. Other matters are outside the scope of local government and will need interested community groups to take them forward.

| | Community Action | Suggest action by: | Responses | Agree | Disagree |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Sustainability** | | | | |
| 1.1 | Encourage homeowners to insulate their properties. | NCC | 59 | 93% | 7% |
| 1.2 | Encourage new and existing properties to install solar panels and ground or air source heat pumps | NCC | 56 | 64% | 36% |
| 1.3 | Encourage new and existing properties to install electric vehicle charging points | NCC | 52 | 69% | 31% |
| | **Environment** | | | | |
| 3.1 | Create and develop community outdoor areas such as woodland/ orchard/ wildflower meadow/ nature reserve | Community group | 40 | 100% | 0% |
| 3.2 | Encourage residents to volunteer as Tree Wardens – *pilot scheme in Rothbury by NCC* | Community group | 35 | 91% | 9% |
| 3.3 | Save energy by turning off street lights between 1am and 6am | PC to raise with NCC | 45 | 82% | 18% |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3.4 | Leave verges uncut, where it is safe and legal to do so, and encourage wild flowers in these areas | PC to raise with NCC | 39 | 92% | 8% |
| 3.5 | Aim to achieve recognition as a Wildlife Friendly Parish or similar | Community group | 40 | 98% | 2% |
| | **Heritage** | | | | |
| 3.6 | Encourage the repair and conservation of the Bridge Gatehouse for the benefit of the residents and visitors if this is feasible | Community group | 45 | 100% | 0% |
| | **Community Action** | | | | |
| 4.1 | Develop a new Community Centre with parking and easy access | Community group | 52 | 73% | 27% |
| 4.2 | Develop sports and recreation facilities, particularly for young people, perhaps within a community centre | PC priorities | 52 | 83% | 17% |
| 4.3 | Improve existing play areas, and develop for older children as well | PC priorities | 52 | 88% | 12% |
| 4.4 | Put in more picnic benches and seating areas in community green spaces in the village and by the river | PC priorities | 48 | 60% | 40% |
| 4.5 | Develop outdoor trim trails/ gym | PC priorities | 48 | 63% | 37% |
| | **Economy** | | | | |
| 5.1 | Develop a business hub/ occasional office facility, perhaps within a community centre | Community group | 40 | 63% | 37% |
| 5.2 | Develop some tourist facilities at Beach Rd car park to attract visitors to park there. | | 52 | 88% | 12% |
| | **Transport and Access** | | | | |
| | **Cycling** | | | | |
| 6.1 | Better signage to Cycle Route 1 in both directions in Warkworth Village | PC to liaise with NCC | 41 | 98% | 2% |
| 6.2 | Cycle parking in Warkworth Village and at Beach Road car park. | PC priorities | 42 | 93% | 7% |
| 6.3 | Develop safer cycle routes in the parish. Mentions were made for:<br>a) The back road between Warkworth and Amble<br>b) Rotary Way<br>c) Cemetery Bank. | PC to liaise with NCC | 48 | 90% | 10% |
| | **Pedestrians** | | | | |
| 6.4 | Develop safer walking routes in the parish. Mentions were made for:<br>a) The back road between Warkworth and Amble<br>b) Rotary Way<br>c) Cemetery Bank. | PC to liaise with NCC | 48 | 98% | 2% |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6.5 | Improve wheelchair and pushchair access to footpaths | NCC | 42 | 93% | 7% |
| 6.6 | Develop more footpaths and links between existing rights of way | NCC | 41 | 93% | 7% |
| | **Parking** | | | | |
| 6.7 | Improve signage to Beach Road and beach car parks. Advertise as free long stay | NCC | 46 | 89% | 11% |
| 6.8 | Improve parking facilities at Beach Rd car park (see 5.2) | PC | 40 | 95% | 5% |
| 6.9 | Charge, or have a 3 hour maximum stay on The Stanners, using parking discs (*if possible*) | PC to raise with NCC | 38 | 66% | 34% |
| 6.10 | Consider a Residents parking scheme – perhaps for Castle St, The Butts and Dial Place | PC to raise with NCC | 41 | 80% | 20% |
| 6.11 | EV points at Beach Rd car park and in the village | PC to raise with NCC | 31 | 81% | 19% |
| 6.12 | Enforce no parking on pavements | PC to raise with NCC | 49 | 73% | 27% |
| 6.13 | Create parking bays on Castle St to regularise pavement parking there | PC to raise with NCC | 41 | 68% | 32% |
| 6.14 | Liaise with English Heritage to have their car park open for longer in the evening. | PC | 41 | 90% | 10% |
| | **Traffic** | | | | |
| 6.15 | Create pedestrian crossings, or islands, on Castle St, The Wynd in Amble, and Warkworth Bridge | PC to raise with NCC | 40 | 85% | 15% |
| 6.16 | 20mph zone through Warkworth | PC to raise with NCC | 55 | 87% | 13% |
| 6.17 | Campaign to have a bypass for Warkworth | Community group | 46 | 50% | 50% |

In summary, all the proposed community actions had broad support of 60% or more, apart from the campaign to have a bypass for Warkworth, which has 50% support. In the comments on traffic, there were specific suggestions for improved cycle routes and footpaths, in addition to those mentioned in the paperwork, and two people suggested a lower speed limit on the back road Warkworth to Amble. Many respondents were also concerned about the effect of paddleboarders on the wildlife on the river. Although there was strong support for saving energy by turning off the street lights (82%), some people were concerned about safety.

**A summary of these findings will be added as an appendix to the Neighbourhood Plan so that the general priorities of the community, especially with regard to the environment and highways issues, can be recorded.** It will then be up to the community of Warkworth, either through the PC or by interested citizens, to take them forward.

Appendix 1 – Policy feedback data

| Policy | Description | For | For (online) | For (total) | Against | against (online) | Against (total) | Total | For% | Against % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W1 | Sustainable location of new development | 27 | 12 | 39 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 47 | 83 | 17 |
| W2 | Design | 39 | 15 | 54 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 | 100 | 0 |
| Option 1/2 | Keep/extend settlement boundary | 37 | 11 | 48 | 8 | 4 | 12 | 60 | 80 | 20 |
| W3 | Meeting housing needs | 44 | 13 | 57 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 59 | 97 | 3 |
| W4 | Land at xxxx (option 2 only) | 41 | 8 | 49 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 56 | 88 | 13 |
| W5.1 LGS | Playing field Morwick Rd | 28 | 16 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 100 | 0 |
| W5.2 | The Stanners | 28 | 15 | 43 | | 0 | 0 | 43 | 100 | 0 |
| W5.3 | The Butts | 25 | 16 | 41 | | 0 | 0 | 41 | 100 | 0 |
| W5.4 | Play area | 22 | 14 | 36 | | 1 | 1 | 37 | 97 | 3 |
| W5.5 | Castle grounds | 26 | 16 | 42 | | | 0 | 42 | 100 | 0 |
| W5.6 | Cricket pitch | 26 | 16 | 42 | | | 0 | 42 | 100 | 0 |
| W5.7 | Burgage plots | 20 | 15 | 35 | | | 0 | 35 | 100 | 0 |
| W5.8 | Millenium gardens | 22 | 15 | 37 | | | 0 | 37 | 100 | 0 |
| W5.9 | Football pitch | 25 | 16 | 41 | | | 0 | 41 | 100 | 0 |
| W5.10 | Rotary Way | 26 | 14 | 40 | | 2 | 2 | 42 | 95 | 5 |
| W5.11 | The Braid | 27 | 16 | 43 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 44 | 98 | 2 |
| W5.12 | Golf course | 19 | 11 | 30 | 4 | | 4 | 34 | 88 | 12 |
| W5.13 | School playing field | 19 | 9 | 28 | | | 0 | 28 | 100 | 0 |
| W5.14 | St Lawrence grounds | 26 | 11 | 37 | | | 0 | 37 | 100 | 0 |
| W5.15 | Black Bridge area | 25 | 10 | 35 | | | 0 | 35 | 100 | 0 |
| W5.16 | Part of Field behind Morwick Rd | 22 | 9 | 31 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 33 | 94 | 6 |
| W5.17 | Fields surrounding the playing field and cricket pitch | 24 | 11 | 35 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 37 | 95 | 5 |
| W5.18 | Birling Gap | 24 | 8 | 32 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 34 | 94 | 6 |
| W5.19 | Killikrankie | 25 | 10 | 35 | | | 0 | 35 | 100 | 0 |
| W6 | Conservation Area | 26 | 16 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 100 | 0 |
| W7 | services and facilities | 27 | 12 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 100 | 0 |
| ECONOMY | None | 9 | 6 | 15 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 23 | 65 | 35 |
| W8 | sustainable transport network | 34 | 12 | 46 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 48 | 96 | 4 |

Appendix 2 – Community Actions feedback data

| Action | Description | For | For (online) | For - Total | Against | Against (online) | Against (total) | Total | For % | Against % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.1 | Home insulation | 40 | 15 | 55 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 59 | 93 | 7 |
| 1.2 | Home solar panels | 26 | 10 | 36 | 16 | 4 | 20 | 56 | 64 | 36 |
| 1.3 | Home EVCs | 23 | 13 | 36 | 15 | 1 | 16 | 52 | 69 | 31 |
| 3.1 | community outdoor areas | 25 | 15 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 100 | 0 |
| 3.2 | Tree wardens | 22 | 10 | 32 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 35 | 91 | 9 |
| 3.3 | street lights | 26 | 11 | 37 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 45 | 82 | 18 |
| 3.4 | uncut verges | 23 | 13 | 36 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 39 | 92 | 8 |
| 3.5 | wildlife friendly village | 24 | 15 | 39 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 40 | 98 | 3 |
| 3.6 | Renovate bridge gatehouse | 29 | 16 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 100 | 0 |
| 4.1 | Community Centre | 28 | 10 | 38 | 12 | 2 | 14 | 52 | 73 | 27 |
| 4.2 | Sports facilities | 30 | 13 | 43 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 52 | 83 | 17 |
| 4.3 | play areas | 35 | 11 | 46 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 52 | 88 | 12 |
| 4.4 | Picnic benches | 22 | 7 | 29 | 14 | 5 | 19 | 48 | 60 | 40 |
| 4.5 | outdoor trim trails | 23 | 7 | 30 | 13 | 5 | 18 | 48 | 63 | 38 |
| 5.1 | Business hub | 16 | 9 | 25 | 12 | 3 | 15 | 40 | 63 | 38 |
| 5.2 | Tourist facilities at Beach Rd | 35 | 11 | 46 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 52 | 88 | 12 |
| 6.1 | signs to Cycle route 1 | 28 | 12 | 40 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 41 | 98 | 2 |
| 6.2 | cycle parking | 27 | 12 | 39 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 42 | 93 | 7 |
| 6.3 | Safer cycle routes | 30 | 13 | 43 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 48 | 90 | 10 |
| 6.4 | Safer walking routes | 33 | 14 | 47 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 48 | 98 | 2 |
| 6.5 | improve access | 26 | 13 | 39 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 42 | 93 | 7 |
| 6.6 | More footpaths and links | 25 | 13 | 38 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 41 | 93 | 7 |
| 6.7 | Signs for Beach Rd parking | 30 | 11 | 41 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 46 | 89 | 11 |
| 6.8 | improve parking at Beach Rd | 26 | 12 | 38 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 40 | 95 | 5 |
| 6.9 | Charge or restrict on Stanners | 17 | 8 | 25 | 9 | 4 | 13 | 38 | 66 | 34 |
| 6.1 | Resident parking scheme | 22 | 11 | 33 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 41 | 80 | 20 |
| 6.11 | EV points | 15 | 10 | 25 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 31 | 81 | 19 |
| 6.12 | No parking on pavements | 28 | 8 | 36 | 8 | 5 | 13 | 49 | 73 | 27 |
| 6.13 | Parking bays Castle ST | 20 | 8 | 28 | 9 | 4 | 13 | 41 | 68 | 32 |
| 6.14 | English Heritage liaison | 27 | 10 | 37 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 41 | 90 | 10 |
| 6.15 | Pedestrian crossings | 23 | 11 | 34 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 40 | 85 | 15 |
| 6.16 | 20mph in village | 34 | 14 | 48 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 55 | 87 | 13 |
| 6.17 | Bypass | 19 | 4 | 23 | 13 | 10 | 23 | 46 | 50 | 50 |
| 6.3 | Safer cycling routes (separated out on the online survey) | | | | | | | | | |
| | The back road to Amble | | 12 | | | 1 | | 13 | 92 | |
| | Rotary Way | | 9 | | | 3 | | 12 | 75 | |
| | Cemetery Bank | | 7 | | | 4 | | 11 | 64 | |
| 6.4 | Safer walking routes (separated out on the online survey) | | | | | | | | | |
| | The back road to Amble | | 12 | | | 1 | | 13 | 92 | |
| | Rotary Way | | 9 | | | 3 | | 12 | 75 | |
| | Cemetery Bank | | 8 | | | 4 | | 12 | 67 | |

## Appendix 5: Pre-submission engagement – consultation bodies and other interested parties

### Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Bodies – identified by NCC

| Consultation Body | Organisation | Contact Details |
|---|---|---|
| **Local Planning Authority** | Northumberland County Council | Rob Murfin [redacted] |
| | | Neighbourhood Planning Team, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2EF [redacted] |
| **The Coal Authority** | The Coal Authority | [redacted] |
| **Homes England** | Homes England | |
| **Natural England** | Natural England | [redacted] |
| **The Environment Agency** | The Environment Agency | [redacted] |
| **Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England** | Historic England | |
| **Network Rail Infrastructure Limited** | Network Rail Infrastructure Limited | |
| **National Highways** | National Highways | [redacted] |

| Consultation Body | Organisation | Contact Details |
|---|---|---|
| **Relevant Primary Care Trust** | NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group | [redacted] |
| **Any person who owns or controls electronic communications apparatus situated in any part of the area of the local planning authority** | The Alncom Group | |
| **Any person who owns or controls electronic communications apparatus situated in any part of the area of the local planning authority** | Avonline | |
| | British Telecommunications Plc. | |
| | Briskona | |
| | CTIL (Acting on behalf of Vodafone and O2) | |
| | EE | |
| | Three | |
| | Virgin Media Limited | |

| Consultation Body | Organisation | Contact Details |
|---|---|---|
| | | [redacted] |
| | Wildcard Networks | |
| | Arqiva | |
| | Openreach | |
| **Any person to whom the electronic communications code applies** | CTIL (Acting on behalf of Vodafone and O2) | |
| | EE | |
| | Three | |
| **Any person to whom a licence has been granted under section 6(1)(b) and (c) of the Electricity Act 1989.** | Northern Powergrid | |
| | National Grid | |
| **Any a person to whom a licence has been granted under section 7(2) of the Gas Act 1986.** | Northern Gas Networks | |

| Consultation Body | Organisation | Contact Details |
|---|---|---|
| **Sewerage undertaker** | Northumbrian Water Limited | [redacted] |
| **Water undertaker** | Northumbrian Water Limited | |
| **Marine Management Organisation** | Marine Management Organisation | |
| **Adjoining local authorities – Parish Councils** | All parish councils that adjoin the neighbourhood area | |
| **Adjoining local authorities – local planning authorities** | Any local planning authority that adjoins the Neighbourhood Area | |
| | | **Identified by the Parish Council** |
| **Voluntary Bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or any part of the neighbourhood area** | Northumberland Coast AONB | [redacted] |
| | Warkworth Primary school | |
| | Amble High School | |
| | Golf club | |
| | Cricket club | |
| | WWMH | |

| Consultation Body | Organisation | Contact Details |
|---|---|---|
| | Cub scouts | [redacted] |
| **Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area** | CofE | |
| | URC | |
| **Bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the neighbourhood area** | Ukraine group | |
| **Bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area** | Hermitage Farm Killicrankie Caravan Site | |
| | Morwick Farm | |
| | Sun Inn | |
| | Hermitage Inn | |
| | Masons Arms | |
| | Buston Potatoes | |
| | Amble Marina | |
| | Rotary Club of Amble and Warkworth | |
| | Coquet Cottages | |
| | Coquet Moor caravan park | |
| | Coquet View caravan park | |
| | Riverside caravan park | |
| **Bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the neighbourhood area** | Abbeyfield | |
| | The Grange | |
| | Karbon homes | |
| **Relevant landowners/ tenants of LGS** | Northumberland estates | |
| | NCC | |
| | Golf club | |
| | Cricket club | |

| Consultation Body | Organisation | Contact Details |
|---|---|---|
| | English Heritage | [redacted] |
| | Warkworth NCEA Church of England Primary School | |
| | Church of England | |
| | Burgage plot holders | |
| | Amble Marina | |
| | Michael Howie | |
| | Bill Dodd | |
| **Other interested parties** | Michael Guy – owner of the bridge gatehouse | |

In addition, the following organisations have asked to be notified about neighbourhood plans in Northumberland. Please notify them about the Regulation 14 consultation.

| Organisation | Contact Details |
|---|---|
| The Theatres Trust | [redacted] |
| Sustrans | |
| National Farmers Union | |
| All Things Neighbourhood Planning | |
| SSA Planning | |
| Quod Planning | |
| Tetlow King Planning | |

## Appendix 6: Pre-submission engagement - letters sent to consultation bodies and other interested parties

# WARKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

https://northumberlandparishes.uk/warkworth
Neighbourhood Plan website www.warkworthnp.org

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Warkworth Neighbourhood Development Plan**
**Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012: Regulation 14 consultation and publicity**

Warkworth Parish Council, as a qualifying body for the purposes of neighbourhood planning for the Warkworth Neighbourhood Area, has completed the preparation of the Pre-Submission Draft Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan.

In accordance with the regulations, the parish council is writing to invite your comments on the pre-submission draft and other supporting documents. Any comments you may wish to make must be made in writing.

The regulations require that consultation must take place for a period of not less than six weeks starting on the date the draft plan is first published. Written representations are therefore invited between **Monday 21 November 2022 and 12 noon on Monday 9 January 2023.**

The draft plan and other supporting documents can be viewed on the neighbourhood plan website www.warkworthnp.org

A hard copy of the plan is available to view at St Lawrence Church Warkworth between 8am and 6pm, where there will also be a small exhibition about the plan available.

The parish council are also holding a consultation event as part of the Warkworth Christmas Lights switch on from 2pm to 6pm on Saturday 26 November 2022 in St Lawrence Church where copies of the plan and supporting documents will be available.

If you are unable to view the plan online or at St Lawrence Church, you may request a hard copy by email to warkworthnp.chair@gmail.com or calling 07841 650640.

Representations may be made in the following ways:

- Using the online form available at www.warkworthnp.org or by downloading a response form.
- By picking up a response form from St Lawrence Church and dropping it off in the box provided
- By email to warkworthnp.chair@gmail.com
- By letter to Warkworth Parish Clerk, Warkworth Parish Council, 30 Rothbury Drive, Ashington, NE63 8TQ.

The parish council would be pleased to receive any written representations you may wish to make on the draft plan and other supporting documents before 12 noon on Monday 9 January 2023.

If you have any questions about this consultation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Sian Smith
Chair
Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

## Appendix 7: Pre-submission engagement – website and social media

Website

WARKWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Files & Folders > Consultation

| Item name | Views | Favorites |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Neighbourhood Plan Pre Submission Draft - FOR CONSULTATION .pdf<br>2.02 MB | 24 | |
| 2. Main Policies Map .pdf<br>3.73 MB | 24 | |
| 3. Inset Policies Map .pdf<br>2.62 MB | 15 | |
| 4. Local Green Spaces - for consultation.pdf<br>4.79 MB | 15 | |
| 5. Non Designated Heritage Assets - FOR CONSULTATION.pdf<br>584.56 KB | 7 | |
| Response form.docx<br>29.05 KB | 15 | |
| Warkworth Castle Surveys Report CST & EH 2021.pdf<br>27.44 MB | 6 | |

Facebook posts

**Warkworth Northumberland UK**

Ann Burke · 27 Nov 2022 ·

WARKWORTH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way, to creating such an atmospheric community afternoon in Warkworth for the Christmas Lights Switch on, the lights were declared switched on by Helen Wilson.
Special thanks go to Professor Michael Wyllie, who sponsored the Christmas tree, to Kevin Stewart and Andrew Park for collecting and skilfully erecting the tree, and to the members of the Parish Council who decorated

**Warkworth Northumberland UK**

Graeme Popay · 10 Dec 2022 ·

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Graeme Popay · 3 Jan ·

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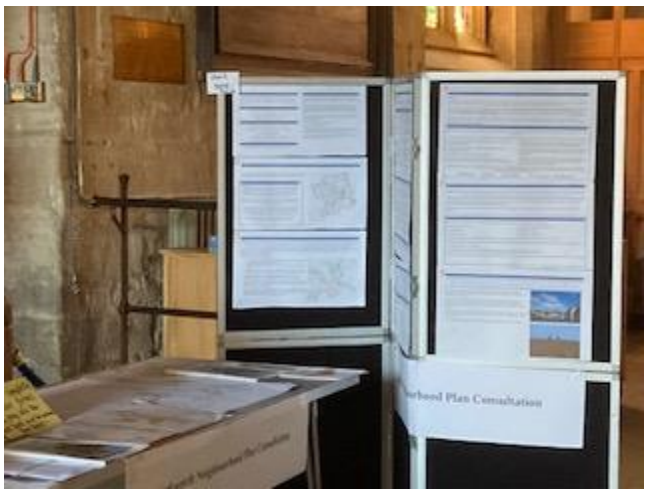
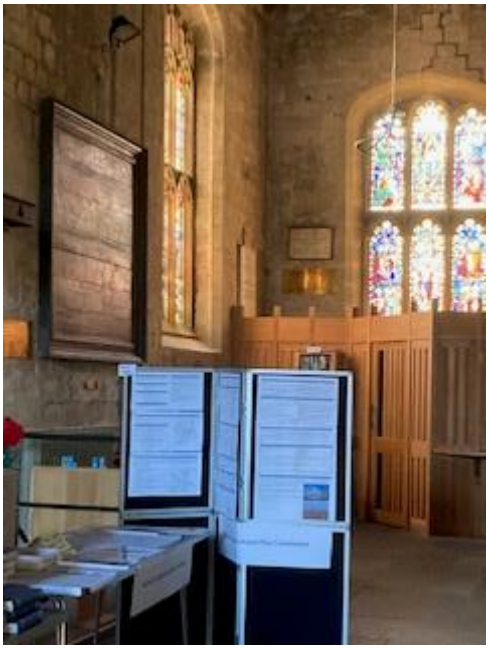
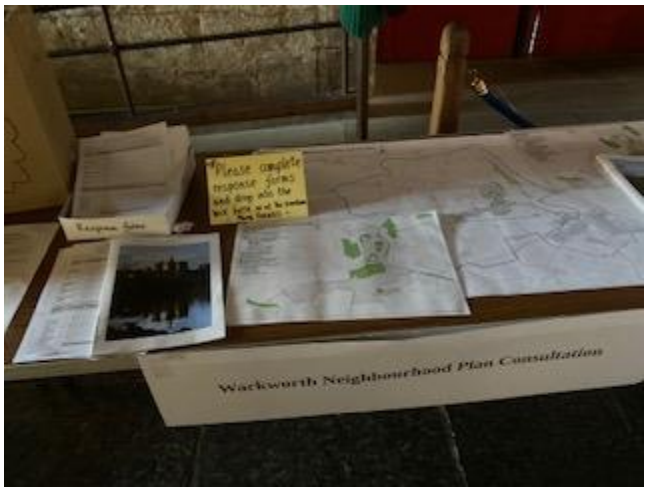
## Appendix 8: Pe-submission engagement - exhibition at St Lawrence Church







**Appendix 9: Pre-submission engagement - leaflet sent to all households**

## WARKWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

### Neighbourhood Planning

A Neighbourhood Plan is prepared by the local community and sets out guidance on how new development will be managed. Once agreed, it will be a formal part of the planning process and will be used to make decisions on planning applications.

A draft Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by Warkworth Parish Council following earlier community consultations, and a **summary** is outlined here. **Please go to the website to see the full plan.** The plan has a vision and several aims which clearly relate to issues identified by the early engagement, and the policies are designed to meet these aims.

### Aim 1 - Sustainability

"The special character of Warkworth and the vibrancy of the community will be conserved and enhanced." This is supported by:

**Policy W1 – Design**
This policy seeks to ensure that any new development will conserve and enhance local distinctiveness. The policy includes several considerations for new development, including: scale, heritage, materials, sustainability, protecting amenity, parking and accessibility, natural environment and pollution

### Aim 2 - Housing

"Any new housing development will meet local needs as well as reflecting the distinct character and built heritage of Warkworth." This is supported by:

**Policy W2 – Meeting Housing needs**
Whilst the plan does not propose any specific sites for new housing development, the policy requires that any proposals for new housing which come forward in the parish meet the needs of the local community, including the provision of affordable housing and the development of smaller homes

### Aim 3 – Environment

"The natural, built and historic environment of Warkworth will be conserved and enhanced." This is supported by two policies:

**Policy W3 -Local green space**
The policy proposes the allocation of 19 sites as local green space to be protected from development

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**Policy W4 - Warkworth Conservation Area**
The policy requires development within or affecting the setting of the conservation area to preserve or enhance its character or appearance.

## Aim 4 - Community

"Key community facilities and infrastructure will be protected and developed." Supported by:

**Policy W5 – Community facilities**
The policy identifies six facilities which have great importance to the local community to be protected. The policy also provides support for development which would sustain or protect existing shops, facilities and services

## Aim 5 – Economy

Appropriate and sustainable levels of commerce across the parish will be supported. Tourism will be managed to protect the charm of the village in a way that does not detract from the needs of permanent residents. The policies contained within the Northumberland Local Plan are considered sufficient to support this aim and so no additional policy is required.

## Aim 6 – Transport and access

"Access to services and facilities for residents and visitors will be maintained and enhanced."

**Policy W6 - Sustainable transport network**
The policy supports development that would improve and extend the rights of way network as well as protecting the existing network from inappropriate development

## Community Actions

In addition to the proposed planning policies, the emerging plan also includes 17 community actions covering a wide variety of projects, including:

**Energy efficiency and renewable energy**
**Enhancement of the natural, built and historic environment**
**The development of a new community centre and other sport and recreation facilities**
**The creation of a business hub**
**Enhancement of accessibility around the parish**
**Improvements to car parking and pedestrian safety**

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## Appendix 10: Pre-submission engagement - posters

WARKWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

# WE NEED YOUR VIEWS

## Neighbourhood Plan Community Consultation

## Closing date: 9th January 2023 (at noon)

## Where can I find the draft plan?

- **See all plan documents** or download hard copies by **visiting our website** using the link www.warkworthnp.org or by **scanning this QR code**
- **Visit the exhibition at St Lawrence Church, Warkworth.** Open daily (with some exceptions over the Christmas period) during the **consultation period** from **21st November to 9th January at noon** where **hard copies of the plan and supporting documents** will be available to read
- **Come to the consultation event** as part of the **Warkworth Christmas Lights** switch on from **2:00pm** to **6:00pm on Saturday 26th November 2022** in **St Lawrence Church**
- **Request a printed copy of the plan** (including a large print version) by emailing: warkworthnp.chair@gmail.com

## How can I respond?

- Use the **online response form** available on the website www.warkworthnp.org
- Pick up a **paper copy of the response form** from St Lawrence Church and **drop the completed form back in the box in St Lawrence Church** or at **The Greenhouse**
- **By email** to warkworthnp.chair@gmail.com;
- **By letter** to: Warkworth Parish Clerk, Warkworth Parish Council, 30 Rothbury Drive, Ashington, NE63 8TQ

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Reminder poster

WARKWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

# Neighbourhood Plan Community Consultation

# HAVE YOUR SAY

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- **Hard copies of the plan** are also available to read in **Amble Library**
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## Appendix 11: Pre-submission engagement - articles

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# Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan

## September update

To see up to date information on the plan, and to get in contact, please follow the link to the website above, or scan the QR code to go straight there.

**Draft Pre-submission Plan**

**A draft pre-submission plan** has been prepared and approved by Warkworth Parish Council. A screening opinion is awaited from Northumberland County Council before a **formal public consultation** can take place. **It is hoped that this can take place later in the autumn**, so look out for more information.

**Six planning policies** are proposed within the plan. **In brief** these are:

- **Design** – the policy seeks to ensure that any new development will conserve and enhance local distinctiveness;
- **Meeting housing needs** – whilst the plan does not propose any specific sites for new housing development, the policy requires that any proposals for new housing which come forward in the parish meet the needs of the local community, including the provision of affordable housing and the development of smaller homes;
- **Local green space** – the policy provides for the allocation of 20 sites as local green space to be protected from development;
- **Warkworth Conservation Area** – the policy requires development within or affecting the setting of the conservation area to preserve or enhance its character/appearance;
- **Community facilities** – the policy identifies facilities which have great importance to the local community to be protected. The policy also provides support for development which would sustain or protect existing shops, facilities and services;
- **Sustainable transport network** – the policy supports development that would protect, improve and extend existing rights of way for pedestrians and cyclists.

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# Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan

## We need your views!

### Public Consultation

There will be a **formal public consultation** on the **draft pre submission plan** starting on **21st November** and running until **9th January** (at noon).

**How can I find out about it?**

- **Come to the consultation event** as part of the **Warkworth Christmas Lights** switch on from **2:00** to **6:00 on Saturday 26th November 2022** in **St Lawrence Church (lights switch on at 4:00pm)**

- **Visit the exhibition at St Lawrence Church, Warkworth**. Open daily during the consultation period (with some exceptions over the Christmas period) where hard copies of the plan and supporting documents will be available to read

- **All plan documents** will be available on our website to read or download for the duration of the consultation period. Use the link www.warkworthnp.org or **scan the QR code above**

**How can I respond?**

You will be able to respond by:

- Using the **online response form** available on the website
- Picking up a **paper copy of the response form** from St Lawrence Church
- Emailing or writing to the addresses shown in the plan

Northumberland Gazette Article

www.northumberlandgazette.co.uk Thursday, January 5, 2023

NEWS

The Braid viewed from Rivergreen.

# Bid to protect green spaces

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Warkworth residents are being urged to have their say on how the village and wider parish develops over the coming years.

The public consultation process for the draft Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan, which sets out guidance on how any new development will be managed, closes on January 9.

The plan has six policies covering a wide variety of topics such as design, sustainable transport, local community facilities and the conservation area.

Whilst the draft plan does not propose any specific sites for new housing development, the policy on 'meeting housing needs' requires that any proposals for new housing meet the needs of the local community including the provision of affordable housing and the development of smaller homes.

A major part of the plan is the policy to protect local green spaces.

The draft plan also contains 17 community actions which include projects to improve the area.

Sian Smith, chairman of the neighbourhood plan steering group, said: "This draft plan is a way for our community to set out guidance on how any new development will be managed, and we would like as many people as possible to get involved.

"The policies include a recommendation for more smaller and affordable houses, and for increased protection of our local green spaces."

The draft planning policies and community actions within the plan have been informed by engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, particularly the feedback received from the residents and business surveys.

During May and July residents were then asked for feedback on areas for possible planning policies and community actions.

To look at, and comment, on the plan, visit www.warkworthnp.org or visit the exhibition at St Lawrence Church. You can also email warkworthnp.chair@gmail.com or write to Warkworth Parish Clerk, 30 Rothbury Drive, Ashington NE63 8TQ.

The responses will be reviewed to identify whether any modifications need to be made. The revised plan must be reviewed by Northumberland County Council and examined by an independent examiner before going to a public referendum.

## Appendix 12: Pre-submission engagement - response form

Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan Pre-submission draft

**Response Form (deadline 12 noon on 9th January)**

Please use this form to provide feedback on the Pre-submission draft of the Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan. This form can also be downloaded or completed on line via the website www.warkworthnp.org . If you have any questions, please contact the PC steering group by email at warkworthnp.chair@gmail.com

| Policy | Do you agree with the policy? | Do you have you any comments on this policy? |
|---|---|---|
| W1 Design | Yes ☐<br>No ☐ | |
| W2 Meeting Housing Needs | Yes ☐<br>No ☐ | |
| W3 Local Green Space | Yes ☐<br>No ☐ | |
| W4 Warkworth Conservation Area | Yes ☐<br>No ☐ | |
| W5 Community facilities | Yes ☐<br>No ☐ | |
| W6 Sustainable transport network | Yes ☐<br>No ☐ | |
| **The plan also has some proposed community actions covering a wide variety of projects. Please indicate whether you are in broad agreement with these actions.** | | |
| **Community actions** | **Do you agree?** | **Do you have any comments?** |
| Sustainability (1-3) | Yes ☐<br>No ☐ | |
| Natural, built and historic environment (4-6) | Yes ☐<br>No ☐ | |
| Inclusive and sustainable community (7-13) | Yes ☐<br>No ☐ | |
| Transport and accessibility (14-17) | Yes ☐<br>No ☐ | |

**Please turn over for general comments and contact details**

If you have any **general comments** on **the plan, the policies map or the supporting documentation**, please add them below:

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**Contact details**

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| **Name** | |
| **Address** | |
| **Email** | |

Any personal data will only be used in relation to the preparation of the neighbourhood plan and will be maintained in accordance with the data protection regulations and Warkworth Parish Council's privacy policy.

**To return your completed response form please:**

- **Drop** the completed form back in the box in **St Lawrence Church** or at **The Greenhouse**
- **Email** the completed form to warkworthnp.chair@gmail.com
- **Post** the completed form to Warkworth Parish Clerk, Warkworth Parish Council, 30 Rothbury Drive, Ashington, NE63 8TQ

**Deadline: 12 noon on Monday 9th January 2023**

# Appendix 13: Pre-submission engagement - display boards used at drop in event

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**What is Neighbourhood Planning?**

Neighbourhood Planning was introduced through the Localism Act in 2011. It gives communities the opportunity to shape and define how their area should grow and change in the future. In Northumberland, this must be led by parish councils.

**What can Neighbourhood Planning do?**

- shape where new homes, shops and offices should be built;
- say what those new buildings should look like;
- protect important Local Green Spaces;

**What must Neighbourhood Planning do?**

- have regard to national planning policy and Guidance;
- be in general conformity with local strategic planning policies;
- support sustainable development ;
- be prepared in consultation with the local Community;
- be agreed by a referendum of local people

**What can Neighbourhood Plans not do?**

- Neighbourhood Plans cannot be used to prevent development

**Background to the Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan**

The parish council held a number of early engagement events with the local community in 2019 and early 2020 to gauge support for a neighbourhood plan.

Warkworth Parish (figure 1) was designated as a neighbourhood area, for the purposes of neighbourhood planning, on 21 February 2020. As a result of the Covid19 pandemic there was a delay in the formation of a steering group until December 2020.

To inform the preparation of the neighbourhood plan the following engagement activities have taken place:

- Parish residents survey – Autumn 2021;
- Business survey – Autumn 2021;
- Consultation on possible planning policies and community actions informed by responses to the residents and business surveys - May to July 2022.

We are now consulting on a draft plan which has been informed by the early engagement and evidence work.

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**Vision and Aims for Warkworth parish**

The vision sets out what the Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan intends to achieve over the plan period to 2036. It informs all the plan aims, draft planning policies and community actions:

**Vision**

In 2036 the Parish of Warkworth will continue to be an attractive place to live and grow with a community that is sustainable, cohesive, and thriving. We will have retained and improved our community facilities; protected and enhanced our valued green spaces and special landscapes; and conserved our unique historic environment. Warkworth will be a carbon neutral parish.

New development will minimise environmental harm by employing high quality design and sustainable building technology. Developments will be designed to be resilient to the effects of climate change.

The diverse needs and wellbeing of the existing and future residents will be provided for, and the community will be sustainable in relation to the facilities and infrastructure available to residents. Residents will have good access to facilities and be well connected by safe roads, cycle ways and footpaths.

All people who live in the parish will have the opportunity to participate in shaping their surroundings and feel proud of where they live

*Figure 1 Warkworth Parish*

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**Aim 1 Sustainability**

*The special characteristics of our parish and the vibrancy of our community will be conserved and enhanced by seeking high quality sustainable design in new development, which will make a positive contribution to social, environmental or economic needs and will mitigate any negative impacts.*

**Sustainable location of new development**

The Northumberland local plan states that:

- planning policies and decisions should avoid the development of isolated homes in the open countryside, unless specific criteria are met
- most development across the county will take place within main towns and service centres.
- Warkworth is classified as a **service village**, which is expected to provide a proportionate level of housing and be a focus for investment in the wider rural area.
- The local plan defines a **settlement boundary** for Warkworth and supports sustainable development within the settlement boundary. See the map in Figure 2.

As part of the **early engagement which took place in May 2022** the local community were asked for their views on whether the settlement boundary should be amended to accommodate additional development

The clear feedback that was that the neighbourhood plan should **not** review the settlement boundary and that it would be appropriate to rely on the policies within the local plan to manage development outside the settlement boundary.

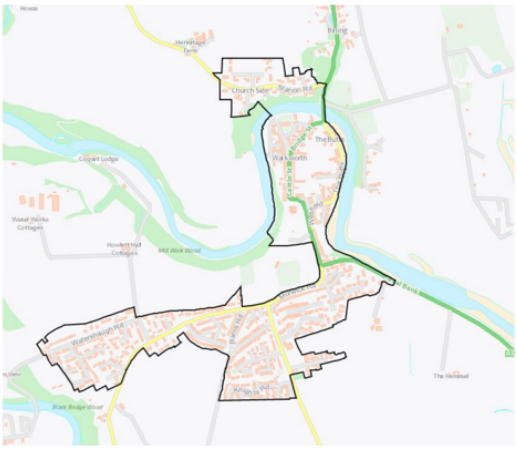

*Figure 2 Warkworth Village settlement boundary*

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**Aim 1 Sustainability**

**Sustainable design**

Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development. It creates better places in which people live and work. It is fundamental to what the planning and development process should deliver and ensures that new development contributes positively to the local environment and therefore, enhances the quality of life for residents.

**Policy W1 Design**

Development should conserve and enhance local distinctiveness by demonstrating high quality design, where appropriate and relevant to the development, by:

a. Reflecting the incremental and phased development of the neighbourhood area;

b. Understanding and reflecting the scale and character of the locality;

c. Conserving and enhancing the significance of heritage assets, including that generated by the relationship with their setting;

d. Using good quality materials that complement those of adjoining and surrounding buildings;

e. Taking account of topography and natural features;

f. Respecting established building lines and introducing boundary treatments and rooflines that are in keeping with the street scene;

g. Demonstrating a commitment to sustainable design and construction;

h. Providing sufficient external amenity space, refuse and recycling storage and car and bicycle parking to ensure a high quality and well managed streetscape;

i. Adopting the principles of sustainable drainage;

j. Ensuring the development would not prejudice the amenity of its future occupiers or that of adjacent properties in terms of overshadowing, loss of light, dominance, loss of privacy, noise or general disturbance;

k. Minimising both the likelihood of and fear of crime;

l. Creating a safe, accessible and well-connected environment that meets the needs of its users – encouraging cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel;

m. Ensuring that lighting associated with the development would not have a significant effect on residential amenity or wildlife;

n. Incorporating measures to support species and habitats;

o. Retaining views that contribute to the settlement and landscape character;

p. Providing sufficient, appropriately sited car parking and cycle storage to serve the needs arising from the development;

q. Ensuring the development would not result in unacceptable levels of noise, air or water pollution.

Where a design and access statement is required as part of a planning application, this should demonstrate how the proposal has responded to the above as an integral part of the design process.

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**Aim 2 Housing**

*The location, quantity and type of housing built in the parish will meet locally identified needs. Housing will reflect the distinct character and built heritage of Warkworth*

Local plan policy includes housing requirements for Warkworth has been identified as 70 units, to be delivered over the period 2016-2036. As a result of recent developments, this figure has already been significantly exceeded, with approximately 120 new homes delivered in the parish since 2016.

To inform the approach to housing within the neighbourhood plan, two important studies were commissioned: a housing needs survey and housing needs assessment.

The **Warkworth Housing Needs Survey (2021)** was prepared by Community Action Northumberland A questionnaire was distributed to all households within the parish. There was a response rate of 45% (428). The full survey results are available on the neighbourhood plan website;

The **Warkworth Housing Needs Assessment (2022)** was prepared by AECOM, through the government's technical support programme. The assessment considered the needs for different housing sizes and tenures, affordability issues, whether there was a need for the provision of specialist housing for older people and issues around second and holiday homes. The full housing needs assessment is available on the neighbourhood plan website;

In summary, as the main element of need for new housing is the provision of affordable housing, the most appropriate approach is to rely on the housing policies contained within the local plan, which would support the development of affordable housing on exceptions sites, where specific criteria are met. Evidence at both county and parish levels identifies the need for smaller homes to support young families and older households looking to downsize.

There is considerable concern about rising numbers of second and holiday homes. If the number of dwellings with no permanent residents reaches 20%, the provisions of the local plan to support new dwellings only where they are permanent residences will come into force. There is no need to repeat this requirement within the draft plan.

**Policy W2: Meeting housing needs**

The mix of housing types and tenures delivered in the neighbourhood area, including the provision of affordable housing, should have regard to and be informed by evidence of housing needs. Evidence includes that contained within the Warkworth Housing Needs Survey (2021), Warkworth Housing Needs Assessment (2022) and the Northumberland Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2018) and any subsequent updates.

Development should contribute to meeting identified needs, particularly through the provision of one, two, and three bedroom homes.

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**Aim 3 – Environment**

*The natural environment, including the Northumberland Coast AONB, will be conserved and enhanced, including biodiversity and green infrastructure networks and local green spaces which are valued by the community. New development will make a positive contribution to the historic and built environment.*

Neighbourhood plans can designate areas of **local green space** for special protection, preventing development on these sites other than in very special circumstances.

These spaces do not need to be publicly accessible but must be in reasonably close proximity to the community they serve as well as being demonstrably special, for reasons including visual amenity; historic significance; recreational value; tranquillity; and richness of wildlife. The designation can't be applied to an extensive tract of land.

The sites listed in policy W3 and shown on the policies map are proposed to be designated as local green spaces. A local green space background paper has been prepared to outline the reasons why the sites are of particular importance to the local community and to explain the process that led to their proposed designation.

**Policy W3: Local green space**

The following areas, as defined on the policies map, are designated as local green space which will be protected from development in a manner consistent with the protection of land within the Green Belt:

LGS01 Playing field between Morwick Road and Warkworth Castle

LGS02 The Stanners Riverside Area

LGS03 The Butts Riverside Area

LGS04 Play area near school

LGS05 Warkworth Castle Grounds

LGS06 Warkworth Cricket Pitch

LGS07 The Burgage plots including allotments/ community garden

LGS08 Millennium garden

LGS09 Football pitch, Beach Road

LGS10 Rotary Way

LGS11 The Braid, near Amble

LGS12 Warkworth Golf Course

LGS13 Warkworth School playing fields

LGS14 St Lawrence Church grounds

LGS15 Black Bridge area

LGS16 Land between back of Morwick Road and Mill Walk Woods

LGS17 Land surrounding the playing field, castle and cricket pitch

LGS18 Birling Gap (adjacent to cemetery, behind Beach Road car park)

LGS19 Rigg and furrow field, west of Warkworth Castle

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Aim 3 Environment

**Heritage**

Heritage assets can either be designated or non-designated. Designated assets have statutory status and include listed buildings and conservation areas. A non-designated asset is a building, monument, site, place, area or landscape having a degree of heritage significance meriting consideration in planning decisions.

The historic assets of Warkworth Parish are a vital part of its identity. **There are 128 nationally protected buildings, structures and sites in Warkworth Parish**. This includes **122 listed buildings/ structures, and six scheduled monuments**. Warkworth also includes a conservation area. In addition to the designated heritage assets, there are currently **over 150 additional sites, monuments and findspots** in the Northumberland Historic Environment Record listed for Warkworth Parish, which are not designated.

The local plan provides protection for designated and non-designated assets. More protection will be provided by Policy W4 which seeks to ensure that new development in or affecting the Warkworth Conservation Area will preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the area and its setting. A heritage assets paper has been prepared to give more detail.

Policy W4: Warkworth Conservation Area

Development within or affecting the setting of the Warkworth Conservation Area, will be supported where it preserves or enhances the character or appearance of the conservation area and its setting.

The following are key considerations when paying special attention to the impact of development on the character or appearance of the conservation area and its setting:

a. Maintaining the four distinct character areas of The Medieval Core, The Butts, Woodlands and Station Road;

b. Reflecting the locally distinctive architectural characteristics, vernacular building forms and materials;

c. Respecting the prevailing density and form of the area;

d. The impact on significant views that are important to the character and appearance of the area, including the views: of and from Warkworth Castle, from Ember Path to The Butts, from the old and new bridges, approach to Warkworth from Morwick Road, as well as views from open spaces and riverside walks;

e. The impact on the setting of the conservation area, particularly that related to residential dwellings on Morwick Road, Magdelene Fields, Birling, Old Cemetery and Old Helsay; and

f. Retention of boundary treatments, including stone field boundary and garden boundary walls, as well as retaining walls. New boundary treatments should reflect locally distinctive forms and materials.

Special attention should be paid to the impact of development on the following key buildings and structures, which are identified on the policies map and their role in contributing to the significance of the conservation area:

**CA1 Warkworth Castle** **CA2 Old Bridge** **CA3 Bridge Gatehouse** **CA4 Church of St Lawrence** **CA5 St Lawrence Terrace**

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Aim 4 – Community

*Key community facilities and infrastructure will be protected and developed to ensure that the community is inclusive and sustainable.*

Community facilities are identified as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship. These facilities enhance the sustainability of local communities and residential environments.

Warkworth has a number of community facilities which were identified by early engagement as being of importance to the local community and these are identified in policy W5.

Policy W5: Community facilities

The following facilities are identified as having great importance to the local community and are identified on the policies map.

CF1 Post Office and general store;

CF2 Warkworth School;

CF3 St Lawrence's Church;

CF4 Warkworth United Reformed Church;

CF5 War Memorial Hall

CF6 Warkworth Cricket Ground.

Where planning permission is required development proposals will be supported which sustain or protect existing shops, facilities and services.

A development that would result in the loss of the valued community services and facilities identified above will be supported where the applicant can demonstrate that:

a. It is no longer needed in its current form;

b. A replacement service or facility of sufficient size, layout and quality is to be provided in an alternative suitable location; or

c. It would not be economically viable or feasible to retain the facility and there is no reasonable prospect of securing an alternative community use of the land or building.

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## Aim 5 – Economy

*Appropriate and sustainable levels of commerce in a variety of sectors across the parish will be encouraged, and key services and facilities that contribute to a thriving community will be protected. Tourism will be managed so that it enhances the charm of the village and does not detract from the needs of permanent residents.*

Early engagement was clear that existing businesses must be supported, as well as maintaining the conditions necessary to support new businesses. Many of these support mechanisms lie outside the planning process.

The local plan includes several policies which recognise the need to deliver economic growth whilst safeguarding the environment and community wellbeing, support for home working, support for employment uses within built-up areas, as well as providing support for the rural economy, including diversification.

A critical requirement for those residents working from home is the information technology infrastructure. The local plan promotes the importance of access to high quality communications including full fibre broadband.

It is considered that the neighbourhood plan could not add any further detail to that contained within the local plan.

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## Aim 6 – Transport and access

*Access to facilities and services will be facilitated for all residents, and visitors, by the creation of safe and high- quality roads, parking areas, pavements and green routes including footpaths, cycle routes and bridleways. The use of public transport will be encouraged.*

The parish of Warkworth contains 46 public rights of way with a total length of some 20 miles. These provide access to coast and country and almost traffic free routes from Warkworth to Acklington and Alnmouth. Some are incorporated into the England Coastal Path and into St. Oswald's Way.

There is a well-used footpath alongside the river Coquet and the A1068 to Amble.

In addition, National Cycle Route 1 passes through the Parish and provides off road links to Alnmouth, Amble and beyond.

### Policy W6: Sustainable transport network

Support will be given to development that will improve and extend the existing public rights of way network identified on the policies map, allowing greater access to services and facilities for residents and visitors.

The public rights of way network identified on the policies map will be protected from development, unless:

a. There is a clear and demonstrable justification for the loss of the route; and

b. A suitable alternative route will be provided within an agreed timescale.

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## Community Actions

### Sustainability

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| **Community action 1: Energy efficiency** |
| Provide advice and support for homeowners to encourage the insulation of their properties. |
| **Community action 2: Embedding renewable energy** |
| Provide and advice and support for individual household initiatives to move from carbon to renewable energy heating and power, such as the installation of solar panels and ground or air source heat pumps |
| **Community action 3: Street lighting** |
| Discuss with Northumberland County Council opportunities to turn off street lighting between 1am and 6am. |

### Distinctive natural, built and historic environment

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| **Community action 4: Natural environment projects** |
| Develop projects to enhance the natural environment such as: the creation of community outdoor areas such as woodland/ orchard/ wildflower meadow/ nature reserve; work with Northumberland County Council to leave roadside verges uncut and plant wildflowers; aim to achieve recognition as a wildlife friendly parish (or similar); encourage residents to volunteer as tree wardens. |
| **Community action 5: Bridge Gatehouse** |
| Working with building owners, undertake initial work to establish if the Bridge Gatehouse can be repaired and used for the benefit of the residents and visitors. |
| **Community action 6: Warkworth Conservation Area Character Appraisal** |
| Work with the Conservation Team within Northumberland County Council to prepare an update to the Warkworth Conservation Area Character Appraisal. |

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## Community Actions

### Inclusive and sustainable community

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| **Community action 7: Community centre** |
| Working with land and building owners, explore opportunities to develop a new Community Centre with parking and easy access. |
| **Community action 8: Sport and recreation facilities** |
| Working with Active Northumberland and other stakeholders, explore options to develop sports and recreation facilities, particularly for young people, perhaps within a community centre and improve communication about existing facilities in nearby towns. |
| **Community action 9: Children's play provision** |
| Continue with projects to improve existing play areas and develop facilities for older children. |
| **Community action 10: Public seating** |
| Provide additional picnic benches and seating areas in community green spaces in the village and by the river. |
| **Community action 11: Outdoor trim trails/ gym** |
| Explore opportunities to develop outdoor trim trails/ gym |
| **Community action 12: Business hub** |
| Working with Advance Northumberland, landowners and other stakeholders, explore options to develop a business hub/ occasional office facility, perhaps within a community centre. |
| **Community action 13: Tourist facilities** |
| Explore opportunities to develop some tourist facilities at Beach Rd car park to attract visitors to park there. |

### Transport and accessibility

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| **Community action 14: Accessibility improvements** |
| Work with Northumberland County Council, Sustrans and other stakeholders to develop projects which enhance accessibility across the parish, including:<br>a. Better signage to Cycle Route 1 in both directions in Warkworth Village;<br>b. Provision of cycle parking in Warkworth Village and at Beach Road car park;<br>c. Develop safer walking and cycle routes, for example between Warkworth and Amble, Rotary Way and Cemetery Bank;<br>d. Improving wheelchair and pushchair access to footpaths;<br>e. Develop more footpath linkages between existing rights of way. |

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| **Community action 15: Car parking** |
| Work with Northumberland County Council, landowners and other stakeholders to investigate the possibilities of implementing parking enhancements, which might include:<br>a. Improve signage to Beach Road and beach car parks. Advertise as free long stay;<br>b. Improve parking facilities at Beach Road car park;<br>c. Introduce charging or have a 3 hour maximum stay on The Stanners;<br>d. Consider options to introduce residents parking schemes e.g. Castle Stree, The Butts and Dial Place;<br>e. Develop EV charging points at Beach Road Car Park and in Warkworth Village;<br>f. Enforcement of parking on pavements;<br>g. Create parking bays on Castle Street to regularise pavement parking. |
| **Community action 16: Pedestrian safety** |
| Working with Northumberland County Council assess options to introduce measures to improve pedestrian safety, including: creation of pedestrian crossings, or islands, on Castle St, The Wynd in Amble, and opposite Warkworth School and the designation of a 20mph zone through Warkworth. |
| **Community action 17: Warkworth Bypass** |
| Discuss with Northumberland County Council the feasibility of the creation of a Warkworth Bypass. |

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## Appendix 14: Pre-submission consultation responses and proposed amendments

| Consultee | Comment | Response/ proposed change |
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| | **General** | |
| Northumberland County Council | Thank you for consulting the County Council on the Pre-Submission Draft Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan. Firstly, I would like to congratulate the Parish Council and its Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on reaching this stage in plan preparation and for creating a well-considered draft plan for the future of Warkworth Parish.<br><br>I have consulted colleagues throughout the County Council on the draft plan and have received a number of comments from various service areas. The County Council's comments are presented in the schedule that follows this letter.<br><br>Comments have been made about both the supporting text, which sets the context for the policies, and on the policies proposed for inclusion in the Plan. We would hope that you will see these comments as critical support. They are intended to inform modification to the Plan so that it best meets the expectations of the Parish Council in terms of the future determination of development proposals, and, crucially, that the Plan can proceed to independent examination once it has been submitted, with a greater expectation of a positive outcome.<br><br>I hope the comments made by the County Council are helpful in reaching a conclusion to plan preparation. We will, of course, continue to support the Parish Council and the Steering Group with advice as necessary and with practical support on any modifications required to the Plan once you have had a chance to review all of the representations received in response to the current consultation.<br><br>Finally, I would advise that the comments made by the County Council in response to this consultation on the Pre-Submission Draft Plan do not constitute a formal opinion about whether the Plan as currently drafted meets the 'basic conditions'. The County Council is not required to issue a decision statement in respect of that matter until the independent examination has been completed. We would therefore reserve the right to make further representations as necessary following the submission of the Plan to the County Council. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** No amendments required in response to this element of the representation. |

| Consultee | Comment | Response/ proposed change |
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| Natural England | Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 17 November 2022<br>We are sorry for the delay submitting our response.<br><br>Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.<br><br>Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made.<br><br>Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan.<br><br>However, we refer you to the attached annex which covers the issues and opportunities that should be considered when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| National Highways | Having considered the Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan - Pre-Submission Draft Plan (November 2022), we find no issue with the overarching vision, aims and policies.<br><br>Accordingly, it is deemed that there is no negative consequence to the SRN associated with the Neighbourhood Plan.<br><br>In light of the above, we offer no further comment. | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| National Grid | Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to National Grid assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission assets which include high voltage electricity assets and high-pressure gas pipelines.<br><br>National Grid has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.<br><br>National Grid provides information in relation to its assets at the website below.<br>www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-anddevelopment/planningauthority/shape-files/ | **Noted, no amendments required.** |

| Consultee | Comment | Response/ proposed change |
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| | Please also see attached information outlining guidance on development close to National Grid infrastructure.<br><br>Distribution Networks Information regarding the electricity distribution network is available at the website below: www.energynetworks.org.uk<br><br>Information regarding the gas distribution network is available by contacting: plantprotection@cadentgas.com<br><br>Further Advice - Please remember to consult National Grid on any Neighbourhood Plan Documents or sitespecific proposals that could affect our assets. | |
| The Coal Authority | The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy. As a statutory consultee, The Coal Authority has a duty to respond to planning applications and development plans in order to protect the public and the environment in mining areas.<br><br>Our records indicate that within the identified Neighbourhood Plan area there are recorded coal mining features present at surface and shallow depth including: mine entries and likely shallow coal workings. These features pose a potential risk to surface stability and public safety,<br><br>The Coal Authority's records also indicate that surface coal resource is present in the area, although this should not be taken to imply that mineral extraction would be economically viable, technically feasible or environmentally acceptable. As you will be aware those authorities with responsibility for minerals planning and safeguarding will have identified where they consider minerals of national importance are present in your area and related policy considerations. As part of the planning process consideration should be given to such advice in respect of the indicated surface coal resource.<br><br>It is noted that the Neighbourhood Plan does not proposed to allocate any new sites for future development in the area. On this basis the Planning team at the Coal Authority have no specific comments to make on the document. | **Noted, no amendments required.** |

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| Amble Town Council | A comprehensive document which clearly defines how the policies within the Northumberland Local Plan apply to the parish of Warkworth.<br><br>It also contains ideas and aspirations for the community's social and economic development which, while not enforceable within the boundaries of a neighbourhood plan, are a good template for community groups to strive to attain. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Northumberland Estates | Thank you for the opportunity to allow Northumberland Estates to provide comments on the Warkworth Neighbourhood Development Plan (WNDP).<br><br>Northumberland Estates is fully supportive of local communities promoting and adopting Neighbourhood Development Plans to assist in ensuring a sustainable future for all. Indeed, Northumberland Estates has been actively involved with and supported the adoption of a number of Neighbourhood Development Plans over recent years.<br><br>The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states at paragraph 7 that *"the purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development."* Paragraph 8 goes on to state that *"Achieving sustainable development means that the planning system has three overarching objectives, which are interdependent and need to be pursued in mutually supportive ways (so that opportunities can be taken to secure net gains across each of the different objectives)"*. These three interdependent objectives focus on economic, social and environmental areas.<br><br>Paragraph 9 goes on to say that *"Planning policies… should play an active role in guiding development towards sustainable solutions, but in doing so should take local circumstances into account, to reflect the character, needs and opportunities of each area."*<br><br>Northumberland Estates considers that the WNDP does not fully contribute to the achievement of sustainable development as set out in the NPPF. It is considered that the WNDP is a plan which unfortunately restricts sustainable development. | **Noted, no amendments required** in response to this element of the representation. The parish council however disagree that the plan does not fully contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. This will be demonstrated in the basic conditions statement that will accompany the submission draft plan. |
| AONB Partnership | Thank you for consulting the AONB Partnership team on the draft plan. | **Noted, no amendments required.** |

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| Marine Management Organisation | Thank you for including the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) in your recent consultation submission. The MMO will review your document and respond to you directly should a bespoke response be required. If you do not receive a bespoke response from us within your deadline, please consider the following information as the MMO's formal response. [details attached regarding functions and role] | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| SSA Planning | Thank you for your notification. I have no comments to make on the plan but please keep us informed. | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| Hermitage Farm | No comments. | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| Warkworth Golf Club | No comments | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| Environment Agency | Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above Neighbourhood Plan. We are a statutory consultee in the planning process providing advice to Local Authorities and developers on pre-application enquiries, planning applications, appeals and strategic plans.<br><br>Based on the environmental constraints within the area and as the plan does not allocate specific sites for new housing development, we have no detailed comments to make in relation to your plan at this stage. However, together with Natural England, English Heritage and Forestry Commission we have published joint advice on neighbourhood planning which sets out sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the environment into plans. This is available at: http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140328084622/http://cdn.environment-agency.gov.uk/LIT_6524_7da381.pdf | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | Excellent document, Sian & the NP team have undertaken a monumental task & produced a fine document. | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | Thank you for all the work! | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Tim Gray (resident) | First, I would like to thank and congratulate the NP team for the immense amount of work that it must have taken to assemble this draft plan. The only other comment I would make is about the length of the document. Knowing nothing about the requirements for an NP, I was surprised by the number of pages taken up with recapitulation of the survey findings, sometimes repetitively, and references to county and national planning law. The real meat of the document, in terms of a plan that will guide future action, is contained in the policies (W1-6). I appreciate that the survey findings, planning law etc, provide the necessary context but I worry that the excellent distillate of all this into the key elements of the plan, i.e. the policies, is somewhat overwhelmed. I had expected that rather more of the contextual material would be in background/supporting documents so that the real substance could shine through clearly in a more concise plan document. I am very conscious that my ignorance of the NP process may mean this comment is entirely misplaced and if so I do apologise. | **Support welcomed and comments noted.** The level of information contained within the plan is considered appropriate in which to set the context for the planning policies. The foreword is intended to summarise the key elements of the plan. **Amend** the foreword to include page reference numbers for the policies. Further detail is contained within background papers. |
| Gillian Maude (resident) | Thank you to the group who has produced this very comprehensive draft, which I think is very impressive, and if adopted and well implemented will lead to a thriving sustainable community whilst preserving the features which we enjoy today. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Anna Willey (resident) | The plan is very clear and well written. It should be noted that consultant respondents are self-selecting. Has anyone actually asked older children what facilities they would like? Is it only retired people supporting a business hub, for example. Thank you for all your hard work to develop the plan | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** Children were specifically asked their views in the first survey and in addition, two have responded to the consultation on the draft plan. |
| E Davies (resident) | Where does Mariner's view and Gloster Hill figure in these plans? | **Noted, amend** paragraphs 4.7-4.9 and figure 5 to explain that Mariners View and Gloster Hill lie within the parish boundary but sit within the Amble settlement boundary as defined within the Northumberland Local Plan. Future development proposals in these areas would still be required to accord with the relevant policies contained within the neighbourhood plan e.g. policies W1 on |

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| | | design, W2 housing needs and W6, sustainable transport. The plan takes account of residents' views in asking for a crossing of the A1068 at The Wynd (CA16) and designating The Braid as a LGS (W3) |
| Luke Curry (age 14 – resident) | I think that the plan is fabulous, and I particularly like the idea of traffic management and the implementation of a 20mph speed limit | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Esther Currie (resident) | Thank you for the hard work involved in developing this comprehensive and positive plan, I have lived in the locality all my life and feel sad to see how the area and the community are changing, for example increased traffic/speeding, growth in holiday lets and lack of opportunity for those born and bred in the village. This plan offers a glimmer of hope that Warkworth will not be ruined like several other Northumberland coastal villages. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Alistair Currie (resident) | The plan is comprehensive and encouraging for the future of the Parish. It's crucial that this plan is implemented. I've lived in the local area for 50 years since I was born. The Parish has hanged significantly in the last few years with the rise in second homes/holiday lets. The community is crumbling away and few people seem to be profiting financially., whilst many are suffering the unaffordable house prices, parking problems and loss of community. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Jane Brown (resident) | Would be nice to see some targets and deadlines. Also information on current and future partnerships, sponsors, funders would be good. Also would be interested to know if housing developers and providers are to be involved in local plan and at what capacity? Otherwise it's very thorough and part impressive, sense a few gaps | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** Given the nature of the planning policies it is not considered appropriate to include targets and deadlines, all policies will be applied to all relevant development proposals. The success of the plan will be monitored by the parish council who may decide to review the whole plan or elements of it. Landowners (who include developers) have been consulted on the neighbourhood plan. The parish council will |

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| | | continue to work with the AONB Partnership, NCC and Historic England. |
| Malcolm Campbell (resident) | I am responding to the request for input on the Neighbourhood Plan by a further email rather than by filling in the form. This is because some comments relate to my previous email to you which is set out below.<br><br>First of all I was delighted to see the progress you have made with the project which is clearly very worthwhile. The plan in general The background information is very interesting and there is much in terms of the proposals which I greatly welcome. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| **Policies Map** | | |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | It would be helpful if the Draft Policies Maps could be incorporated in the Neighbourhood Plan itself so as to avoid readers confusing the Local Plan maps for the Neighbourhood Plan maps. | **Noted, no amendments required.** Given the size of the parish the maps would not be legible if they were included within the plan itself. Once the plan is adopted by NCC the policies maps will be available as layers on the interactive mapping held by NCC. The neighbourhood plan will sit alongside the local plan as part of the development plan for the area. |
| **Foreword** | | |
| Northumberland County Council | Final paragraph – Suggest revise text to make it clear that it is registered electors in the Parish who will be able to vote in the referendum (unless a wider area is specified by the Independent Examiner due to policies in the Plan having a direct impact on those in adjacent Parishes). | **Comments noted, amend as suggested.** |
| **Section 1 – Introduction** | | |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **General** | |
| Northumberland Estates | The WNDP does not mention the potential for generation of power from renewable energy sources. This is something that could be covered in the WNDP. | **Comments noted.** There are detailed policies contained within the local plan on renewable energy and whilst it is not necessary to repeat this within the |

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| | | neighbourhood plan, policy W1 will be **amended** to include reference to embedding renewable energy. |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Figure 1** | |
| Northumberland County Council | These may need to add the following:<br>"© Crown Copyright and Database Rights 2021 Ordnance Survey 100049048" | **Comments noted, amend as suggested.** |
| **Section 2 – Background to Warkworth Parish** | | |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **General** | |
| Amble Town Council | Tourism may have some negative effect but it has been acknowledged that this is an employer of 20% of the residents and therefore any policies will need to be carefully considered so as not to act against this aspect.<br><br>The age structure graph of the population clearly shows a majority of residents are 45 years or above. The personal data of the respondents states *'The majority of respondents (62%) were over 65 years old, and the least represented demographic were aged 16- 24 with only 2 respondents.'* Analysis therefore shows that approximately 241 responses were from the over 65s and so it follows 144 responses were from those aged between 25 and 64. However as those aged 44-64 are more than double those aged 25-44 it could be possible that less than a third (approx. 48) were from those aged 25-44. This is the group who are statistically more likely to grow their families and/or move areas- the very people most likely to be needed to follow through on the realisation of the aspirations of the plan over the timeframe.<br><br>Although it is clear the plan would hope to encourage more younger people and families, many areas and conclusions are based on the responses of those over 45 years and therefore could lead to a bias towards the views they expressed- e.g. housing, community facilities- which are not necessarily those which will help the parish to remain a vibrant and viable flourishing community. Whilst the community responses are of vital importance to any neighbourhood plan, any analysis and conclusions need to bear in mind that responses lean towards this age range. | **Noted, no amendments required.** The plan is not suggesting that tourism is bad for the area, it highlights that there are some negative impacts that can be managed through the planning process as well as appropriate community actions. With regard to the comments on the ages of those people who have responded to the residents' survey this is only one element of the information to inform the contents of the neighbourhood plan. For example, the housing needs assessment provided helpful evidence on how the population of the parish is projected to change in the future and the impact of this on housing needs. |

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| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Paragraph 2.18** | |
| Northumberland County Council | Comment from NCC Public Health:<br>Paragraph 2.18 points to the coast and castles national cycle route passing through Warkworth. This is likely to bring passing trade into the parish benefiting many of the restaurants and cafes. 4.3 highlights the response from the residents' survey and the concerns regarding carbon footprint and renewable energies with electric charging points as potential solutions. With the rise in the sales of E-Bikes (which require charging), has the plan given thought to E-Bike charging points in the parish which could be used along the coast and castles route? This may attract more cyclists to re-charge in the parish and lead to further investment from tourism into the local economy. | **Comments noted.** E-bike charging points have been considered. **Amend** community action 15 so that it is relevant to all parking (not just for cars) and include action to consider opportunities for electric bike charging. |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Key issues** | |
| Ian Smith (resident) | I fully support the policies contained in the draft Neighbourhood Plan for the following reasons: The two main issues identified by the local community in the initial survey stages of the Plan (Fig. 4) were: a) that any new housing should meet local needs rather than be used for holiday accommodation; and b) that green spaces and natural habitats should not be lost (See W3). In relation to the former, the Neighbourhood Plan policy provisions seem mainly aspirational since no new land is allocated for development outside the settlement boundaries. However, Policies W1 (Design), W2 (Housing Needs) and W4 (Conservation Area), provide sound guidelines to safeguard the community interest in the event of such development arising. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** The policies are not considered to be aspirational. Consideration was given to the allocation of land for housing development, however, as a result of the identified need, it was considered that it would be more appropriate for such development to come forward on a rural exception site (outside the settlement boundary and to deliver affordable housing to meet identified local needs). |
| **Section 4 – Sustainable development and climate change** | | |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Figure 4** | |
| Northumberland County Council | Typing error. Text should read: "Local carbon footprin**t**" | **Comments noted, amend as suggested.** |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Paragraph 4.9** | |
| Northumberland County Council | The Northumberland Local Plan sets a requirement for Warkworth Parish to provide for a minimum 70 net additional dwellings over the period 2016-2036. However, monitoring shows that there have been 127 completions in the first 6 years of the plan | **Comments noted, amend** to add further detail. |

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| | period; there is therefore no residual need for the neighbourhood plan to seek to allocate any additional sites for housing. This is referred to at paragraph 5.2, but it also adds weight to the decision to not review the settlement boundary through the neighbourhood plan; it could be useful to also reference this in paragraph 4.9. | |
| Tim Gray (resident) | My concern relates to section 4.9 (p18 of the plan). Here it leaves management of housing development outside the existing settlement boundary to policies within the local plan. However, likely areas to be suggested for further development are outside the current boundary, i.e. those to the south of the new Guildens estate, to the south of The Steadings and perhaps to the south-west of Montague Gardens. Wouldn't it be very valuable for any such development to be subject to the excellent criteria set out in W1 and W2? For that reason I think it could be worth considering amendment of the current boundary, even though I can see that determining exactly where an amended boundary should be, and providing a compelling rationale for it, would be difficult. | **Comments noted, amend** to explain that part of Amble settlement boundary lies within the parish. Policy W1 and W2 apply to development across the parish, not just that which takes place within a settlement boundary. |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Figure 5** | |
| Northumberland County Council | These may need to add the following:<br>"© Crown Copyright and Database Rights 2021 Ordnance Survey 100049048" | **Comments noted, amend as suggested.** |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Policy W1: Design** | |
| Northumberland County Council | Criterion (a) states that design should reflect *"the incremental and phased development of the neighbourhood area".* It is clear that incremental development would reflect the way that the settlement has developed in the past and is therefore locally distinctive as an approach. Given the tightness of the settlement boundary, it is difficult to see how criterion (a) could be applied to development proposals. It is suggested that consideration is given to amending the text to provide clarity.<br><br>Criterion (c) refers to the heritage assets, which are so key to the local distinctiveness of Warkworth. Even though there is a separate policy on the Warkworth Conservation Area, consideration could be given to the inclusion of a reference in W1 to design which conserves its integrity. | **Comments noted**, whilst it is acknowledged that the settlement boundary would restrict the development of market housing, given the housing needs, there could be an application for a rural exceptions site in the future on the edge of the settlement. Policy W1 would be applied to any such development and the parish council would want to see such a development reflect this character. **Amend** the first paragraph of the policy and criterion 'c' as suggested. |

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| | The words "*conserve and enhance local distinctiveness*" appear in the first paragraph. It is unclear what is meant by this, and the criteria within the policy seem to seek to maintain the current situation. It is considered that the text could be revised to read:<br>*"Development should ~~conserve and enhance local distinctiveness by~~ ~~demonstrating~~* ***demonstrate*** *high quality design, where appropriate and relevant to the development, by:"* | |
| AONB Partnership | The policy is supported and the design aspects covered are comprehensive. The following comments are made.<br>1) Other Neighbourhood Plans in the Northumberland Coast AONB have found it useful to reference the Northumberland Coast AONB Design Guide for the Built Environment. The AONB Partnership would support reference to our Design Guide in the Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan. It should be noted the Design Guide is currently being refreshed.<br>2) There appears to be some duplication between W1h and W1p. There is no definition of 'sufficient' parking or how needs should be assessed. Other NPs had suggested use or modification of NCC's parking standards, where parking issues are acute.<br>3) W1m covers external lighting - tranquillity and protection of the dark skies of the AONB could be added here in addition to residential amenity and wildlife.<br>4) W1q - in relation points above, light could be added to list of levels of pollutants. | **Comments noted, amend as suggested** to:<br>• include reference to the AONB Design Guide<br>• amend criterion 'h' and 'p' to remove duplication and add detail regarding parking standards contained within the local plan<br>• include reference to tranquillity, dark skies and light pollution. |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | Support the policy. Include solar panels, rain water tank in new builds; developers to improve existing village | **Noted, no amendments required.** It is not possible for a neighbourhood plan to require the installation of solar panels etc in new build developments. The policy does however support development which demonstrates a commitment to sustainable design and construction. |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John Howey (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Rod Galilee (resident) | Supports the policy. Very comprehensive | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Julia Chambers (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sarah Winlow (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | Welcome the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Deacon and Megan Forsyth (residents) | Support the policy. In particular energy efficiency and renewable energy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Margaret Gray (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Tim Gray (resident) | Supports the policy. In particular energy efficiency and renewable energy<br>I think this policy is excellent, even if its scope is very ambitious. | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sarah Haggie (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Gillian Maude (resident) | Sustainable design and construction must allow for highly insulated timber frame/triple glazed window designed for solar gain/solar PV on roof which will not necessarily result in 'traditional' looking buildings, but can nevertheless be designed sympathetically to fit in with their surroundings. Use of green rooves to be encouraged | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** It is not possible for the policy to require specific types of sustainable design and construction. |
| Anna Willey (resident) | Supports the policy<br>H – protecting visual beauty of the village is key<br>I – strong emphasis on appropriate drainage is essential | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Alistair Currie (resident) | Supports the policy. Parking and cycling storage provision is a key part of this policy, as parking in the village is already a concern. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Jane Brown (resident) | Supports the policy. Feel very concerned about air,water,noise pollution. Speed of through traffic - lots of emissions and noise. Chimney smoke levels need monitoring. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |

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| Alice Good (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Luke Currie (resident – age 14) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Lorna Allan (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Delphine Currie (resident – age 14) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Helen Bow (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John and Lynn Hayes (residents of Bedlington) | Support the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Anonymous | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Esther Currie (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| **Section 5 – Meeting housing needs** | | |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Paragraph 5.2** | |
| Northumberland County Council | The Northumberland Local Plan sets a requirement for Warkworth Parish to provide for a minimum 70 net additional dwellings over the period 2016-2036. However, monitoring shows that there have been 127 completions in the first 6 years of the plan period; there is therefore no residual need for the neighbourhood plan to seek to allocate any additional sites for housing. This is referred to at paragraph 5.2, but it also adds weight to the decision to not review the settlement boundary through the neighbourhood plan; it could be useful to also reference this in paragraph 4.9. | **Comments noted, amend** to include revised completions data. |

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| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Paragraph 5.4** | |
| Northumberland County Council | Comment from NCC Public Health: Paragraph 5.4 identifies specialist accommodation is unlikely to be able to meet the demands placed on the parish by the growing rates of those aged 75+. If specialist accommodation is unable to cater for the older demographic of Warkworth, the ambitions outlined in Policy W1: Design will be of high importance. Reducing perceptions of fear and crime, creating well connected neighbourhood and environments and promoting sustainable modes of transport will all likely promote independence and community connectivity, possibly alleviating the need for more specialist accommodation. | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Paragraph 5.4d** | |
| Northumberland County Council | Comment from NCC Public Health: The relatively large number of second and holiday homes is likely to diminish the sense of local community as well as having a negative economic impact (with some holiday makers bringing things like groceries in from their place of origin). | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| Northumberland County Council | These paragraphs refer to the 20% threshold in Local Plan Policy HOU 10 that needs to be met before requiring any new Use Class C3 dwellings to be occupied solely as a principal residence, and not be used as a second or holiday home.<br><br>It is important to note that, at present, the Local Plan Policy relies on the 2011 census information, which places Warkworth below the 20% threshold. Currently therefore, Policy HOU 10 does not apply to Warkworth Parish.<br><br>When the 2021 census data is published, it will allow an updating of the table that Policy HOU 10 relies upon, and the Policy would henceforth be applied to any parish that meets the 20% threshold.<br><br>Warkworth Parish Council is seeking to rely on data that is yet to be published and which may not provide the evidence to justify applying Policy HOU 10 to development proposals for new dwellings in the neighbourhood area.<br><br>If the Parish Council is confident that they have robust evidence to show that the percentage of non-permanent occupancy has crept above the 20% threshold – perhaps | **Comments noted, amend** to include rural exceptions policy within the plan. Also, explain that whilst within the settlement of Warkworth itself, predominantly the conservation area, there is likely a percentage of non-permanent occupancy that is above the 20% threshold there is limited space within the settlement boundary itself to develop new dwellings. |

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| | within the settlement of Warkworth itself? - we would advise including a policy in the neighbourhood plan that imposes the limitation, and that this could be seen to be in general conformity with the Local Plan. | |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Paragraph 5.7** | |
| Northumberland Estates | The WNDP has not allocated any housing development land and just allocated Local Green Space (LGS). Alongside this, our main concerns are with the evidenced housing need in the parish and therefore the length of time the WNDP is expected to last, up to 2036.<br><br>How does the Warkworth Parish Council expect to respond to the needs of the increasing ageing population and provide homes for young families, when the depleting housing stock is being sold as second homes? There is pressure from second home ownership and holiday accommodation and combined with rising house prices it is unlikely that these groups of people looking for suitable homes and starter / affordable homes will be able to live in Warkworth Parish.<br><br>67% of respondents to the survey were in favour of new housing if it was designed for older people and 70% were in favour if it was made affordable and designed as starter homes.<br><br>Warkworth has a high percentage of over 65's with 32% in 2011, this is greater than the 20% across Northumberland as a whole. This number will only have increased in the decade since. This trend is predicted to continue into the future with estimates that in 2039 the percentage of over 65s in Northumberland will have risen to around 35%. It is therefore recommended that more suitable accommodation for elderly people will be needed in this plan period.<br><br>It is clear that there is a need for some form of housing development in the parish in the next 15 years. The WNDP fails to address these evidenced housing needs by not identifying any development sites of suitable scale or location. There is no prospect of a rural exception site being delivered for small scale affordable housing in isolation. Furthermore, the settlement boundary has not been reviewed or amended to accommodate additional development with it being tightly drawn around the existing | **Noted, no amendments required** regarding the allocation of sites**.** The housing requirement for the parish, as identified in the local plan, has been significantly exceeded. The housing needs assessment highlights that the most significant finding was the need for affordable home ownership. The parish council considers the most appropriate way for this to be delivered is through rural exception sites. Whilst local plan policy HOU7 provides a policy framework to support their delivery, the plan will be **amended** to include a locally specific rural exception sites policy.<br><br>The parish council would welcome discussions with Northumberland Estates around opportunities to support the delivery of small-scale community led housing on NE land. **Amend** the plan to include a specific community action on community led housing to demonstrate the commitment of the parish council. |

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| | village settlement boundary. Northumberland Estates are also not aware of any available previously developed sites within Warkworth's settlement boundary. | |
| Alice Good (resident) | There is a huge lack of affordable housing in Warkworth, to buy or to rent. The availability is also a significant issue, likely compounded by the extent of second homes, given it is a desirable area to live. The more this continues, the greater the risk of loss of community – the same that has happened to many Cornish villages and indeed Craster and Alnmouth. Last year a modest 2 bedroom semi-detached was up for rent at £1,000pm. How is this affordable on local salaries? | **Noted, no amendments required.** The significant issue of affordability is highlighted within the housing needs assessment. The principle of the delivery of small-scale affordable housing schemes would be supported as rural exception sites. |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Policy W2: Meeting housing needs** | |
| Northumberland County Council | Policy W2, while very similar to Northumberland Local Plan Policy HOU 5, does add some local distinctiveness. | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| Amble Town Council | The plan proposes no areas for large scale development however this could be the only type of housing which a developer will consider- in essence all development is dependent upon the actual developer's desires and government dictates and it has been shown all too often that development cannot be governed by local policies despite neighbourhood plans.<br><br>Population and Housing 1059 households of which 230 are non- permanent residences. The age of those who responded could be a deciding factor in the valued community facilities and other responses. For example-this shows a higher percentage of non-children households and those over 45 years and over. This in turn could account for a higher percentage of those desiring smaller houses. However to retain and grow a vibrant community there should be a desire to accommodate more families.<br><br>Consideration should be given as to whether further interaction to capture the views of those under 45 years is needed before submission. | **Noted, no amendments required.** The housing requirement for the parish, as identified in the local plan, has been significantly exceeded, this is why the settlement boundary is not proposed for extension and no housing sites are proposed for allocation. The housing needs assessment highlights that the most significant finding was the need for affordable home ownership. The parish council considers the most appropriate way for this to be delivered is through rural exception sites. Local plan policy HOU7 provides the appropriate policy framework to support this.<br><br>Opportunities were provided to all to comment on both the draft plan and to be involved in early engagement. No members of the local community were excluded, however they cannot be forced to respond. |

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| Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership | The results of the housing needs survey and the housing needs assessment are really interesting and they clearly support the policy proposed. In regard to second homes and holiday homes, a point of clarification that HOU10 when referring to holiday homes, is not referring to holiday lets might be useful. This has been misunderstood elsewhere on the coast, and I am not clear from the plan whether 'holiday homes' in section 5.8 means holiday lets. I am assuming it does and, of course, often there can be crossover. It is easy to confuse HOU10 as meaning no more holiday lets once the parish is above 20% threshold - this is not the case; for clarity, only new dwellings are require principal residency. Existing dwellings do not need planning permission to become second homes or holiday lets, and developers can still apply for permission for new build holiday lets. I think 5.8 is clear on this point (apart from clarification needed about holiday homes) but it might be worthwhile really stating this clearly that the Neighbourhood Plan is not a silver bullet for what is the most concerning issue for Warkworth residents. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; amend** to ensure clarity regarding holiday homes and holiday lets and also reference to new build tourism accommodation. |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | Support the policy. | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John Howey (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | Totally agree. Fewer 5 bedroom houses for elderly retired couples, more smaller houses, preferably affordable to assist in correcting the skewed age demographic. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | The perception/reality of Warkworth being more desirable, and hence more expensive, than Amble may be correct. It may not be possible/desirable to change this. However, the two settlements are so close geographically, the parish boundaries indicate an even closer connection/overlap, and the services of Amble are so greatly used by Warkworth residents, that the housing needs/plans of both settlements should be considered together, so that the overall provision can be optimised. | **Comments noted, amend** the plan to explain the Warkworth NP can only plan for development within the neighbourhood area (the parish boundary). The local plan, when identifying the housing requirement considered the relationship between the two areas. As Amble is the larger area, with more services and facilities and less constraints, it |

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| | | was allocated a much higher housing figure in the local plan. |
| Julia Chambers (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | Local young people are not able to afford to live in Warkworth and consequently move away from the area. Second homes and holiday lets often take housing stock but offer little to community life and often do not support local business | **Noted, no amendments required.** The plan acknowledges that these are key issues and seeks to address them through the planning policies and community actions where appropriate. |
| Ian Smith (resident) | I fully support the policies contained in the draft Neighbourhood Plan for the following reasons: The two main issues identified by the local community in the initial survey stages of the Plan (Fig. 4) were: a) that any new housing should meet local needs rather than be used for holiday accommodation; and b) that green spaces and natural habitats should not be lost (See W3). In relation to the former, the Neighbourhood Plan policy provisions seem mainly aspirational since no new land is allocated for development outside the settlement boundaries. However, Policies W1 (Design), W2 (Housing Needs) and W4 (Conservation Area), provide sound guidelines to safeguard the community interest in the event of such development arising. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; amend** to include locally specific policy on rural exceptions sites to add detail to local plan policy HOU7. |
| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | The proportion of holiday let accommodation should be regulated to ensure an adequate supply of cheaper housing for local people. | **Noted, no amendments required.** Planning permission is not required to change the use of an existing dwelling to holiday accommodation. Local plan policy HOU10 requires that within parishes where 20% or more homes have been identified through the most up to date census as having no usual (permanent) residents, new dwellings will only be supported where they are to be occupied as a principal residence. The housing needs assessment suggests that 21% of dwellings in the parish could now have no permanent residents. If this is confirmed in the 2021 census data, then local plan policy HOU10 will apply to the parish. If it is not confirmed, then the policy cannot be applied. The option of applying the policy to a smaller area, such as the conservation area was considered, but it was felt to be of little value as there is no space for new development in this area and the policy only applies to development that requires planning permission, rather than the use of an existing residential dwelling as a holiday or second home. |
| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (resident) | Agreed | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Deacon and Megan Forsyth (resident) | It is hard to see where these may be appropriately positioned without unfortunately using areas that are to be protected as green spaces. | **Noted, no amendments required.** Affordable housing could be built outside the settlement boundary on small rural exception sites. |
| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | Reduction is required in the number of houses allowed to be sold to 2nd home owners or holiday lets | **Noted, no amendments required.** Planning permission is not required to change the use of an existing dwelling to holiday accommodation or a second home. Local plan policy HOU10 requires that within parishes where 20% or more homes have been identified through the most up to date census as having no usual (permanent) residents, new dwellings will only be supported where they are to be occupied as a principal residence. The housing needs assessment suggests that 21% of dwellings in the parish could now have no permanent residents. If this is confirmed in the 2021 census data, then local plan policy HOU10 will apply to the parish. |
| Margaret Gray (resident) | Although I broadly agree with the stated policy, I believe there may be an omission. Paragraph 5.8 notes that 'local plan policy HOU10 requires that within parishes where 20% or more homes have been identified through the most up to date census, as having no usual (permanent) residents, new dwellings will only be supported where they are occupied as a principal residence. As a result, there is no need to repeat this requirement within the neighbourhood plan.' However, it is not clear from the supporting text that the most up to date census does show that the relevant figure is above 20%. The figure above 20% seems to have come from 'a housing needs | **Support welcomed and comments noted.** The 2021 parish level census results are awaited, however the evidence from the housing needs assessment suggests that 21% of the dwellings in the parish could now have no permanent residents. **Amend** to provide further details on the position if the census does not identify that there are 20% or more |

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| | assessment'. In this case, the point may not be covered by the Local Plan Policy HOU10 and may need to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan? | homes. Also include reference to new rural exceptions site policy. |
| Sarah Haggie (resident) | Housing for local people and not expensive holiday lets. No more housing until infrastructure and facilities like overstretched doctors can catch up/be improved in advance | **Comments noted, no amendments required.** Both the draft neighbourhood plan and Northumberland Local Plan include policies which would support the delivery of new housing to meet local needs. The local plan also includes policies to ensure the infrastructure needs of new development are met. |
| Gillian Maude (resident) | Agree that any new housing should be only to meet identified needs - particularly for affordable housing, and small properties for older local people | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Anna Willey (resident) | Supports the policy. Essential to reflect the number of single person households – currently many single people living in large houses. NB 1 and 2 bedrooom properties are very attractive to AirBnB hosts (Airbnb not regulated) | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Alice Good (resident) | Housing needs assessed by second home owners should not be included. Not enough affordable rented/bought houses | **Noted, no amendments required.** It is understood that this comment may relate to the completion of the housing needs survey by 7 people who were not residents of the parish. This is a very small percentage of the overall numbers of respondents (428). The policy supports housing to meet identified local needs, not more second homes. |
| Luke Currie (resident - age 14) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Lorna Allan (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Delphine Currie (age 12 - resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Helen Bow (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John and Lynn Hayes (Residents of Bedlington) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Gillian Maude (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Anonymous | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Esther Currie (resident) | Supports the policy. Any new development must be primary residence only and will ideally be affordable for young people connected to the village. | **Support welcomed and comments noted, amend** to include locally specific policy on rural exceptions sites to add detail to local plan policy HOU7. With regards primary residences, local plan policy HOU10 requires that within parishes where 20% or more homes have been identified through the most up to date census as having no usual (permanent) residents, new dwellings will only be supported where they are to be occupied as a principal residence. The housing needs assessment suggests that 21% of dwellings in the parish could now have no permanent residents. If this is confirmed in the 2021 census data, then local plan policy HOU10 will apply to the parish. If it is not confirmed, then the policy cannot be applied. The option of applying the policy to a smaller |

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| | | area, such as the conservation area was considered, but it was felt to be of little value as there is no space for new development in this area and the policy only applies to development that requires planning permission, rather than the use of an existing residential dwelling as a holiday or second home. |
| Alistair Currie (resident) | Supports the policy. Any new development of housing must be primary residence and affordable for young people or suitable for older people. | **Support welcomed and comments noted, no amendments required.** Local plan policy HOU10 requires that within parishes where 20% or more homes have been identified through the most up to date census as having no usual (permanent) residents, new dwellings will only be supported where they are to be occupied as a principal residence. The housing needs assessment suggests that 21% of dwellings in the parish could now have no permanent residents. If this is confirmed in the 2021 census data, then local plan policy HOU10 will apply to the parish. |
| Jane Brown (resident) | Supports the policy, however the plan does not seem to be linked fully with the infrastructure needed to support housing needs e.g. Doctors, transport links, shop etc. Affordability - what does this mean. | **Support welcomed and comments noted, no amendments required.** The local plan includes policies to ensure that infrastructure required as a result of new development is provided. |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Paragraph 5.8** | |
| Northumberland County Council | Comment from NCC Public Health: The relatively large number of second and holiday homes is likely to diminish the sense of local community as well as having a negative | **Noted, no amendments required.** |

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| | economic impact (with some holiday makers bringing things like groceries in from their place of origin). | |
| Northumberland County Council | These paragraphs refer to the 20% threshold in Local Plan Policy HOU 10 that needs to be met before requiring any new Use Class C3 dwellings to be occupied solely as a principal residence, and not be used as a second or holiday home.<br><br>It is important to note that, at present, the Local Plan Policy relies on the 2011 census information, which places Warkworth below the 20% threshold. Currently therefore, Policy HOU 10 does not apply to Warkworth Parish.<br><br>When the 2021 census data is published, it will allow an updating of the table that Policy HOU 10 relies upon, and the Policy would henceforth be applied to any parish that meets the 20% threshold.<br><br>Warkworth Parish Council is seeking to rely on data that is yet to be published and which may not provide the evidence to justify applying Policy HOU 10 to development proposals for new dwellings in the neighbourhood area.<br><br>If the Parish Council is confident that they have robust evidence to show that the percentage of non-permanent occupancy has crept above the 20% threshold – perhaps within the settlement of Warkworth itself? - we would advise including a policy in the neighbourhood plan that imposes the limitation, and that this could be seen to be in general conformity with the Local Plan. | **Comments noted, amend** to include rural exceptions policy within the plan. The requirements of Policy HOU10 are understood. The housing needs assessment suggests that 21% of dwellings in the parish could now have no permanent residents. If this is confirmed in the 2021 census data, then local plan policy HOU10 will apply to the parish. If it is not confirmed, then the policy cannot be applied. The option of applying the policy to a smaller area, such as the conservation area was considered, but it was felt to be of little value as there is no space for new development in this area and the policy only applies to development that requires planning permission, rather than the use of an existing residential dwelling as a holiday or second home. This will be captured within the submission plan. |
| Northumberland County Council | Typing error. Text should read:<br>"…although current figures ~~form~~ **from** council tax records…" | **Comments noted, amend as suggested.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | I expect a number of the holiday lets are run as small businesses and do not attract business rates, neither are they paying council tax. Some means of ensuring a revenue stream from the people that benefit from our village but don't pay for it should be considred. | **Noted, no amendments required.** It is not possible for the neighbourhood plan to require payments from holiday let businesses, however the parish council are asking for voluntary contributions. |

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| **Section 6 – Distinctive natural, built and historic environment** | | |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **General** | |
| AONB Partnership | Thank you for consulting the AONB Partnership team on the draft plan. My only additional comment on the plan is about the wording in section 6, in particular about the AONB designation. Mention of the AONB is under the heading 'natural environment' however (sorry to split hairs!) it is something different. Perhaps this could solved by changing the title of this section to 'Designations' rather than 'Natural Environment'? This would work better for 6.3 and 6.4 as ENV1-5 are not just about the natural environment. This nuance should be reflected in Aim 3 – that is title 'Environment' but then goes on to talk about 'natural environment'. | **Comments noted, amend** to ensure the statutory purpose of the AONB are clearly explained, although it is considered appropriate to retain the split of headings within the plan to natural, built and historic environment. |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Figure 6** | |
| Northumberland County Council | These may need to add the following:<br>"© Crown Copyright and Database Rights 2021 Ordnance Survey 100049048" | **Comments noted, amend as suggested.** |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Policy W3: Local green space** | |
| Northumberland County Council | Given the known health and social benefits of open green space Public Health would absolutely support Policy W3 and the long list of local attributes this policy looks to protect.<br>The County Council as landowner has made the following comments in relation to sites within the Council's ownership:<br>• LGS04 – Play area – No comment<br>• LGS08 – Millennium garden- No comment<br>• LGS10 – Rotary Way – The County Council owns some but not all of this area. In addition, large parts of the proposed area are adopted highway protecting the footpaths and verges as highway. We would be concerned if further designation restricted our ability to use the land as highway or to undertake any road improvement schemes. We would therefore ask that you look into this further before progressing with the proposed designation as to whether it is possible to make adopted highway a Local Green Space<br>• LGS11 – The Braid – As with Plot 3, the County Council does not own all of the proposed area of Plot 4. A large area to the west side of the site is owned by Northumberland Estates. The majority of the County Council ownership is | **Support welcomed and comments noted.** In response to the comments regarding LGS10 – Rotary Way, **amend** to remove LGS allocation.<br><br>It is acknowledged that part of LGS11 – The Braid is already designated as village green and is therefore protected. However, given the importance of the area to the local community it is considered appropriate to propose its designation as LGS.<br><br>The allocation of land as LGS does not grant access to land – therefore the allocation of LGS13 – school playing fields as LGS would not result in safeguarding issues. |

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| | already designated as village green, in theory already providing a high level of protection, so we accept the principle of designation of the County Council owned land within Plot 4 land.<br>• LGS13 – School playing fields – The County Council owns the playing fields at the school. These are an operational part of the school and for safeguarding reasons the school needs to control all access to the site. The County Council's Strategic Estates have stated that they are therefore not happy for these to designated as Local Green Space.<br>• LGS18 – Birling Gap – No comment. | |
| Amble Town Council | Whilst protection of local spaces is vital, the largest such area- the Braid- which borders Amble Parish requires greater emphasis on its importance and should include recent comments from NCC Officers about this. The open landscape nature, the environmental habitat and the social/ recreational value of the area all need to be stressed much more. | **Comments noted, amend** background paper to include more detail regarding the importance of the proposed allocation. |
| Northumberland Estates | Paragraph 101 of the NPPF is quoted in the LGS background paper, stating that *"designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services."* The WNDP has not complied with Paragraph 101 because in designating LGS it has not complemented these with sustainable development relating to investment in sufficient homes etc.<br><br>Paragraph 98 of the NPPF also states *that "planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport, and recreation facilities (including quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses) and opportunities for new provision. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sport and recreational provision is needed, which plans should then seek to accommodate."* Northumberland Estates questions whether there have been any up-to-date assessments undertaken and if there is an evidenced need for this amount of LGS?<br><br>Northumberland Estates support the designation of LGS in appropriate, well evidenced and defined locations but objects to blanket LGS designations without the balance of | <u>LGS11 – The Braid</u><br>Whilst the site is large it is not considered an extensive tract of land when viewed in the context of the settlement of Amble and Warkworth. It is accepted that the site is directly adjacent to Amble, however that does not mean it should not be included for protection within the Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan. It is special to the local community of Warkworth and Amble therefore its protection is considered appropriate.<br><br>The suggestion that the proposed allocation is inconsistent with the local plan designation as protected open space is incorrect. The local plan is clear that local green spaces can |

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| | achieving economic, social and environmental objectives in the local area. Northumberland Estates questions how the designations have been used and whether the necessary criteria set out in the background paper have actually been met. Paragraph 102 of the NPPF explains that *"LGS designation should only be used where the green space is:*<br>*a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;*<br>*b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife;*<br>*c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land"*<br><br>It is considered that The Braid, near Amble (LGS11), Warkworth Golf Course (LGS12) and Birling Gap (LGS18) do not meet the criteria of paragraph 102, and therefore Northumberland Estates objects to their allocation.<br><br><u>LGS11 – The Braid</u><br>This site near Amble is extensive covering just over 15 acres. The site is right at the far southern boundary of Warkworth Parish and does not relate well or directly serve the community of Warkworth, nor is it in close proximity.<br><br>The designation is also inconsistent with the Northumberland Local Plan allocation, which only has part of the Braid designated as protected open space on its policies map.<br><br>The designation of the WNDP area goes right up to The Gut and includes land that is within the Amble Settlement Boundary and is not actually in Warkworth Parish Boundary. Northumberland Estates considers that the WNDP can not allocate land that is within the Amble settlement boundary and outwith Warkworth Parish – this is surely for Amble Town Council to be involved with. Has Amble Town Council been involved in the WNDP under the duty to cooperate with regards to this LGS allocation?<br><br>Also, Northumberland Estates consider that Warkworth Parish Council are not in a position to effectively restrict development in Amble by designating LGS – this area is within Amble's settlement boundary of the Local Plan and Northumberland County Council have acknowledged that development within the settlement boundary is | be designated through neighbourhood plans, it is also entirely appropriate to identify land within a settlement boundary as local green space. Also, the only land that is proposed for designation lies within Warkworth Parish – not Amble. The parish/ plan area boundary is clearly shown on the policies maps (which were prepared by NCC).<br><br>Amble Town Council were consulted on the draft plan and support the designation of the site as local green space. It should be noted that the 'duty to cooperate' does not apply to neighbourhood plan making.<br><br><u>LGS12 – Warkworth Golf Course</u><br>**Comments noted, amend** to remove the site as LGS.<br><br><u>LGS18 – Birling Gap</u><br>It is considered that the site is not an extensive tract of land and that it is proportionate to the size of Warkworth. However whilst it is a haven for wildlife, in recognition that it is an agricultural field and could be cultivated the plan will be **amended** to remove the proposed LGS designation. |

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| | accepted in principle, seeing as it is a highly sustainable location. The WNDP can't sterilise this opportunity for sustainable development.<br><br><u>LGS12 – Warkworth Golf Course</u><br>The Golf Course stretches for 1.3km in length along the coast and the designation covers nearly 45 acres. This can be easily described as an extensive tract of land.<br><br><u>LGS18 – Birling Gap</u><br>Birling Gap is outlined as a 'small area of land', however at nearly 8 acres this isn't the case.<br><br>It is also described as being 'in the heart of the community' but is positioned on the periphery of Warkworth in the north-eastern corner of the village and outside of the settlement boundary.<br><br>The background paper also describes Birling Gap as having local historic significance due to its proximity to a cemetery and grade II listed chapel. These are well screened with vegetation and the space stretches so far north that much of the northern portion of the designation is a significant distance from the church.<br><br>Ecological significance and richness of wildlife in the LGS's, for spaces such as Birling Gap, is also queried as this site will be similar to neighbouring land. Northumberland Estates query if any recent ecological surveys have taken place to support this?<br><br>Northumberland Estates have previously been in consultation with Warkworth Parish Council regarding the potential for a WNDP and provided our thoughts on development aspirations in August 2021 – see attached letter and plan. It is interesting to note that this agricultural field site was previously identified for potential development relating to the existing car park area and is now proposed to be protected under the LGS policy. Given its agricultural field status and location, any number of fields surrounding Warkworth could also be allocated as LGS. | |
| Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership | I would propose the cemeteries be included, along with the small area opposite the entrance to the cemeteries, that forms a viewing platform over Warkworth. | **Comments noted, no amendments required.** Cemeteries are protected by the church (and |

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| | | law), so LGS designation would not add any further protection. |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | Support the policy. | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Julia Chambers (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Ian Smith (resident) | The most important aspect of the Neighbourhood Plan is therefore the statutory protection it affords for Local Green Spaces (Policy W3). The designation of such sites is a matter which the recently approved Northumberland Local Plan (March 2022; paras 14.35-7) devolves to Neighbourhood Plans and affords them protection akin to the Green Belt. The accompanying Background Paper on Local Green Space records that a sizeable total of 252 respondents in the original survey supported the protection of The Braid for recreational purposes (Appendix 2, LGS11) and confirms its use and value as such. The Paper also demonstrates that all the designated LGS areas comply with National and County policy guidelines, not just those in Warkworth itself but also at The Braid, adjacent to Amble town. However, it is to be noted that, in respect of the latter, the LGS boundary has been more tightly drawn since the initial consultation draft was published in May of this year. The reasons have not been given (perhaps to exclude parking, boat club and recycling facilities) but the designated LGS area should, at the very least, include all the land defined as Protected Open Space in the NLP, as well as | **Support welcomed and comments noted, amend** the boundary of the site to be reconsidered and background paper to include more details regarding its importance to the local community. |

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| | the important green frontage to the A1068. Nevertheless, I welcome the fact that the core area of The Braid has been designated as a Local Green Space (LGS11). The Braid is a prominent and well-defined area of public open space immediately adjacent to the built-up area of Amble and is criss-crossed by a network of paths which are intensively used by the town's residents as well as shoppers and walkers on the National coastal footpath coming from Warkworth and by visitors to the area. It is one of the few semi-natural public open spaces in the town and has great recreational value as a walking circuit in a pleasant natural environment bounded by The Gut watercourse. Historically, the area comprised coastal marsh and mudflats which was subject to rubbish tipping by Amble District Council from the 1920s onwards. Eventually, the land (approximately the wider LGS11 area as defined in the May draft of the WNP) was sold on 1 February 1972 by the Northumberland estate to Northumberland County Council for £1,000 with a covenant restricting its use to picnic and recreational activities. In September 1977, NCC then adopted a policy document "The Braid, Amble – Future Development Proposals" which allocated the eastern section for marina and related developments but designated the remaining western area as Public Open Space. In May 1978 planning approval was therefore granted by NCC for the use of The Braid for informal recreational purposes, car park, toilets and a footpath link across The Gut (Planning Application 78/A/87: Plan LA/R/1585A). The landfill and landscaping works were completed in the 1970s and the marina built in 1987. Meanwhile, for land management purposes, NCC transferred ownership of the western margin of The Braid to Alnwick District Council on 30 May 1979 for a nominal sum but subject to the same restrictive covenant that it be used for public recreational purposes only. Additional Braid land to the north of the current glass recycling area was also transferred to ADC for recreational purposes on 14 March 1983. Since then, all this land has been used as public open space, its network of mown paths being regularly maintained by the local authorities. Accordingly, The Braid (between The Gut and the Marina drive) was designated primarily as Public Open Space in the Alnwick District Wide Local Plan (1997), but allowing for some marina-related tourist development. Nevertheless, despite the adopted polices, restrictive covenants, and apparently in some secrecy, ADC sold the western margin of The Braid to Northumberland Estates (Hotspur Land Ltd) on 8 July 2010 for £756,000 in order to facilitate an abortive supermarket development. | |

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| | Although this portion of The Braid is still owned by Northumberland Estates, it has nevertheless continued to be freely used as public open space without hindrance or express permission, i.e. 'as of right'. In the adopted Northumberland Local Plan most of The Braid is now designated as Protected Open Space but for for a 'white' margin along its western side, an anomaly which has arisen due to the particular circumstances of the granting of Village Green status to the majority of The Braid in 2009. At that time, there was a current planning proposal to construct an access road along the west side of The Braid to service a supermarket development at Braid Hill (Ref. A/2008/0002: the planning consent was not implemented and lapsed in May 2018). Under the provisions of The Commons Act 2006, the planning proposal, a 'trigger event', therefore meant that Village Green status could not be conferred on the western strip and it was therefore excluded from the VG designation at that time. Nevertheless, the distinction between the two areas is purely artificial and the whole of The Braid, east and west, has been used as public open space for over 40 years, as of right. The importance of the whole of The Braid as valuable public open space has recently been recognised, at officer level, by Northumberland County Council. In a recent Planning Committee report on a further proposal to build a road over The Braid to new housing development at Braid Hill (6 December 2022; Ref. 22/1051/FUL), the officer assessment concluded that "the proposed vehicular access across the Braid, together with the introduction of vehicular movements, would result in a visually intrusive form of development that would be out of character with the open landscape character of this area and change the overall nature and use of the Braid. As such, it would result in unacceptable harmful impacts on the visual amenities of The Braid itself and the wider setting of the Northumberland Coast AONB (para 8.9)." And, furthermore, that "the proposed construction of the access road will result in the loss of an area of open space within the Braid. As such, even though the open space on which the proposed road is to be constructed is not in itself designated as Protected Open Space, Policy INF 5 nevertheless requires evidence that it is either surplus to requirements or that the loss of open space is to be replaced. The applicant has not provided an Open Space Assessment and as such, no evidence has been provided to indicated that the open space is no longer required (para 8.12)." Some 200 objections had been received concerning the proposal, almost universally condemning development on The Braid, | |

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| | and the application had been recommended for refusal including, inter alia, the above reasons. Although the planning application was withdrawn and the Committee report remained unconsidered, it confirms that the Neighbourhood Plan designation of The Braid as Local Green Space 11 would be likely to meet with NCC officer approval and would help safeguard a much used and valuable community asset. | |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | The Parish is fortunate to have an existing designation of such spaces through AONB; SSSI etc. However the additional designation of "local green space" will assist greatly in the future. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| John Howey (resident) | Strongly support the whole of the Braid being allocated as LGS and would like to see those spaces adjacent to the car park and recycling area included also | **Support welcomed and comments noted; amend** boundary on the policies map and background paper to include the land south of the slipway access road. |
| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | I fully support the policies contained in the draft Neighbourhood Plan, especially Policy W3 and the statutory protection it affords for Local Green Spaces and The Braid in particular.<br><br>The Braid is extensively used by the town's residents as well as shoppers and walkers on the National coastal footpath coming from Warkworth and by visitors to the area. It is one of the few semi-natural public open spaces in the local vicinity and has great recreational value as a walking circuit in a pleasant natural environment. I personally make extensive use of The Braid for walking my dog nearly every day and also for photographing the wildlife such as barn owls hunting over The Braid. I am surprised that the WPC Neighbourhood Plan does not acknowledge the clear social and environmental historic significance of The Braid. Once Amble's municipal tip, it was re-wilded in the early 1970s, primarily through government funding, and it has been used ever since for public recreation. It now forms part of the 'Amble History Trail'. It is now home to several of the Amble Bord Waalk sculptures and when all sculptures are installed will be part of the Amble Bord Waalk going across The Braid right across to the other side of Amble and Hauxley. It also hosts the ceremonial coastal beacon next to the Amble Marina. Part of The Braid was sold in 2010 by Alnwick District Council/Northumberland | **Support welcomed and comments noted; amend** background paper to include more detail of the importance to the local community, historic and wildlife value. |

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| | County Council to Northumberland Estates. However since the 1970s the land has been continually managed and mown by Alnwick District Council/Northumberland County Council and used extensively by the public who have had constant for open access to it. The importance of the whole of The Braid as valuable public open space has recently been recognised, at officer level, by Northumberland County Council. In a recent Planning Committee report on a proposal to build a road over The Braid to new housing development at Braid Hill (6 December 2022; Ref. 22/1051/FUL – now withdrawn), the officer assessment concluded that "the proposed vehicular access across the Braid, together with the introduction of vehicular movements, would result in a visually intrusive form of development that would be out of character with the open landscape character of this area and change the overall nature and use of The Braid. As such, it would result in unacceptable harmful impacts on the visual amenities of The Braid itself and the wider setting of the Northumberland Coast AONB (para 8.9)." | |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | It is particulary important to me that The Braid, Amble is retained as an open public space | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | With regard to designating The Braid as open green space, I would like to make the following comments: • I fully support the policies contained in the draft Neighbourhood Plan, especially Policy W3 and the statutory protection it affords for Local Green Spaces and The Braid in particular • I am not surprised that over 250 respondents in the original community survey supported the protection of The Braid given its prolific use for recreational purposes. It is extensively used by the town's residents as well as shoppers and walkers on the National coastal footpath coming from Warkworth and by visitors to the area. It is one of the few semi-natural public open spaces in the local vicinity and has great recreational value as a walking circuit in a pleasant natural environment • I personally make extensive use of The Braid, using it daily to walk my dogs and relax in a calm, natural environment • I am surprised that the WPC Neighbourhood Plan does not acknowledge the clear social and environmental historic significance of The Braid. Once Amble's municipal tip, it was re-wilded in the early 1970s, primarily through | **Support welcomed and comments noted; amend** background paper to include more detail of the importance to the local community, historic and wildlife value. |

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| | government funding, and it has been used ever since for public recreation. It now forms part of the 'Amble History Trail' • It is now home to several of the Amble Bord Waalk sculptures and hosts a ceremonial coastal beacon • Although part of The Braid was sold in 2010 by Alnwick District Council/Northumberland County Council to Northumberland Estates, ever since the 1970s the land has been continually managed and mown by Alnwick District Council/Northumberland County Council and the public has had constant open access to it • The importance of the whole of The Braid as valuable public open space has recently been recognised, at officer level, by Northumberland County Council. In a recent Planning Committee report on a proposal to build a road over The Braid to new housing development at Braid Hill (6 December 2022; Ref. 22/1051/FUL – now withdrawn), the officer assessment concluded that "the proposed vehicular access across the Braid, together with the introduction of vehicular movements, would result in a visually intrusive form of development that would be out of character with the open landscape character of this area and change the overall nature and use of the Braid. As such, it would result in unacceptable harmful impacts on the visual amenities of The Braid itself and the wider setting of the Northumberland Coast AONB (para 8.9)." I would specifically request that, in the Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan Local Green Space Background Paper, the clear social and environmental historic significance of The Braid is acknowledged in the comments section and that the relevant box in the chart is ticked.<br><br>I completed a submission on the Warkworth Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan on line but had no acknowledgement that you had received it.<br><br>Just in case it has gone astray, I would like to take the opportunity through this email to make the following comments:<br><br>• I fully support the policies contained in the draft Neighbourhood Plan, especially Policy W3 and the statutory protection it affords for Local Green Spaces and The Braid in particular<br>• I am are not surprised that over 250 respondents in the original community survey supported the protection of The Braid given its prolific use for recreational purposes. It is extensively used by the town's residents as well as shoppers and walkers | |

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| | on the National coastal footpath coming from Warkworth and by visitors to the area. It is one of the few semi-natural public open spaces in the local vicinity and has great recreational value as a walking circuit in a pleasant natural environment<br>• I personally make extensive use of it to walk my dogs and generally exercise<br>• I am surprised that the WPC Neighbourhood Plan does not acknowledge the clear social and environmental historic significance of The Braid. Once Amble's municipal tip, it was re-wilded in the early 1970s, primarily through government funding, and it has been used ever since for public recreation. It now forms part of the 'Amble History Trail'. I would specifically request that the Neighbpourhood Plan is amended to reflect The Briad's historical significance.<br>• The Braid is now home to several of the Amble Bord Waalk sculptures and hosts a ceremonial coastal beacon<br>• Although part of The Braid was sold in 2010 by Alnwick District Council/Northumberland County Council to Northumberland Estates, since the 1970s the land has been continually managed and mown by Alnwick District Council/Northumberland County Council and the public has had constant open access to it<br>• The importance of the whole of The Braid as valuable public open space has recently been recognised, at officer level, by Northumberland County Council. In a recent Planning Committee report on a proposal to build a road over The Braid to new housing development at Braid Hill (6 December 2022; Ref. 22/1051/FUL – now withdrawn), the officer assessment concluded that "the proposed vehicular access across the Braid, together with the introduction of vehicular movements, would result in a visually intrusive form of development that would be out of character with the open landscape character of this area and change the overall nature and use of the Braid. As such, it would result in unacceptable harmful impacts on the visual amenities of The Braid itself and the wider setting of the Northumberland Coast AONB (para 8.9)." | |
| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | As one whose family have lived in, loved and enjoyed the area for many generations, I wholly support the designations numbered 1-19 as Local Green Spaces. They all jointly and severally make an important contribution, either to the overall visual appeal of our beautiful Parish, or to the life and recreation of its community. I support the community | **Support welcomed and comments noted; amend** background paper to include more detail of the importance to the local community, historic and wildlife value. |

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| | actions proposed to protect both our environment and heritage. However, in common with many others at the present time, I have a particular concern about “The Braid near Amble” (LGS11), which has recently been under threat, following an application (now withdrawn) to construct a private access road across it. The Braid does of course meet the criteria for eligibility as defined in the relevant clauses. Whilst the Pre-submission Draft Plan concludes that it does not meet the "Historical Significance" category, I beg to differ. The stretch of coastline upon which it lies is rich in history and social significance - from the World War I Shipyard (where my own Grandmother worked) and where boat building began on the Braid at the end of the 18th century, to the re-wilding in the 1970s when its use as a landfill site ceased, through to today's "Amble History Trail" and splendid Bord Waalk sculptures. More than 200 objections to any incursion onto The Braid were formally lodged with Northumberland County Council by members of the public, and demonstrate the strength of local feeling in support of its preservation. This much-loved valuable space has been continuously used for over forty years for safe recreation, the majority of it having been formally registered as a Village Green through the efforts of local people in 2009. Regrettably, following a seemingly private arrangement, the then Alnwick District Council subsequently sold the remaining strip along the western edge to Northumberland Estates to provide access to a proposed supermarket development, which never took place, and permission for which has since lapsed. Throughout the intervening years, the latter portion has continued to form part of The Braid, be used by the public in the same way, and indeed has been maintained as part of the whole, with clear pathways regularly mown by Northumberland County Council at the public expense. The loss of The Braid as a public amenity, given its importance for recreation and safe access for pedestrians, cyclists, children and dogs, as well as its status as a wildlife habitat would be immeasurable and once lost, it can never be retrieved. Indeed its importance has recently been recognised by Northumberland County Council in a report recommending refusal of the (now withdrawn) application to construct a vehicle access as "a visually intrusive form of development out of character with the open landscape character of this area and (would) change the overall nature and use of The Braid. As such it would result in unacceptable harmful impacts on the visual amenities of The Braid itself and the wider setting of the Northumberland Coast AONB". It is therefore devoutly hoped that the | Amend boundary to include all land south of the slipway access road |

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| | Neighbourhood Plan will formally designate the (whole) Braid as a Local Green Space and afford it the permanent statutory protection it deserves. | |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | I would include the land bounded by the A1068 and the track between the A1068 and the cemetery car park as a LGS. If this were developed the character of the entry to the village from the north would be significantly detrimentally affected. | **Comments noted, no amendments required** to the plan. It is considered that the area referred to would be too large to be identified as local green space. Land outside the settlement boundary is considered to be open countryside and would therefore be protected from development. LGS background paper to be **amended** to include an assessment of the site. |
| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | We fully support the policies contained in the draft Neighbourhood Plan, especially Policy W3 and the statutory protection it affords for Local Green Spaces and The Braid in particular. We would strongly suggest that the whole of the Braid site should be included in the proposed LGS designation to prevent any future development either on or across any part of this important natural asset. We are somewhat surprised that the Braid has not been recognised as having historical significance as part of the site evaluation as, although it may not directly compare with the historical significance of Warkworth Castle and other historic monuments, the Braid has been an important area for recreational activity since it was remediated using Government funding in the 1970s and now provides one of the few, large open green spaces in the Parish. A fact that is recognised by its use for public celebrations such as the Jubilee fireworks, as a home for one of the coastal beacons and, latterly as the location for a number of sculptures which form part of the Amble Bord Waalk and as part of the "Amble History Trail". | **Support welcomed and comments noted, amend** the boundary of the site to include all land south of the slipway access road and background paper to include more details regarding its importance to the local community. |
| Jonathan Deacon and Megan Forsyth (residents) | Support the policy. | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Tony Regan (Amble resident) | I would like to request that the Parish Council does all in its powers to protect the area know as Amble Braid and falls with WPC'a jurisdiction. There is clear documentary | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |

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| | evidence that this area, once quite an eyesore, benefitted from considerable national and local taxpayer investment to create a recreational facility that could be enjoyed by local people. WPC are uniquely placed to protect Amble Braid for the continued enjoyment of residents. There has been an attempt to build on this land, a move which if approved would take away a significant amenity that has been available to the local community for 50+ years. In taking steps to protect Amble Braid WPC can demonstrate a commitment to protecting an open space to be enjoyed by generations to come | |
| Margaret Gray (resident) | For clarity, it would seem important to me to include, within the plan itself, the map showing all the Local Green Space areas (which are not all shown in Figure 7). | **Comments noted, amend** to include a plan illustrating the location of all of the LGSs proposed for designation. |
| Tim Gray (resident) | I think the Burgage plots should be considered as key heritage assets. Designating them simply as green spaces devalues their importance, which is national as well as local. More generally, the map showing the proposed green spaces that appears in the background document should be included in the NP itself. | **Comments noted,** the local green space designation provides very strong protection. **Amend** policy W4 to refer to the importance of the Burgage plots as heritage assets within the conservation area and include a plan illustrating the location of all of the LGSs proposed for designation. |
| Sarah Haggie (resident) | To whom it may concern As a local resident I wish to express my support for all the policies contained in the draft neighbourhood plan. In particular policy w3 and the proposed allocation of the braid and other sites as local green space to be protected from development. The braid is an essential community amenity for recreation and has been extensively used in its entirety as such since the 70s. It is an area of natural beauty and is a vital wildlife habitat. The whole of the braid should be designated as green space to protect it from development and conserve it as the valuable recreational Space it is. Since the initial draft consultation the area boundary for the braid being proposed has been made slightly smaller, no longer including the area north of the marina road nor the small woodland area north of Rivergreen, if anything this should be re included as well, and I wholly support the areas being proposed. I personally walk on the braid daily, and jog weekly around the crisscrossing paths, and it is a vital amenity for exercise, fresh air and mental health. The braids value to our community was demonstrated by | **Support welcomed and comments noted, amend** the boundary of the site to include all of the land south of the slipway access road and background paper to include more details regarding its importance to the local community. |

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| | the over 250 respondents in the original community survey the were received in support of its protection and allocation as green space. Similarly the importance of the whole of The Braid as valuable public open space has recently been recognised, at officer level, by Northumberland County Council. The planning officer recommended against granting planning permission to the application 6 December 2022; Ref. 22/1051/FUL. They concluded that the proposed vehicular access across the Braid, together with the introduction of vehicular movements, would result in a visually intrusive form of development that would be out of character with the open landscape character of this area and change the overall nature and use of the Braid. As such, it would result in unacceptable harmful impacts on the visual amenity. The application was subsequently withdrawn. I feel the braid has clear social and environmental historic significance having once been ambles tip, that was re-wilded in the 70s with government funding and has been used in its entirety ever since for public recreation. I remember walking my grandparents dog and having picnics there in the mid 1980s, and have enjoyed similar activities regularly there since and it is now part of the Amble history trail. There are also the new sculptures, the beacon and in recent years there has been several celebratory firework events that there is no other appropriate sites locally to host. Kind regards<br><br>As a local resident I wish to express my support for all the policies contained in the draft neighbourhood plan. In particular policy w3 and the proposed allocation of the braid and other sites as local green space to be protected from development. The braid is an essential community amenity for recreation and has been extensively used in its entirety as such since the 70s. It is an area of natural beauty and is a vital wildlife habitat. The whole of the braid should be designated as green space to protect it from development and conserve it as the valuable recreational space it is. Since the initial draft consultation the area boundary for the braid being proposed has been made slightly smaller, no longer including the area north of the marina road nor the small woodland area north of Rivergreen, if anything this should be re included as well, and I wholly support the areas being proposed.<br>I personally walk on the braid daily, and jog weekly around the crisscrossing paths, and it is a vital amenity for exercise, fresh air and mental health. | |

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| | The braids value to our community was demonstrated by the over 250 respondents in the original community survey the were received in support of its protection and allocation as green space.<br><br>Similarly the importance of the whole of The Braid as valuable public open space has recently been recognised, at officer level, by Northumberland County Council. The planning officer recommended against granting planning permission to the application 6 December 2022; Ref. 22/1051/FUL. They concluded that the proposed vehicular access across the Braid, together with the introduction of vehicular movements, would result in a visually intrusive form of development that would be out of character with the open landscape character of this area and change the overall nature and use of the Braid. As such, it would result in unacceptable harmful impacts on the visual amenity. The application was subsequently withdrawn.<br><br>I feel the braid has clear social and environmental historic significance having once been ambles tip, that was re-wilded in the 70s with government funding and has been used in its entirety ever since for public recreation. I remember walking my grandparents dog and having picnics there in the mid 1980s, and have enjoyed similar activities regularly there since and it is now part of the Amble history trail.<br><br>There are also the new sculptures, the beacon and in recent years there has been several celebratory firework events that there is no other appropriate sites locally to host. | |
| Gillian Maude (resident) | I agree with all the proposed protected sites. | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John and Lynn Hayes (residents of Bedlington) | We write in support of the policies contained in the draft Neighbourhood Plan, in particular Policy W3 which affords protection for local green spaces including the Braid. As former residents of Warkworth for almost 20 years, we are fully aware that the Braid is well used by local residents and visitors alike, being one of the few semi-natural public open spaces in the area, even more so now that the Bord Waalk sculpture trail is being established along with the coastal footpath for walkers, the coastal beacon and the Amble History Trail. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; amend** background paper to include more detail of the importance to the local community, historic and wildlife value. |

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| | The site was re-wilded in many years ago primarily with Government funding and has been used ever since for public recreation. Although Northumberland Estates acquired part of the Braid in 2010 it continued to be managed, first by Alnwick District Council and then by the County Council, and the public has had constant open access to it for recreational purposes.<br><br>The whole of the Braid has been recognised by the County Council as a valuable open space, and Northumberland Estates' application to build a road across the Braid and build an overbearing mass of ugly housing at Braid Hill was recommended for refusal by NCC's Planning Officer resulting in the application subsequently being withdrawn.<br><br>Any development on the Braid or at Braid Hill would be visually intrusive in the open landscape and would permanently change the nature and use of the Braid itself. There would be unacceptable impact on visual amenity, on recreational use and on wildlife, and would irreparably damage the Northumberland Coastal AONB as a whole. | |
| Geoff Grey (Amble resident) | I fully support the policy, especially the statutory protection of the Braid as it is used extensively for public recreation | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Anna Willey (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Alice Good (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Luke Currie (resident - age 14) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Lorna Allan (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Delphine Currie (resident - age 12) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Helen Bow (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Anonymous | Opposed to any development of Burgage plots to include pop-up or permanent campsites, shepherds hut Airbnb, and residential development where a plot adjoins the gardens of a house on the Butts, for example | **Noted, no amendments required.** The allocation as local green space would prevent inappropriate development. |
| Esther Currie (resident) | The protection of our valued green spaces is crucial and the plan does this well. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Alistair Currie (resident) | It is very important to designate protected green space and the plan does this well. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Jane Brown (resident) | A valuable resource for residents and visitors | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Carla Robertson (resident) | I would be very grateful if yould consider my views concerning the Warkworth Neighbourhood plan. Having read the Local Green Space Background Paper I feel that there are another two areas which are of particular local significance due to its attractiveness, recreational value and its support of wildlife, flora and fauna and would appreciate it if you could look at adding these to your plan.<br><br>The plan has already identified a small part of land between the back of Morwick Road and Mill Walk Wood ( Appendix 1, no.16 ) however as I live in this vicinity I have daily evidence of the same criteria being met for the larger field and also the field behind it (the one with the electricity pylon in it) which is currently leased from The Duke by the Howie family but has been left to rewild for many years. A large number of local residents and visitors to Warkworth use these field and the public footpaths for recreation and thus are able to appreciate the stunning views of the castle and the coast and its tranquility away from the main roads and traffic, whilst doing so. I myself often see deer foxes and many birds including a spectacular snowy white owl which currently uses this whole area as a wildlife corridor.<br><br>I have a video of the owl flying over part of these additional areas in the daytime which i recorded last year, unfortunately it exceeds the size to attach to this email but i can | **Comments noted, no amendments required** to the plan**.** The field behind Morwick Road is a large arable field, which is considered too large to meet the criteria for allocation. Whilst the field adjacent to Water Works Lane, is not as large, it is also an arable field. It is considered that the wildlife on the site has increased primarily as a result of it being left uncultivated for a few years The local plan includes several policies to ensure the protection and enhancement of the natural environment, particularly policy ENV2. Neighbourhood plan policy W1 requires new developments to incorporate measures to support species and habitats. In addition, as both sites lie outside the settlement boundary they are considered open countryside and therefore would be |

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| | try and find another way to let you view it, if you would like, and I can confirm that is still living and hunting in the vicinity as i often see it and hear it most nights calling out when i'm in or around my house.<br><br>If I can be of any further help please let me know. Kind regards | protected from development. LGS background paper to be **amended** to include the sites for assessment. |
| Jim Watson (Amble resident) | I would like my concern taken into consideration in the Warkworth neighbourhood plan. I live in Amble and use The Braid almost every day. I'm an older less able widow with a dog and The Braid is very important to me. It's a safe space, no traffic and so much of interest to look at regarding the birds and flowers. I do love to hear the skylarks. I am greatly troubled that Northumberland Estates want to take it to build roads on and what that would inevitably lead to. The people who use this tranquil space need to protect it in its entirety for now and for the future. It worries me that The Braid is not under the control of Amble. Perhaps not many people in Warkworth use it or know about it. It is such a valuable open space and needs greater protection.<br>Please advise me if there is any more I can do in order to have my voice heard.<br><br>I did take forms re neighbourhood plan from St Lawrences church but do not understand how to fill them in so all I can do is email. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; amend** background paper to include more detail of the importance to the local community, historic and wildlife value. |
| Ms Williamson (Amble resident) | We enter 2023 having seen off the ghastly over-development of The Braid by Northumberland Estates. Thankfully sense was seen and The Braid, a beautiful, natural green open space was saved- for now- from development.<br>The Braid is a unique natural environment and is unequivocally described by the planning officer for Northumberland County Council. In the recent Planning Committee report on a proposal to build a road over The Braid for a new housing development at Braid Hill (6 December 2022; Ref. 22/1051/FUL – now withdrawn), the assessment concluded that "the proposed vehicular access across the Braid, together with the introduction of vehicular movements, would result in a visually intrusive form of development that would be out of character with the open landscape character of this area and change the overall nature and use of the Braid. As such, it would result in unacceptable harmful impacts on the visual amenities of The Braid itself and the wider setting of the Northumberland Coast AONB (para 8.9)." | **Support welcomed and comments noted; amend** background paper to include more detail of the importance to the local community, historic and wildlife value. |

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| | Going forward, it is even more important that it is protected for the enjoyment of future generations.<br>My family and I therefore fully support the policies contained in the draft Neighbourhood Plan, especially Policy W3 as it would offer much needed statutory protection for Local Green Spaces and The Braid in particular.<br>Recently having objected to the proposed development, because of the degradation of green space and it's importance for the wildlife of this stunning area which we are fortunate to live I was not in the least bit surprised that such a huge number of people held the same strong opinion that The Braid was so important to many peoples hearts and minds and over 250 objections were made to development. Therefore, it is very obvious that it does need protecting in order that it may not be unscrupulously developed in future.<br>The Braid is used by many people, including my family for walking and recreation and is on the National Coastal path which passes right by our property on North Street. It is lovely to hear comments from passers-by and visitors to the area as they realise the beautiful open views of the Marina, sea and Warkworth Castle.<br>Our property and other close by are not fortunate enough to have a yard or garden, which makes this space even more valuable for residents of all terraced housing in the locality, for being able to get much needed exercise and fresh air (it's bracing sometimes!).<br>There is so little open space in the area, even towns within the area, such as Alnwick are becoming overly developed with loss of green space everywhere, please do not let this happen to our precious gem.<br>The views of all residents made it even more surprising the WPC Neighbourhood Plan, so far, has not acknowledged the clear social and environmental historic significance that The Braid affords so many people. Although it was once a town council tip, the potential was seen and it was re-wilded by people who had a great foresight for how it could be. Now, it even forms part of the 'Amble History Trail'.<br>It has been wonderful to see further additions to the area in the last 12 months, with the addition of the sculptures, which enhance the interest which visitors have in The Braid. The Council has maintained it for the locals, tourists and wildlife making it an open space suitable for everyone. | |

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| | This craze for a quick profit is a spectre which always seems to hang over local residents who live near such amazing open spaces and The Braid should now, without question be offered full protection. | |
| Sue Barton (Amble resident) | I was interested to see the draft Neighbourhood Plan proposal for Warkworth and fully support the policies set out in the draft, particularly Policy W3 and the statutory protection it provides for local green spaces and the Braid in particular.<br><br>I have lived in the area for over 9 years and have used the Braid extensively on a daily basis when walking my three dogs. It is hardly surprising that many respondents to the original Community Survey were in full support of the protection of the whole of the Braid area given that it is used extensively by residents and visitors alike for recreational purposes. It is one of the few natural open spaces in the area and is a valuable asset so far as recreational activities are concerned.<br><br>It is surprising that the Neighbourhood Plan does not appear to acknowledge the very clear and environmental historic significance of the Braid. The area was re-wilded in the 1970s primarily by government funding, having been used as a tip over very many years. It has been used for public recreational purposes since then and now forms part of the Amble History Trail, and has recently seen the addition of a number of sculptures forming part of Amble Bord Waak<br><br>it is acknowledged that whilst part of the Braid was sold by Alnwick District Council/Northumberland County Council to Northumberland Estates in 2010, it has been continually managed and pathways mown by Northumberland County Council since the 1970s, and the public has had continuous and constant open access to it.<br><br>It is noted that the importance of the whole of the Braid as a valuable open space has been recognised at Officer level, by the Local Authority. You will no doubt recall a Planning Application (Ref 22/1051/FUL), although now withdrawn, which proposed a vehicular access across the Braid. You will, I am sure, be aware of the Case Officer's conclusion regarding the unacceptable and harmful impacts on the visual amenities of the Braid and the wider setting of the Northumberland Coast. | **Support welcomed and comments noted, amend** the boundary of the site to include all of the land to the south of the slipway access road and background paper to include more details regarding its importance to the local community. |

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| | In conclusion, I would request that the whole of the Braid be now included and the draft Neighbourhood Plan amended to reflect this. It is vital that the whole of the Braid has statutory protection for our future generations, and this opportunity cannot and must not be squandered. | |
| Karen Griffin (Amble resident) | I am just making my view heard re the Braid in Amble.<br>Sorry I have cut and pasted it<br>I support<br>• the policies contained in the draft Neighbourhood Plan, especially Policy W3 and the statutory protection it affords for Local Green Spaces and The Braid in particular<br>• That you are not surprised that over 250 respondents in the original community survey supported the protection of The Braid given its prolific use for recreational purposes. It is extensively used by the town's residents as well as shoppers and walkers on the National coastal footpath coming from Warkworth and by visitors to the area. It is one of the few semi-natural public open spaces in the local vicinity and has great recreational value as a walking circuit in a pleasant natural environment<br>• (If appropriate) that you personally make extensive use of it (and how)<br>• That you are surprised that the WPC Neighbourhood Plan does not acknowledge the clear social and environmental historic significance of The Braid. Once Amble's municipal tip, it was re-wilded in the early 1970s, primarily through government funding, and it has been used ever since for public recreation. It now forms part of the 'Amble History Trail'<br>• That it is now home to several of the Amble Bord Waalk sculptures and hosts a ceremonial coastal beacon<br>• That while part of The Braid was sold in 2010 by Alnwick District Council/Northumberland County Council to Northumberland Estates, since the 1970s the land has been continually managed and mown by Alnwick District Council/Northumberland County Council and the public has had constant open access to it<br>• That the importance of the whole of The Braid as valuable public open space has recently been recognised, at officer level, by Northumberland County Council. In a recent Planning Committee report on a proposal to build a road over The Braid to new | **Support welcomed and comments noted; amend** background paper to include more detail of the importance to the local community, historic and wildlife value. |

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| | housing development at Braid Hill (6 December 2022; Ref. 22/1051/FUL – now withdrawn), the officer assessment concluded that "the proposed vehicular access across the Braid, together with the introduction of vehicular movements, would result in a visually intrusive form of development that would be out of character with the open landscape character of this area and change the overall nature and use of the Braid. As such, it would result in unacceptable harmful impacts on the visual amenities of The Braid itself and the wider setting of the Northumberland Coast AONB (para 8.9).<br>Please can you try to protect the Braid<br>It supports so much wildlife and it a beautiful place.<br>We do not need tarmac, light pollution and more litter that I am always picking up with my litter picker.<br>There are already youths sitting in the central wood littering it and that was set alight last year.<br>We do not need a new road within it.<br>Please make this part of your plan Thank you | |
| Paul Dancer (Amble resident) | I live 25 yards from the Warkworth Parish boundary in Amble, the Braid being immediately North of my property.<br><br>I fully support the policies contained in the draft Neighbourhood Plan, especially Policy W3 and the statutory protection it affords for Local Green Spaces and The Braid in particular.<br><br>It is imperative that spaces such as these are fully protected from any form of development even road building, for example as recently proposed by Northumberland Estates.<br><br>Over 250 respondents in the original community survey supported the protection of The Braid given its prolific use for recreational purposes. The planning application referred to was objected to by over 200 objectors, again showing the weight placed on the value of the open space in the Parish by residents.<br><br>The WPC Neighbourhood Plan does not acknowledge the clear social and environmental historic significance of The Braid. In the table contained within the | **Support welcomed and comments noted; amend** background paper to include more detail of the importance to the local community, historic and wildlife value. |

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| | supplementary documents, the box indicating whether the Braid has historic importance is ticked as a "No". This must be an error and corrected. Once Amble's municipal tip, it was re-wilded in the early 1970s, primarily through government funding, and it has been used ever since for public recreation. It forms part of the 'Amble History Trail, is now home to several of the Amble Bord Waalk sculptures and hosts a ceremonial coastal beaco<br><br>While part of The Braid was sold in 2010 by Alnwick District Council/Northumberland County Council to Northumberland Estates, since the 1970s the land has been continually managed and paths mown by Alnwick District Council/Northumberland County Council and the public has had constant and more importantly unrestricted open access to it.<br><br>The importance of the whole of The Braid as valuable public open space has recently been recognised, at officer level, by Northumberland County Council. In a recent Planning Committee report on a further proposal to build a road over The Braid to new housing development at Braid Hill (6 December 2022; Ref. 22/1051/FUL), the officer assessment concluded that "the proposed vehicular access across the Braid, together with the introduction of vehicular movements, would result in a visually intrusive form of development that would be out of character with the open landscape character of this area and change the overall nature and use of the Braid. As such, it would result in unacceptable harmful impacts on the visual amenities of The Braid itself and the wider setting of the Northumberland Coast AONB (para 8.9)."<br>And, furthermore, that "the proposed construction of the access road will result in the loss of an area of open space within the Braid. As such, even though the open space on which the proposed road is to be constructed is not in itself designated as Protected Open Space, Policy INF 5 nevertheless requires evidence that it is either surplus to requirements or that the loss of open space is to be replaced. The applicant has not provided an Open Space Assessment and as such, no evidence has been provided to indicated that the open space is no longer required (para 8.12).<br>Some 200 objections had been received concerning the proposal, almost universally condemning development on The Braid, and the application had been recommended for refusal including, inter alia, the above reasons. Although the planning application | |

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| | was withdrawn and the Committee report remained unconsidered, it confirms that the Neighbourhood Plan designation of The Braid as Local Green Space 1 would be likely to meet with NCC officer approval and would help safeguard a much used and valuable community asset.<br><br>I, as a local resident, albeit just beyond the parish boundary, but walk on The Braid on a twice daily basis with my dogs, as well as coming to Warkworth to regularly enjoy the river walks at The Stanners (where we recently owned a property for 4 years up until 2020), and The Butts, wish to fully endorse the proposed safeguarding of all Local Green Space as clearly identified in the draft plan<br><br>Thank you for all the work that has gone into producing this document and I wish it every success in its passage to full adoption. | |
| Jan Bending (resident) | We fully support the policies contained in the draft Neighbourhood Plan, especially the statutary protection it affords for local green spaces and The Braid in particular.<br><br>We were not surprised that over 250 respondents in the local community survey supported the protection of The Braid given its popularity and prolific use for recreational purposes. It is extensively used by shoppers, both visitors and residents, thereby reducing traffic in the centre of Amble, as well as walkers on the National Coastal Path to and from Walkworth.<br><br>Residents and visitors use it for recreational walking, gentle cycling and dog walking as it is one of the few semi-natural public open spaces in the vicinity. Its value as a pleasant natural environment cannot be overstated. As a family we regularly cross The Braid to shop in the town and often exercise our dogs there. My visiting family were horrified when I explained to them how close we were to having this amenity destroyed by a road. My daughter and family live in Warsaw where open spaces and parks abound. Most contain adventure playgrounds with equipment to suit all levels of child expertise as well as exercise equipment for adults . Clearly we as a country fall far below these standards of amenity .<br><br>We are surprised that the WPC Neighbourhood plan does not acknowledge the social and environmental historic significance of The Braid. Once Amble's municipal tip, I | **Support welcomed and comments noted; amend** background paper to include more detail of the importance to the local community, historic and wildlife value. |

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| | understand that it was re-wilded in the early 1970s, primarily through government fundin, and it has been used ever since for public recreation. It now forms part of the 'Amble History Trail'. Furthermore, it is now home to several Amble Bord Waalk sculptures and hosts a ceremonial coastal beacon.<br><br>We understand that in 2010 part of The Braid was sold by AlnwickDC/NorthumberlandDC to Northumberland Estates but that nevertheless the land has been continually managed and mown by AlnwickDC /NorthumberlandDC and the public have had open and continual access to it.<br><br>The importance of The Braid as a valuable public open space has recently been recognised at officer level by Northumberland County Council. In a recent Planning Committee report on the above mentioned proposal to build a road over The Braid to a new housing development at Braid Hill (6/12/22; ref.22/105/FUL) the officer assessment concluded that:<br><br>'the proposed vehicular access across The Braid, together with the introduction of vehicular movements would result in a visually intrusive form of development that would be out of character of this area and change the overall nature and use of The Braid. As such, it would result in unacceptable harmful impacts on the visual amenities of The Braid itself and the wider setting of the Northumberland Coast AONB'<br><br>To the above assessment we would add the extra air pollution caused by the construction traffic and the eventual and inevitable increase in cars and delivery vans, the noise pollution caused by the same and the greatly increased risk to the health and safety of that residents and visitors would have been exposed to had this development been approved. | |
| Holly Walker (Amble resident) | I agree with the policies contained in the plan and as a resident a regular user of the Braid would like it to be designated as a Local Green Space.<br><br>I and my family have and still do use The Braid for recreation daily since the 1970's. We shared many happy times with friends and extended family on the Braid to mark important family and community events. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; amend** background paper to include more detail of the importance to the local community, historic and wildlife value. |

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| | I think the Braids social importance to individuals, the community and wider visiting population and its environmental history should be acknowledged and taken into account in the plan to maintain it in its current state as a green space. | |
| Stephen Roberts (resident) | I write to support the policies set out in The Warkworth Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan in response to the public consultation.<br>I am particularly pleased to see the designation of The Braid as Local Green Space.<br>The whole of The Braid should be included as The Braid has effectively been used in this way since the 1970s and therefore The Braid should be recognised in its entirety within the plan. Please include these comments. | **Support welcomed and comments noted, amend** boundary to include all of the land to the south of the slipway access road. |
| David Grey (resident) | As a local resident I wish to express my support for all the policies contained in the draft neighbourhood plan in particular policy W3 and the proposed allocation of the braid and other sites as local green space to be protected from development.<br>1. I support all the policies contained on the plan especially designating the Braid as local Green space.<br>2. The Braid has effectively ben used in its current way in its entirety since the 1970s. An area of natural beauty and rich in wildlife.<br>3. The Braid's social environment history should be recognised within the plan.<br>4. Planning officers have recommended against granting permission to the application on 6th December 2022; Ref 22/1051/FUL, concluding that the proposed vehicular movements access across the Braid together with the introduction of vehicular movements would result in a visually intrusive form of development that would be out of character with the open landscape character of this area and change the overall nature and use of the Braid. Resulting in unacceptable harm to visual amenity. The application was subsequently withdrawn. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; amend** background paper to include more detail of the importance to the local community, historic and wildlife value. |
| Ian Gladston (resident) | I fully support the policies in the draft Neighbourhood Plan, in particular Policy W3 and the statutory protection it affords for Local Green Spaces and especially The Braid.<br>As a local resident I walk across The Braid almost every day, to access the local shops on Amble High Street and as part of my longer walk for daily exercise. I It is great to have such a pleasant and green environment to enjoy the fresh air and nature. I see | **Support welcomed and comments noted; amend** background paper to include more detail of the importance to the local community, historic and wildlife value. |

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| | many other local residents and visitors; there is a community feel as we greet each other.<br><br>No wonder that the original community survey saw 250+ respondents support the protection of The Braid and that Northumberland County Council recently recognised the importance of the whole of The Braid as valuable public open space. I am of course referring to the (now withdrawn) planning application 22/01051/FUL that included a proposal to proposed to build a road over The Braid to new housing development at Braid Hill. The Officer recommendation to refuse the application included that "the proposed vehicular access across The Braid, together with the introduction of vehicular movements, would result in a visually intrusive form of development that would be out of character with the open landscape character of this area and change the overall nature and use of the Braid. As such, it would result in unacceptable harmful impacts on the visual amenities of The Braid itself and the wider setting of the Northumberland Coast AONB (para 8.9)."<br><br>I do find it surprising that the Neighbourhood Plan fails to acknowledge the social and environmental historic significance of The Braid. Government funding was used back in the early 1970's to re-wild what was a rubbish tip and since then the public have had constant open access to it and have used it as a public recreation area. It is part of the 'Amble History Trail', has the ceremonial coastal beacon on it and now has 3 of the Amble Bord Waalk sculptures on it too.<br><br>It is a public area which needs protection in it's entirety. | |
| Lesley Gladston (resident) | I fully support the policies in the draft Neighbourhood Plan, in particular Policy W3 and the statutory protection it affords for Local Green Spaces and especially The Braid.<br>As a local resident I walk across The Braid almost every day, to access the local shops on Amble High Street and as part of my longer walk for daily exercise. I It is great to have such a pleasant and green environment to enjoy the fresh air and nature. I see many other local residents and visitors; there is a community feel as we greet each other. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; amend** background paper to include more detail of the importance to the local community, historic and wildlife value. |

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| Jill Dancer (Amble resident) | I am a local resident living just beyond the parish boundary and walk my dogs twice a day on The Braid as well as taking them to Warkworth for river walks.<br><br>I fully support the policies contained in the draft Neighbourhood Plan, especially Policy W3 and the statutory protection it affords for Local Green Spaces and The Braid in particular. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; amend** background paper to include more detail of the importance to the local community, historic and wildlife value. |

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| | It is vital that these spaces are fully protected from any form of development, including road building.<br><br>Over 250 respondents in the original community survey supported the protection of The Braid given its prolific use for recreational purposes. A recent planning application submitted by Northumberland Estates received over 200 objections, showing the weight placed on the value of the open space in the Parish by residents.<br><br>The WPC Neighbourhood Plan does not acknowledge the clear social and environmental historic significance of The Braid. In the table contained within the supplementary documents, the box indicating whether The Braid has historic importance is ticked as a "No". This must be an error and corrected.<br><br>Once Amble's municipal tip, it was re-wilded in the early 1970s primarily through government funding and has been used ever since for public recreation.<br><br>It forms part of the Amble History Trail, is home to several of the Amble Board Walk sculptures and hosts a ceremonial coastal beacon.<br><br>While part of The Braid was sold in 2010 by Alnwick District Council/Northumberland County Council to Northumberland Estates, since the 1970s the land has been continually managed and paths mown by Alnwick District Council/Northumberland County Council and the public has had constant and unrestricted open access to it.<br><br>I wish to fully endorse the proposed safeguarding of all Local Green Space as clearly identified in the draft plan. | |
| James Potts (Amble resident) | To who it may concern, I support all the policies contained on the plan especially the designating the braid as local green space.<br>The braid has effectively been used in this way in it entirely since the 1970s.<br>The Braid social environmental history should be recognised within the plan. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; amend** background paper to include more detail of the importance to the local community, historic and wildlife value. |
| Eileen Regan (Amble resident) | I write as a concerned local resident in order to endorse all the policies as they appear on The Warkworth Parish Council Plan, especially the proposal that The Braid be designated as a local Green Space. I have it thus to walk my dogs since arriving in Amble | **Support welcomed and comments noted; amend** background paper to include more detail of the importance to the local community, historic and wildlife value. |

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| | seven years ago, secure (I thought) in the knowledge that, having been used as Green Space for over 59 years, it would remain so.<br>Acknowledgement of its facility as a Green Space for half a century should be contained within the Plan. | |
| Phil Derry – Chairman WCC | LGS06- WCC took an extra piece of land from Northumberland Estates directly behind the clubhouse from Northumberland Estates. Can this be amended to show this? | **Comments noted, amend** as suggested. |
| Amble Marina Limited | Thank you for taking the time to meet at Amble Marina on Thursday 7th December 2022 – it was very much appreciated and I understand that we were simply missed from the original letter drop.<br><br>In brief my concerns with the Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan are:<br><br>It is difficult enough to be a small business in the modern climate without yet more levels of bureaucracy being levelled on top of us, despite good intentions of the WNP we feel that as owner of part of the Braid demarcated as Village Green we already have one layer of legislation (Section 29 of the Commons Act 1876, together with section 12 of the Inclosure Act 1857) to deal with in its total refusal to permit any development which must be dealt with directly with The Planning Inspectorate, superseding the local authority. We would love to see the Braid as more than just an ecologically poor habitat for rats and dog muck.<br><br>Please ensure that the WNP is working to the most up to date boundaries – VG75 (Village Green 75 The Braid, Amble) was altered to reflect a more practicable boundary on 12th November 2019 granted by The planning Inspectorate, a simple process that took three years and many thousands of pounds in costs – see attached plan.<br><br>With regards to the Green Space on the gardens to the rear of Elm Grove – halfway a long The Butts, whilst I can agree with my immediate neighbours that to see the gardens purchased as a job lot and developed with 60 houses would be excessive and exceedingly unlikely; we have considered the back garden to be the ideal location should we need to build a low impact small bungalow as a place for an elderly relative requiring a safe but independent space and the lines drawn would not permit this or even consider it. | **Noted, no amendments required.** National planning policy allows local communities, through their neighbourhood plans, to identify areas which are of great importance. It is clear from the preparation of the plan that both The Braid and The Burgage plots are highly valued by the local community. An assessment of these areas against the requirements of national planning policy and guidance highlights that they would be appropriate for designation as local green space. The allocation as local green space would not prevent development which would protect the reasons for designation, however a new dwelling would be inappropriate development. The boundaries of the Braid have been checked and incorporated into the plan. |

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| | It shows Warkworth to be a rather unwelcoming 'nimby-ing' Parish rather than one we would want to remain in – but we could always abandon the house to become another holiday let | |
| Malcolm Campbell (resident) | The Butts The proposed protection of the riverside area is clearly in the general interest. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Paragraph 6.8** | |
| Northumberland County Council | It is noted and should be welcomed that Warkworth have included some of the protected open spaces which appear in the Local Plan within the stronger Local Green Space protection, based on their added importance to the local community. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Figure 7** | |
| Northumberland County Council | These may need to add the following:<br>"© Crown Copyright and Database Rights 2021 Ordnance Survey 100049048" | **Comments noted, amend as suggested** |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Heritage assets - general** | |
| Historic England | Historic England is keen to ensure protection of the historic environment is appropriately taken into account in neighbourhood plans. Having reviewed the information provided in correspondence of 17 November 2022, we do not consider there is a need for us to be involved in development of the plan at this stage.<br><br>Nonetheless, the plan area does contain a number of designated heritage assets (including a conservation area, listed buildings and scheduled monuments) as well as the potential for many more non-designated heritage assets. I therefore have some comments to make, followed by some general advice:<br>• I welcome the content of the draft plan so far as it affects our interests.<br>• On locating new development to protect heritage assets and their settings, you have given some detail on the expected scale, density, massing, height, landscape, layout, materials and access of new development. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |

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| | • Whilst I welcome that you have considered the topic of non-designated heritage assets, I would encourage you to reconsider the decision not to identify any buildings, monuments, sites, places, areas or landscapes that are important to the local community for their local heritage value. The plan is an important opportunity to include a positive strategy for local heritage assets so they, too, can be appropriately conserved and enjoyed. More information is given in our advice note (see below).<br>• I welcome that you have proposed Local Green Space important to the community for its historical significance.<br>• I welcome that you have identified some heritage-related community actions on topics beyond land use and development. | |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Paragraph 6.15** | |
| Tim Gray | I have a concern about some of the wording in 6.15. This refers to "the predominantly underdeveloped burgage plots", a statement that implies the area is crying out for more development! It shouldn't really be necessary to make any comment as the burgage plots are a unique (almost!) heritage asset that surely should never be considered for development. | **Noted, no amendments required.** The Burgage plots are proposed for protection as local green space – there is no suggestion within the plan that they will be developed. |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Policy W4: Warkworth Conservation Area** | |
| Northumberland County Council | Policy W4 and the conservation of many heritage assets, with significant history in the local area is also highly important. Such local assets are likely to bring tourism to the parish, be of economic value and create employment for local residents.<br><br>As currently drafted, the policy seems to miss an opportunity to add protection to locally distinctive features. For example, criterion (c) states that *"…the prevailing density and form of the area…"* should be respected; it could pick out features which are special to the area in terms of form such as the pattern of the remaining burgage plots. Consideration could be given to adding more locally-specific detail to the policy. | **Comments noted, amend** policy to add further detail. |
| AONB Partnership | In 2021, the AONB Partnership contracted LUC Consultants to review the six Conservation Area Character Appraisals for the Conservation Areas in the Northumberland Coast AONB. This included Warkworth's 2006 Character Appraisal. | **Comments noted, amend** policy W4 to ensure it reflects updated draft conservation area character appraisal. |

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| | Unfortunately due to workload of the Conservation Team and the volume of work involved in such a review, this project has taken longer than anticipated to complete. However a final draft of the Warkworth Conservation Area Character Appraisal (CACA) has now been looked at in detail by the Conservation Team and final comments about the formatting are being acted upon. This means that at some point in 2023 there will be a revised CACA for Warkworth that we'll be seeking the Parish Council's views upon, and that this may impact on the wording of W4. I am meeting with Ann Burke on the 18th of January, and will update her then with progress. | |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | Support the policy. | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John Howey (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | Supports the policy. Not sure why CA5 St Lawrence Terrace is justified a specific mention? | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required**. St Lawrence Terrace is referred to within the conservation area character appraisal. |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | Although I agree with the main principles of the policy, I think that consideration should be given to how environmentally sustainable actions may affect how strictly the policy can be achieved. An example would be the addition of photovoltaic panels or tiles to a building such as St Lawrence's church. The importance absolute preservation of existing character and appearance should be balanced against the imperative to generate renewable energy where this is feasible. Appearances can be deceptive - if the village really wants to maintain a medieval appearance, cars and lorries should not be allowed to drive through or park in the centre of the village. Most people would argue that, although jarring in appearance, cars are essential. There is an argument that pv panels are just as essential, and less jarring in appearance than rows of cars. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** The policy does not result in 'absolute preservation' – it requires, in accordance with national planning policy, that development should preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the conservation area. National policy is clear that any development, such as PV panels would be supported where they would not cause harm to the significance of the designated heritage asset. Where less than |

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| | | substantial harm would be caused, this would be weighed against the public benefits of the proposal. |
| Julia Chambers (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Dog fouling on St Oswald's way (especially where houses end & concrete part up to farm starts) detracts from appearance of area & spoils from enjoyment of walking. Any way of monitoring & stopping this? | **Noted, no amendments required.** This issue could not be dealt with by a planning policy and the parish council acts on any relevant complaints that are made. |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Jonathan Deacon and Megan Forsyth (residents) | Support the policy. | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Margaret Gray (resident) | I believe the burgage plots should also be included in this section and not just in the green spaces since it is the maintenance of their boundaries, in particular, that preserve their historic significance and not just the fact that they are maintained as green spaces. For example, in at least one case, the 'development' of a new garden area introduced boundaries perpendicular to the run of the strips. Such developments may maintain the 'green space' but nevertheless reduce the historic value of the plots. In addition, changes to the boundaries, such as allowing large mature trees to grow, even as part of hedges, obscures the clear view of the plots from the Castle. The burgage plots used to be clearly visible from The Castle keep but now look like any other green wooded area. | **Comments noted, amend** policy to refer to the burgage plots. |
| Tim Gray (resident) | Supports the policy. | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sarah Haggie (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Gillian Maude (resident) | The view of the Castle should be protected, both from Amble Braid and Rotary Way, and from Watershaugh Road area | **Comments noted, amend** policy to include reference to the important views of the castle. |
| Anna Willey (resident) | Please add Bridge House to this list | **Comments noted, no amendments required.** Bridge House is grade II listed. The forecourt wall, railings and gates and grade II* listed. Therefore, already protected by statute. |
| Alice Good (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Luke Currie (resident - age 14) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Lorna Allan (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Delphine Currie (resident - age 12) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Helen Bow (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John and Lynn Hayes (residents of Bedlington) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Gillian Maude (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Anonymous | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Esther Currie (resident) | It would be lovely to see the Market Place become a focal point for the village once more, perhaps by pedestrianising except for resident permits | **Noted, no amendments required.** This issue could not be dealt with by a planning policy. This will be considered by the parish council when looking at parking solutions for the village. |
| Alistair Currie (resident) | More focus required to return Warkworth Market Place to a centre point rather than an overcrowded car park. | **Noted, no amendments required.** This issue could not be dealt with by a planning policy. This will be considered by the parish council when looking at parking solutions for the village. |

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| Jane Brown (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Malcolm Campbell (resident) | I can see that various changes have been made along the Mill Walk though I was not sure if the reduction in the undergrowth blocking the view back to the castle which I saw recently was simply normal winter change or reflected a decision to improve matters.<br><br>I noticed however that a bench has been added near the foot of the path leading up to the castle and indeed pretty much in the spot from which Turner would have painted his iconic watercolour of the castle which I mentioned in my previous message. Those sitting on the bench, which points in the direction of the castle, will of course be looking mainly at a profusion of trees and undergrowth and, particularly with foliage present, any view of the castle will be pretty well impossible.<br><br>The Plan supports the preservation of views which are important to the character of the village. I can think of no better example than this. There is no way that Turner, if he were around now, would or could paint his original watercolour. Nor could the English Tourist Board poster photo of the view which, as I mentioned, I used to see as the first displayed tourist attraction when coming into the arrival hall at Gatwick Airport be taken now because of the proliferation of trees and undergrowth.<br><br>The Turner painting and the English Tourist Board poster emphasise that this used to be one of the best views in England. The Mill Walk area is one of the greatest attractions of Warkworth for visitors and residents.The path itself and its surroundings could be made so much more attractive rather than remaining as the largely neglected mess which they have been for so long now. | **Comments noted, amend** policy to include reference to the important views of the castle. |
| **Section 7 – Inclusive and sustainable community** | | |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Policy W5: Community facilities** | |
| Northumberland County Council | The County Council is supportive of the inclusion of valued community facilities in this policy and has no further comments on Policy W5. However, as currently worded, the policy appears to support the loss of such facilities subject to certain criteria. We would advise amending the text as follows: "~~A d~~**D**evelopment that would result in the loss of | **Support welcomed and comments noted; amend** as suggested. |

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| | the valued community services and facilities identified above will **not** be supported ~~where the applicant can demonstrate that~~ unless:" | |
| Amble Town Council | Facilities may be available in nearby Amble but any increase in the population of Warkworth places a greater strain on these and requires consideration within the neighbourhood plan- what measures can be included within any applications to help with this for example in relation to secondary schools, doctors etc.<br><br>[Unfortunately the decline in services and facilities is largely governed by the financial climate and beyond any policy influence. Although advocating support for new businesses- with little finance available within the parish funds, this can only be verbal support and encouragement] | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | Support the policy. | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John Howey (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | Not sure how "CF4 Warkworth United Reformed Church" qualifies as it is due to close due to insufficient members/congregation? | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. Whilst the church is due to close, the plan seeks to protect it in order to seek to retain its future use to a community service/ facility. |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Julia Chambers (resident) | Could the number of cafes and shops such as the restaurants , pubs gallery and Grays be included in this as if they go the value of the village experience is lost. It needs things to be retained to give the village life | **Noted, no amendments required.** It would not be possible for the plan to protect all existing cafes, shops and other facilities. The policy seeks to identify those which are vital to the sustainability of the village. |

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| P Dowlen (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Ian Smith (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | We do not need any out of town / industrial estate shops which would ruin our award winning Queen Street in Amble. | **Noted, no amendments required.** The plan is not proposing this type of development. |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Regarding local facilities, Would it be possible to have recycling bins (especially for glass) more central to village? Perhaps near cricket pitch, play area or school? | **Noted, no amendments required.** This issue could not be dealt with by a planning policy and is a matter for the county council. It is understood that the county council are seeking to implement the recycling of glass. |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | Broadly agree but the existing provision of community meeting places (e.g. WWMH and URC) are old and not completely fit for purpose. Replacing with a new community facility that meets all needs of users would be appropriate. This could be combined with an update to the cricket club house and adjacent recreation facilities. | **Comments noted, no amendments required.** The policy would allow for the loss of an existing facility where it would be replaced by an appropriate alternative. |
| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Jonathan Deacon and Megan Forsyth (residents) | It may be sensible to wait to decide on the level of need for sports facilities until after plans are finalised for the new high school and sports facilities in Amble. | **Noted, no amendments required.** Provision of new sports facilities would be addressed through policies in the local plan. |
| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | The village store and post office is a facility that should be treasured. Help or support to provide more local produce within the store. Artisan breads and quality food items. I want the store to be viable long term. Residents and Tourists have some wonderful gift shops to chose from but ideally the opportunity to food shop locally. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** A planning policy cannot provide support for more local produce within the store. |
| Margaret Gray (resident) | I agree with some of the policy but the list of buildings and facilities most valued does not accurately reflect the 'residents' survey results.<br>(a) The order of the buildings and facilities in W5 differs from the list showing which facilities were most valued in the residents' survey. For example, the Warkworth Memorial Hall was valued by far more residents than the United Reform Church.<br>(b) Some facilities, such as care homes and The Golf Club, are not listed in W5. If there is a good reason for this it should be clear in the text.<br>Note also that paragraph 7.5 above W5 refers to ''buildings' but The Cricket Ground is clearly not a building. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required to the policy.** The list is not in priority order. The supporting text explains that section 2 details those important community facilities. **Amend** supporting text to replace reference to 'buildings'. |
| Tim Gray (resident) | Just a comment that, if a new community centre were to be built - something I would strongly support - there would need to be some protection in place to prevent inappropriate redevelopment of the Memorial Hall. | **Noted, no amendments required.** There are policies in the local plan which would support the provision of new community facilities and policy W5 identifies the Memorial Hall as a facility which should be protected. |
| Sarah Haggie (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Gillian Maude (resident) | The Memorial Hall is in a very good location, but very poorly accessible for those needing to arrive by car. The danger of creating a new community hall with a good car park (eg up near the cricket club) will be that everbody drives there, and this must be actively resisted. Offer more cycle parking than car parking spaces. If there is any new | **Noted, no amendments required.** The plan is not proposing to create a new community hall. Community action 7 identifies that the parish council will work with land and building owners to explore opportunities to |

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| | building in the Morwick Road area then a grocery shop and cafe, together with 'office' facilities could be beneficial (eg office workers could book it for Zoom meetings etc). | develop a new community centre with parking and easy access. |
| Anna Willey (resident) | Supports the policy. Remove the URC from this list as it is closing | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. Whilst the church is due to close, the plan seeks to protect it in order to seek to retain its future use as a community service/ facility. |
| Alice Good (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Luke Currie (resident - age 14) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Lorna Allan (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Delphine Currie (resident - age 12) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Helen Bow (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John and Lynn Hayes (residents of Bedlington) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Gillian Maude (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Anonymous | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Esther Currie (resident) | It is vital to preserve existing facilities as well as investing in more, for example, youth facilities and medical care. | **Noted, no amendments required.** Policy W5 supports new development which would |

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| | | sustain or protect existing shops, facilities and services. |
| Alistair Currie (resident) | More medical and care facilities are required due to the ageing population of the Parish. | **Noted, no amendments required.** Policy W5 supports new development which would sustain or protect existing shops, facilities and services. |
| Jane Brown (resident) | Definite need for more and better local facilities. | **Noted, no amendments required.** Policy W5 supports new development which would sustain or protect existing shops, facilities and services. |
| James Cox (resident) | Just to confirm that the URC does indeed plan to close its doors at the end of next year<br><br>I wonder whether you might feel it worthwhile to include the church and hall in the neighbourhood plans? It is such a prominent site and the church itself is a fine building and well liked, and though the two buildings are not easy to reuse they could remain a worthwhile village facility rather than be redeveloped for profit<br><br>As a village we are short of accommodation for elderly people on their own and perhaps flats in the church could be an option if an imaginative architect was used? The hall is a good venue and though I understand it needs some repairs, I think it could be retained for similar village use if there was general agreement. | **Comments noted, no amendments required.** As the URC is an important community facility the plan identifies it as such. Should an application for conversion of the property to flats then it would need to meet the requirements of policy W5. |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Paragraph 7.6** | |
| Northumberland County Council | It is noted that Local Plan Policy ECN 15 is not among the Local Plan policies mentioned in this paragraph. Consideration should be given to its inclusion. | **Comments noted, amend as suggested.** |
| Northumberland Estates | Tourism is a key sector of rural Northumberland's local economy and over recent years the Northumberland coastal area has seen a significant increase in holiday tourists and day visitors. The WNDP does not mention tourism related matters in any detail to either promote opportunities or manage the existing problems, except for *"Community action 13: Tourist facilities – Explore opportunities to develop some tourist facilities at Beach Rd car park to attract visitors to park there."* Northumberland Estates supports | **Noted, no amendments required.** Plan aim 5 highlights that tourism will be managed so that it enhances the charm of the village and does not detract from the needs of permanent residents. As the local plan includes relevant policies it was not |

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| | Community action 13 (see Local Green Space section below) and recommends that the WNDP should be more proactive in relation to the tourism sector. | considered necessary to repeat these within the neighbourhood plan. |
| **Section 8 – Transport and accessibility** | | |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **General** | |
| Amble Town Council | Traffic flow and parking are a major problem for the village and there is a need to more specifically state how the plan will hope to alleviate this.<br><br>Perhaps thought could be given to the inclusion of a roundabout at Beal Bank to ease the congestion at that junction, particularly at busy times.<br><br>The expansion of walkways/ cycle paths should include a desire to link with the surrounding areas for a greater experience and an acknowledgement that an increase of their use will have an impact upon those areas too. | **Noted, no amendments required.** The local plan includes parking standards for new development. The neighbourhood plan cannot include policies regarding traffic flow. It does however include community actions to seek to address issues regarding parking and pedestrian safety. Policy W6 supports development that will improve and extend the existing public rights of way network. |
| **Policy/ paragraph** | **Policy W6: Sustainable transport network** | |
| Northumberland County Council | No comments. | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | Support the policy. | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | The policy does not give sufficient focus to the importance of public transport in terms of sustainability but also as a facilitator in many other areas- tourism, education, health services etc. We also have a major rail artery passing through the parish with a station only a few mile away. This presents a significant opportunity for connectivity across the country. We should explore ways of creating a better integration with the bus and rail network. A community action would be appropriate involving the transport operators and NCC. | **Noted, no amendments to policy W6 required.** Planning policies cannot control the operation of public transport. **Amend** supporting text to explain this and include additional community action to work with the county council and public transport providers to seek to improve accessibility and integration. |
| John Howey (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Rod Galilee (resident) | Supports the policy. | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Julia Chambers (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Ian Smith (resident) | The Bridleway at Morwick Mill, crossing the Coquet, appears to be permanently unusable. | **Comments noted, no amendments required.** There is the facility to report issues with public rights of way via Northumberland County Councils website. In addition, there is a footpath group that is working on monitoring and maintaining them where possible. |
| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | I would specifically request that the policy should positively acknowledge the need to reduce car usage by working to create an environment which will encourage people to walk and cycle. For example, if there was judicious planning of hedging between the | **Noted, no amendments required.** Planning policies can only relate to matters that need planning permission. Policy W6 gives support |

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| | road and the path on Rotary Way where traffic often travels at speeds in excess of the 60 MPH speed limit, more people might be inclined to leave their cars at home and walk between the two settlements of Warkworth and Amble. | to development that would improve and extend the rights of way network – such development would encourage people to walk and cycle more. |
| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | 1) The footpath between Greens Park and Wellfield has been blocked off for several years. 2) The OS map shows a public footpath from The Butts to the bottom of Beal Bank but I have been unable to locate the path. 3) The Ember lane is in a poor condition and needs re-surfacing I don't think we should be extending the rights of way before we adequately maintain the ones that we have got. | **Comments noted, amend CA14** to include reference to working with NCC and landowners regarding maintenance/ enhancement of existing rights of way, as well as roadside footpaths/ pavements. Also, highlight that new/ extensions to rights of way would be undertaken 'where possible'. There is the facility to report issues with public rights of way via Northumberland County Councils website. In addition, there is a footpath group that is working on monitoring and maintaining them where possible. |
| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | There is usual is a focus on the car. Funding has been stopped on the minibus that operated along Station Road. In addition Station Road (towards level crossing) on many occasions is not accessible on foot due to flooding. | **Noted, no amendments to policy W6 required.** Planning policies cannot control the operation of public transport.<br>**Amend** supporting text to explain this and include additional community action to work with the county council and public transport providers to seek to improve accessibility and integration. |
| Anna Willey (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Alice Good (resident) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Luke Currie (resident – age 14) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Lorna Allan (resident) | Does not support the policy | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| Delphine Currie (resident – age 12) | Supports the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John and Lynn Hayes (residents of Bedlington) | Support the policy | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Anonymous | This policy seems surprisingly limited in its scope, but I presume this is because most actions in this area are beyond the remit of an NP. One minor comment - Section 8.3 refers to "a well-used footpath alongside the river Coquet and the A1068 to Amble" and then separately to the fact that National Cycle Route 1 "passes through the parish". But the "well-used footpath" is Route 1, which now has become quite difficult to cycle along because of the great increase in its use by walkers! I note that better signage is included in the community actions section but could not W6 include at least some reference to the importance of better/more extensive provision of cycle routes, given the policy is about sustainable transport? | **Comments noted, amend** to include reference to improving cycle routes. |
| Gillian Maude (resident) | This does not go far enough in my opinion.<br>While our bus service (2 / hour on weekdays) is better than most, we need a regular shuttle bus between Warkworth Beach Road car park and Amble (taking in Warkworth Avenue/Guilden Road) and between Warkworth and Alnmouth, taking in Warkworth Station. This could greatly reduce the need for further parking, and move local people onto public transport for regular short journeys and for train connections. | **Noted, no amendments to policy W6 required.** Planning policies cannot control the operation of public transport.<br>**Amend** supporting text to explain this and include additional community action to work with the county council and public transport providers to seek to improve accessibility and integration. |

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| Helen Bow (resident) | Transport also to Shilbottle train station | **Noted, no amendments to policy W6 required.** Planning policies cannot control the operation of public transport.<br>**Amend** supporting text to explain this and include additional community action to work with the county council and public transport providers to seek to improve accessibility and integration. |
| Esther Currie (resident) | Safer cycling routes would be of great benefit | **Noted, no amendments to policy W6 required. Amend** CA14 to refer more generally to developing safer cycling routes. |
| Alistair Currie (resident) | Parking in the village is one o the main issues. The policy includes no solutions to improve parking. Traffic slowing is crucial. | **Noted, no amendments required.** The local plan includes parking standards for new development. The neighbourhood plan does however include community actions to seek to address issues regarding parking and pedestrian safety. |
| Jane Brown (resident) | Recent bus service from Warkworth to Sainsburys and Alnwick was cut. Residents in that area who do not drive struggle with shopping now. This service should return and soon.15 minute walk to bus stop from top of the village. Not everyone wants to shop online. THis would support local businesses (grey pound). | **Noted, no amendments to policy W6 required.** Planning policies cannot control the operation of public transport.<br>**Amend** supporting text to explain this and include additional community action to work with the county council and public transport providers to seek to improve accessibility and integration. |

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| **Annex 1 – Community actions** | | |
| **Sustainability** | | |
| **Community Action 1 – Energy efficiency** | | |
| AONB Partnership | The AONB Partnership aims to facilitate easy access to advice and support on this issue via the refresh of our Design Guide in 2023. I would be happy to work to promote this resource via your networks. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John Howey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | WPC is not competent/able to undertake this role, this is up to individuals to action via commercial/government schemes. | **Noted, no amendments required.** The parish council does have a role in providing advice and links to relevant guidance. |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | Very important because achieves multiple outcomes: investments are for the long term and often permanent. Cost saving and increased comfort for residents, particularly those who are less well-off, reduced carbon footprint. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Julia Chambers (resident) | I wonder this could be part of a community action group buying in insulation products as a group to keep costs down and working together to get it installed. | **Noted, no amendments required.** This is something that could be progressed by the Green Matters group. If it is something that they want to take forward, the parish council would support it. |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Ian Smith (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | With Government grants. | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | Since a significant number of properties in Warkworth are listed, achieving improved energy efficiency is challenging. Applications for Listed Building Consent that propose to replace single glazed windows that are beyond repair with double glazed equivalents should be positive encouraged. Arguments that secondary glazing should be used instead do not meet the test of reasonableness as they add unreasonable cost, are largely ineffective if they are also easily opened and closed, and are generally unsightly. Modern double glazed units are almost indistinguishable from single glazed windows. | **Noted, no amendments required.** National planning policy sets out a clear approach to the assessment of impact of development on listed buildings. |
| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Deacon and Megan Forsyth (residents) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Margaret Gray (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Tim Gray (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sarah Haggie (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| **Community Action 2 – Embedding renewable energy** | | |
| AONB Partnership | The AONB Partnership aims to facilitate easy access to advice and support on this issue via the refresh of our Design Guide in 2023. I would be happy to work to promote this resource via your networks. | **Comments noted, amend** to include reference to working with the AONB partnership. |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | Support the community action. Add underground water tanks for rain water | **Support is welcomed and comments noted, amend** to include reference to water tanks. |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John Howey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | WPC is not competent/able to undertake this role, this is up to individuals to action via commercial/government schemes. | **Noted, no amendments required.** The parish council does have a role in providing advice and links to relevant guidance. |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | Publicity for these initiatives in the national media often portrays them as straightforward panaceas. Making the best decisions for energy use requires advice based on individual properties, and guidance for implementation, to avoid costly and unsuitable mistakes, and exploitation. Working on this through community support, possibly in a cooperative form, would be desirable. | **Noted, no amendments required.** This is something that could be progressed by the Green Matters group. If it is something that they want to take forward, the parish council would support it. |

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| Julia Chambers (resident) | This is available but again if people were interested we might be able to get a group of houses to purchase keeping cost and insulation together | **Noted, no amendments required.** This is something that could be progressed by the Green Matters group. If it is something that they want to take forward, the parish council would support it. |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | This may not be feasible for some older properties, particularly those on Castle Street | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| Ian Smith (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | Needs to be part of the original building plans not added on afterwards. | **Noted, no amendments required.** The action is regarding improving existing buildings. |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | This might include discussions with local landowners, who often have covenants on private properties, asking them to waive their fees around permissions required for alterations that promote renewable energy. | **Comments noted, no amendments required.** This is considered to be outside the remit of the parish council. |
| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | Air source heat pumps can be intrusive from a noise perspective and consideration for neighbouring properties should be treated with care. | **Comments noted, no amendments required** to CA2 as air source heat pumps are a valid renewable energy technology. Policy W1 to |

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| | Few domestic roofs are at the optimum angle nor are south facing for efficient solar energy generation. Additionally, they are usually unsightly (stand on the castle and look down Castle Street and they stick out like a sore thumb!). Larger scale solar/wind generation schemes should be encouraged instead of domestic schemes, where higher efficiencies can be achieved | be **amended** to include specific reference to renewable energy. |
| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Deacon and Megan Forsyth (residents) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | Solar panels should be a requirement on new housing. The panels added to property are often out of character and it is important that Warkworth retains its charm. | **Noted, no amendments required.** The action is regarding improving existing buildings. |
| Margaret Gray (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Tim Gray (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sarah Haggie (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| **Community Action 3 – Street lighting** | | |
| Amble Town Council | CA3: reduction of street lighting- this has been suggested before but police were against this measure as they felt it could lead to a rise in crime. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. Safety issues will be considered as part of the decision making process. |
| AONB Partnership | I would be really interested in being involved in these discussions. The dark skies of the AONB are recognised as on of its special qualities, and are 'intrinsically dark'. Whilst Warkworth due to is position at the south of the AONB and therefore proximity to urban | **Comments noted, amend** to include reference to working with the AONB partnership on this issue. |

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| | areas, won't be as dark as the northern parts of the AONB, the impact of the sea still makes a huge difference. There are other options e.g. dimming of lights and installation of lights with lower output. The Community Action could be worded more broadly to cover a wider range of dark sky initiatives. | |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | movement activated lights | **Comments noted, amend** to include reference to other ways of turning off street lighting, such as movement activated lights. |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John Howey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | Safety & security concerns. Plus A1068 through the Parish needs to be illuminated. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. Safety issues will be considered as part of the decision-making process. |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | LED head-torches are excellent. | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| Julia Chambers (resident) | Surely we can just do this | **Noted, no amendments required.** The action is to capture that the parish council is working with the county council on this issue. |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | I would want to know if crime is higher in small villages if street lights are turned off at night | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. Safety issues will be considered as part of the decision-making process. |
| Ian Smith (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | I strongly agree with this in order to reduce light pollution and protest the beautiful clear starry skies in the Warkworth and Amble area | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | Lighting in side streets in Amble is already very poor, don't make things worse for those who have to be out in unsocial hours. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. Safety issues will be considered as part of the decision-making process. |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Deacon and Megan Forsyth (residents) | New buildings should not be allowed uplighters as they caused unnecessary problems for nocturnal wildlife. | **Noted, no amendments required.** The action is regarding street lighting. Where planning permission is required for a development, there are a number of policies that would manage the impact of lighting e.g. neighbourhood plan policy W1 includes a requirement to ensure that lighting associated with development would not have a significant effect on residential amenity or wildlife. Local plan policies ENV4 (tranquillity, dark skies and sense of rurality) |

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| | | and POL2 (pollution and air, soil and water quality). |
| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | Some additional lighting on Station Road | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. This issue will be considered as part of the discussions on lighting. |
| Margaret Gray (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Tim Gray (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sarah Haggie (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| **Community actions 1 – 3 combined** | | |
| Gillian Maude (resident) | Definitely reduce street lighting at night. look at possibility of bulk buying of solar panels to reduce costs Insulation is the key place to start. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Anna Willey (resident) | Street lighting idea is good<br>Don't think it's the PC's role to provide advice – this is the Government's responsibility – you don't have the resources to do this | **Support is welcomed and comments noted. Amend** wording of CA2 to refer to providing encouragement and support. |
| Anonymous | 2. visual and noise problems | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| Alistair Currie (resident) | More properties should have solar panels. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Jane Brown (resident) | This might need to include financial support. Especially for those on low incomes or home owners who are asset rich/cash poor ? | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council cannot provide financial support but can give links to existing information, for example on access to possible grants. |

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| Luke Currie (resident – age 14) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Lorna Allan (resident) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Delphine Currie (resident - age 12) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Helen Bow (resident) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John and Lynn Hayes (residents of Bedington) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Esther Currie (resident) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Malcolm Campbell (resident) | Flood risk As Jeff knows I was involved when the flood wall was planned and constructed. In this connection I was in touch not only with the Environment Agency but with a number of local residents. With the help of all involved we persuaded the Environment Agency that suitable local stone should be used for the project, something which was not their original intent. As such I am sure that this is the sort of infrastructure which, if it were to be erected today, would be of direct relevance to your remit and of interest to you.<br><br>More generally, the flooding risk, both fluvial and tidal, has been alleviated by the wall but still exists. Residents of the village are still potentially exposed to whatever is done, or not done, upstream. I did try to find out what potential schemes for the reduction of risk were being considered such as tree planting and other land management initiatives in the upland areas of the valley. At the time the Environment Agency, rather to my surprise, did not seem terribly interested as they appeared to think that this was outside their remit. | **Noted, no amendments required.** The local plan includes detailed policies on flooding. |

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| | The river is a key attraction of the village and of the plans for it which you are developing. Equally, even with the flood wall, it can bring about flooding which could have significant consequences for a considerable number of villagers and for the local economy. So I would very much hope that representatives of the village are monitoring what is, or should be, happening upstream with a view to prodding people and intervening where necessary. | |
| **Distinctive natural, built and historic environment** | | |
| **Community Action 4 – Natural environment projects** | | |
| AONB Partnership | AONB Partnership team may be able provide advice and support here - e.g. such projects could help with Local Nature Recovery Plan | **Comments noted, amend** to include reference to working with the AONB partnership. |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John Howey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | The repeated inclusion of the phrase "such as" in CA4 emphasises the fact that there is a huge range of possible projects - something to suit every resident and every budget. The more residents who can be enthused by, or at least tolerant of, one project or another, the more successful this can be. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Julia Chambers (resident) | Again a CAN biodiversity group would really help support groups involved with this, in terms of support , grants, coordination and encouraging envolvement | **Comments noted, amend** to include reference to working with the CAN biodiversity group. |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | We need a cohesive group within the parish rather than individual groups who do not work in partnership with other local groups | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| Ian Smith (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | Be very careful not to either mask the view of the road ahead for motorists, or to encourage bees too close to roads. Both of these are issues on the road between Amble and Warkworth. Lots of dead bees. Better to have flowers in field margins | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. Safety concerns will be included as part of any discussions on this matter. |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | The Braid would be particularly suitable for these types of projects. | **Comments noted, no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | We would welcome this | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Deacon and Megan Forsyth (residents) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Margaret Gray (resident) | I am puzzled by the inclusion of the wording 'or similar', which seems unnecessary and likely only to perplex. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The wording allows for there being other schemes of which the parish council are not aware. |
| Tim Gray (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sarah Haggie (resident) | Protect the natural environment areas we have such as the braid as well as trying to create more areas | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| James Cox (resident) | The Cemetery Chapel - Developing the Cemetery Chapel garden as a wildlife garden which I believe is planned would certainly improve that part of the village. Perhaps using the chapel as a potting shed could be considered in view of the lack of any other sensible future function | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| **Community Action 5 – Bridge Gatehouse** | | |
| AONB Partnership | AONB Partnership team may be able provide advice and support here. Again we would be keen to be involved to find a sensitive and long-term use for this building. | **Support welcomed and comments noted, amend** to include reference to working with the AONB partnership. |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John Howey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | Building owners to undertake the work but with support from WPC. | **Comments noted, amend** to clarify. |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | But only if it isn't too expensive. If it is, just consolidate the structure as it is. | **Comments noted, amend** to clarify only initial feasibility work. |

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| Julia Chambers (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | very important to maintain this historic structure, but there may be limited practical applications for its use. | **Comments noted, amend** to clarify only initial feasibility work. |
| Ian Smith (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | Health and safety would probably be an issue which would mean substantial changes to the building if it is to have regular public access, so probably inapproriate. | **Comments noted, amend** to clarify only initial feasibility work. |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | We would welcome this | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Deacon and Megan | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Forsyth (residents) | | |
| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Margaret Gray (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Tim Gray (resident) | When the building owner opened the gatehouse on the recent Heritage Open Day, it seemed he was very much in tune with this action. | **Comments noted, no amendments required.** |
| Sarah Haggie (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| **Community Action 6 – Warkworth Conservation Area Character Appraisal** | | |
| AONB Partnership | The AONB Partnership has contracted the review of the suite of Conservation Area Character Appraisals for Conservation Areas in the designated landscape. Warkworth is one of these – please see previous comments. | **Comments noted, amend** to include reference to working with the AONB Partnership. |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | What would be purpose? | **Noted, no amendments required.** A conservation area character appraisal describes the significance of the area and is used to inform planning decisions which could impact on the character of the area. |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John Howey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | Long overdue | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | No | **Noted, no amendments required.** |

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| Julia Chambers (resident) | Sounds good but don't know what this is | **Noted, no amendments required.** A conservation area character appraisal describes the significance of the area and is used to inform planning decisions which could impact on the character of the area. |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Ian Smith (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | No more new estates, please. | **Noted, no amendments required.** The plan is not proposing new housing estates. |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Deacon and Megan Forsyth (residents) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Margaret Gray (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Tim Gray (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sarah Haggie (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| **Community actions 4 – 6 combined** | | |
| Anna Willey (resident) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Luke Currie (resident – age 14) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Lorna Allan (resident) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Delphine Currie (resident - age 12) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Helen Bow (resident) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| John and Lynn Hayes (residents of Bedington) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Esther Currie (resident) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Gillian Maude (resident) | 4. work towards a ban on glyphosate use within the area<br>identify a site for a community orchard | **Comments noted, no amendments required**, it is not within the role of the parish council to ban the use of chemicals. **Support is welcomed** regarding the community orchard. |
| Anonymous | 4. already enough.<br>Clean river status, perhaps? | **Comments noted, amend** CA4 to refer to clean river status. |
| Esther Currie (resident) | Some lovely ideas for natural environment projects and new community centre/youth facilities. We are behind other villages in terms of community facilities. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Alistair Currie (resident) | More facilities/activities are a good idea if more children/young people are coming to the village. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Jane Brown (resident) | Protection of the natural and built environment is essential if Warkworth is to remain vibrant and sustainable up until 2036. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| **Inclusive and sustainable community** | | |
| **Community Action 7 – Community Centre** | | |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John Howey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Rod Galilee (resident) | As per the 2000 Village Plan | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | Parking provision is vital, but should be balanced again siting the Community Centre somewhere allowing as many users as possible to walk/cycle/travel by bus. The Centre must be built to the highest environmental standards, so that it can permanently provide a (low carbon) warm hub in winter and a cool one in heatwaves. It must be designed to provide as many flexible uses as possible, being mindful of possible changes social and working practices in the future. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Julia Chambers (resident) | We really need a community center where access is good and which can be used for everything that's on at her moment ie films, coffee mornings , performances, art groups, etc but which also can be used for all community needs | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Ian Smith (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | And can we also have a tennis court beside the cricket club? | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** See CA8. |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | There should be complete transparency around negotiations with land and building owners so the community is clear about what incentives are being provided to these owners to provide such facilities. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |

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| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | Great idea - could replace existing sub-optimal facilities. Could combine with upgrade to cricket club facilities | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** The policies within the plan would support the enhancement of community facilities. |
| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Deacon and Megan Forsyth (residents) | Depending on the proposed location | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | Warkworth has a fabulous Memorial Hall should we not use this more rather than a new building. | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| Margaret Gray (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Tim Gray (resident) | A new community centre to replace the Memorial Hall would be extremely valuable. The question of what then to do with the Memorial Hall is difficult and adequate protections need to be in place to ensure that any redevelopment of the site meets all the requirements of W1, W2 and W4. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Sarah Haggie (resident) | So long as it is not build on the braid or other valuable green spaces or that otherwise unsuitable developments aren't granted permission to gain sweeteners such as a community centre | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| James Cox (resident) | 1 I wonder whether the people who have called for this for years actually use what we have. I doubt that building a completely new Community Hall is viable financially especially when there are alternatives | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |

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| | The URC is closing next year and will probably be put up for sale. There are two opportunities here – the hall is a useful and almost level access space and there is some parking space outside; the church is not likely to be used as a religious space again but could be a potential space for a Warkworth Hall/Museum/ Gallery | |
| **Community Action 8 – Sport and recreation facilities** | | |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John Howey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Julia Chambers (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Ian Smith (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | And can we also have a tennis court beside the cricket club? However, we would need better police provision to ensure investment isn't ruined by vandals. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Margaret Gray (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Tim Gray (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sarah Haggie (resident) | Only that unsuitable developments are not permitted to gain a sweetener such as community centre or sports facilities | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| James Cox (resident) | A sports centre is a great idea but we do not have enough young people in Warkworth to justify it. However there is an opportunity here to join with Amble to create something worthwhile together perhaps near the school in Amble where better road access (vital for the volume of cars likely) would make it a more feasible proposition | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** It is understood that the new facilities at JCSC in Amble will be for the use of the community. |

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| | New ventures imply large volumes of cars in a village already with a car problem. The existing sports spaces like the football pitch and the cricket field and the field beside it are not suitable for expansion because of traffic considerations, but the Beach Road football field might be much better used if there was a simple pavilion there, as per the cricket field | |
| **Community Action 9 – Children's play provision** | | |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John Howey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Julia Chambers (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Ian Smith (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | We would need better police provision to ensure investment isn't ruined by vandals. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Deacon and Megan Forsyth (residents) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Margaret Gray (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Tim Gray (resident) | "develop facilities for older children" is very vague. Is it possible to elaborate slightly? | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. It is not possible to provide further details at this early stage. |

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| Sarah Haggie (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| **Community Action 10 – Public seating** | | |
| Northumberland County Council | NCC Public Health is supportive of a mix of local spaces being considered for additional seating. The inclusion of additional seating in the village may lead to an increase (or maintenance) of those who make trips for utility by a sustainable method of transport. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John Howey (resident) | Would particularly like to see more seating on the Braid | **Comments noted, amend** to include reference to liaising with amble town council about the possibility of additional seating. |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | Provision should be as low maintenance as possible, and use recycled/repurposed materials where possible. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Julia Chambers (resident) | At the moment no one up is very helpful with this | **Comments noted, no amendments required.** The action is regarding providing additional public seating in the parish. |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | Unclear whether more are needed | **Comments noted, no amendments required.** |
| Ian Smith (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | And thought given to siting more dog bins eg between beach car park and Warkworth beach. I have already been in touch with our local Councillor about this. | **Comments noted, no amendments required.** The parish council is aware of this issue and discussions are on-going. |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | This should be extended specifically to The Braid which is a large recreation area but currently doesn't have any benches. | **Comments noted, amend** to include reference to liaising with amble town council about the possibility of additional seating. |
| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | Welcome this | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Deacon and Megan Forsyth (residents) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | A Happy To Chat Bench would be an ideal addition to Warkworth | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Margaret Gray (resident) | I do not think that additional picnic benches will be of benefit to the community, most of whom I suspect rarely picnic near home. I would also prefer not to see more seating areas. I think they detract from the natural beauty of the area and I believe there are probably already enough for those who really need them. Generallly, for the health of the community, I think people should be encouraged more to move than to sit. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The provision of additional seating is supported by the local community. Additional seating would be appropriately located as not to detract from the special character of the area. |

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| Tim Gray (resident) | There are already a good many seats and picnic tables. Too much provision risks spoiling the areas the plan seeks to protect. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| Sarah Haggie (resident) | So long as these facilities aren't acquired as recompense for loss or sacrificing other green spaces ,such as the suggestion by warkworth parish council of gaining a few benches elsewhere in the parish as recompense for Northumberland estates proposed road across the braid! | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| **Community Action 11 – Outdoor trim trails/ gym** | | |
| Northumberland County Council | NCC Public Health would be happy to support any discussions regarding outdoor gym and trim trails and their impact on community and visitor use. This may include providing relative literature reviews and examining the evidence base for effectiveness. | **Support is welcomed and comments noted, amend** to include reference to working with NCC. |
| AONB Partnership | Unless this was based on sports fields or other recreational areas, I would have concerns over the clutter it would to the landscape. As always devil in the detail, a sensitively designed scheme may not harm the designated landscape. | **Comments noted,** it is envisaged that such a development would take place on an existing recreation area. **Amend** to refer to the location being appropriate. |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John Howey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | Implement any such plan in small steps - if the early ones are not well-used, cancel the rest. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**, this approach is being taken by the parish council. |
| Julia Chambers (resident) | As an aside thing | **Comments noted, no amendments required** |

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| P Dowlen (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | Does not support the community action | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| Ian Smith (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | We would need better police provision to ensure investment isn't ruined by vandals. | **Comments noted, no amendments required** |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | Again this would be a suitable use for The Braid. | **Comments noted, no amendments required** |
| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | Does not support the community action | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Deacon and Megan Forsyth (residents) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Margaret Gray (resident) | CA11 sounds like a good idea but 'What is a trim trail?' I think this needs explanation. Is it different from a path? Would it need signage that might detract from the unspoilt environment? | **Support welcomed and comments noted, amend** to add further detail |
| Tim Gray (resident) | I like this idea, but I'm not sure how well used such facilities would be, given the age demographic, and there is the danger of detracting from the "openness" of green spaces. | **Support welcomed and comments noted, amend** to refer to the location being appropriate. |
| Sarah Haggie (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| **Community Action 12 – Business hub** | | |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John Howey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | See comments on CA7 above [small steps comment]– flexibility | **Comments noted, no amendments required**, this approach is being taken by the parish council. |
| Julia Chambers (resident) | Warm spaces for working | **Comments noted, amend** to include reference to warm spaces for working. |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Ian Smith (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | Berwick Workspace could be a model for this. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | There should be complete transparency around negotiations with Advance Northumberland and landowners owners so the community is clear about what incentives are being provided to these organisations to provide such facilities. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council are only suggesting that options are explored at this stage. |
| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | Is there a demand for this? | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council are only suggesting that options are explored at this stage. |
| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Deacon and Megan Forsyth (residents) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | Could this not be provided in say one of the pubs or hotels | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council are only suggesting that options are explored at this stage. |

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| Margaret Gray (resident) | This seems an excellent idea. As one who formerly ran a solo business from my home in Warkworth, I find this idea very appealing. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Tim Gray (resident) | A start could be made on this using the existing community centre, especially now that wifi is available in the Hall. | **Support welcomed and comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| Sarah Haggie (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| James Cox (resident) | If by that one means retail, I cannot see that getting traction. If by that one means a mini business park, the same argument as for the sport facilities may well apply (See CA8) | **Comments noted, no amendments required.** The community action relates to business/ office space within existing buildings. |
| **Community Action 13 – Tourist facilities at Beach Road** | | |
| AONB Partnership | Agree it is critical to encourage people to park at the Beach Road car park. Access is difficult however and management of visitor access and travel needs to be looked across Warkworth, otherwise run the risk of adding more facilities (the carrot) but not providing enough stick (eg controlling parking in village centre) to get people to use this car park. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John Howey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Julia Chambers (resident) | Not commercial enterprises but support stuff like safe place to put cycles , electric car top up | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | Improved signage in the village encouraging visitors to park there, possibly a good location for electric charging points | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** The parish council is currently looking at EV charging points but there is no easy source of electricity at Beach Road. |
| Ian Smith (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Anonymous | People want to park near their destination, so the Warkworth "official village" carpark is never likely to be a success. There isn't even a sign to it, last time I looked. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. Signage has been improved. |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | Beach Rd carpark (by cemetery) should be developed into an attractive parking area with facilities (public convenience, adequate rubbish facilities, etc) | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |

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| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | Welcome this as well as better signposting to attract more visitors | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Deacon and Megan Forsyth (residents) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | Improvements in toilet facilities at Beach Rd and the centre | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council is in talks with NCC to improve facilities. |
| Margaret Gray (resident) | I think electric vehicle charging points at the Beach Road Car Park might take some cars out of the village centre but other attractions are not needed. At busy times/weekends this car park is now often quite well used, especially by motor homes. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| Tim Gray (resident) | I'm not sure what "tourist facilities" are in mind - toilets, coffee stall? In the first place, more could be done to get visitors to park here by improved signage (as proposed elsewhere in the plan). | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. There is no further detail to add at this stage. |
| Sarah Haggie (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| **Community actions 7 – 13 combined** | | |
| Gillian Maude (resident) | 7. cf earlier comments re car parking at new community centre.<br>important to encourage walking and cycling where possible.<br>Purchase a few community e=bikes for local use? | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| Anna Willey (resident) | 8 – sports facilities should be in Amble (higher population, more people without cars)<br>10 – there is sufficient seating – I've never seen it all full<br>11 – YES PLEASE | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Luke Currie (resident - age 14) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Lorna Allan (resident) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Delphine Currie (resident - age 12) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Helen Bow (resident) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John and Lynn Hayes (residents of Bedlington) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Anonymous | 7. not needed, the cricket club fulfils this<br>8. develop in Amble<br>9. not needed<br>10. enough already provided<br>11. excellent idea<br>12 in Amble would be better | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| Esther Currie (resident) | It would be very important to include the full length of Morwick Road in 20mph zone as this road is becoming increasingly dangerous. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council will note this for on-going discussions with NCC. |
| Alistair Currie (resident) | A 20mph zone is a great idea but will need to be enforced. | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jane Brown (resident) | Perhaps create partnerships with Northumberland Wildlife Trust, Alnwick Garden, NAtional Trust, English Heritage etc unless this already exists. | **Comments noted, amend** to include reference to working in partnership. |
| **Transport and accessibility** | | |
| **Community Action 14 – Accessibility improvements** | | |
| AONB Partnership | The AONB Partnership team would be keen to be involved in this important community action, and will be able to provide advice and support. | **Comments noted, amend** to include reference to working with the AONB partnership. |

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| Lisa Hobden (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John Howey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | Plus keep aggressive, self-righteous cyclists from using pavements instead of roads. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | DEvelopments should be based on hierarchy of new Highway Code. Should be planned against a presumption that cyclists and pedestrians should be protected, encouraged, and celebrated | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| Julia Chambers (resident) | There's an area at the top of Beale bank where it's dangerous to cross and the cycle path sort of peters off | **Comments noted, amend** to refer to Beal Bank. |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | Also beneficial to work with adjoining parishes, particularly Acklington who have equipment and more experience of maintaining local paths | **Comments noted, amend** to refer to working with other parish councils regarding footpaths. |
| Ian Smith (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | I have already been in touch with our local Councillor re. signposting to, and access to, the safe footpath from the official Warkworth car park. | **Comments noted, no amendments required.** Cemetery Bank is referred to in the CA. |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | Please see my comments under Policy W6. N.B. Walking and cycle routes need to be made more attractive as well as safer to encourage use. | **Comments noted, amend** to refer to improving attractiveness. |

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| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | We would welcome a separate cycle path along Rotary Way, along the lines of that between Alnmouth and Warkworth for the protaction of both cyclists and pedestrians | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. Other routes would also be considered in the future and Rotary Way is mentioned. |
| Jonathan Deacon and Megan Forsyth (residents) | Footpath linkages should be dependent on the impact to the environmental, wildlife and residents. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| Miss Christine Bell (residents) | Disappointed by the lack of upkeep on some of the paths | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| Margaret Gray (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Tim Gray (resident) | All of these are very important. For Route 1 between Warkworth and Amble, simply repainting the faded cycle signs on the pavement at each end, and possibly adding a sign half way along, would be a quick way of improving life for cyclists wishing to use this route. Better signage at the bottom of the beach road would help deter visiting cyclists from risking their lives on the 1068 to Hipsburn. | **Support is welcomed and comments noted, no amendments required**. Improved signage is referred to in CA14a |
| Sarah Haggie (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| James Cox (resident) | I think that footpaths to the rig and furrow field would be expensive to install, and maintain and have little benefit for only a very small number of residents, and considerable negative visual impact | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. There are no plans to increase access to this field – there is already a permissive path through it. |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | A shame to see the mill walk deteriorating. Needs bushes cleared near the far end beyond the Hermitage and footpath better underfoot. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |

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| D Baker (resident) | I have grave concerns about the shared uuse path on Beal Bank as it is an accident waiting to happen.<br>a) It is not wide enough for 2 bicycles to pass<br>b) Pedestrians cannot hear cyle bells because of traffic noise<br>c) The speed of cyclists downhill<br>On the OS maps a path is marked from the Butts to join the lower end of Beal Bank. I realise there are price constraints -NCC, Sustrans grants etc etc | **Comments noted, amend** to mention Beal Bank and cycle route 1 within the village |
| Malcolm Campbell (resident) | Trees I am sure you are familiar with the great JMW Turner watercolour of Warkworth Castle which I remember was the first painting on display as one entered the "Turner and the Masters" exhibition at Tate Britain. This view towards the castle from just beyond the bottom of the path leading up from the river bank also featured as a photo in the first English Tourist Board poster on display which I used to see coming into the arrival hall at Gatwick Airport for meetings in London in the days when I used to live and work in Paris.<br><br>This view up to the castle, with the path leading the eye up from the riverbank, now no longer exists. So such a painting or photograph would not now be possible. This is of course because trees and vegetation in general have blocked the vista. I am sure I cannot be the only resident or visitor regretting the fact that one of the most spectacular views in England has been so badly compromised.<br><br>Trees and undergrowth impede the view back to the castle not only from this viewpoint at the foot of the path but also more generally from along the Mill Walk which shows neglect to the extent where it has become almost a jungle. Similarly the view down to the river from the bench at the top of the footpath to the castle is now blocked by foliage for much of the year.<br><br>We are all of course in favour of trees and greenery in general terms. However I had thought that the existing guidelines for Warkworth were intended to preserve and enhance the views of the village's historical buildings, notably the castle, and of its natural landscape. Moreover I note that your draft vision mentions protecting and enhancing special landscapes and conserving the unique historical environment. The increasing proliferation of trees and undergrowth in the wrong places is meaning that a | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. Reference to protecting views is included within the conservation area policy. |

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| | tremendous opportunity to maintain and increase the attractions of the village, both for visitors and residents, by protecting such views is being lost. | |
| **Community Action 15 – Car parking** | | |
| AONB Partnership | As for CA14, the AONB Partnership team would be keen to be involved in this important community action, and will be able to provide advice and support to ensure parking enhancement improve the character and appearance of the designated landscape. | **Comments noted, amend** to include reference to working with the AONB partnership. |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | better to have a time limit on parking rather than a charge | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council will note this for on-going discussions with NCC. |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John Howey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | Most of these points were proposed in 2018 but rejected by residents. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council will note this for on-going discussions with NCC. |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | Easy parking for those who really need it, discouragement and cost for those who don't. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council will note this for on-going discussions with NCC. |
| Julia Chambers (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Ian Smith (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | I don't think that banning pavement parking on Castle St or having bays will work. Maybe there should be some residents parking there. Very difficult to get parked to go to the Memorial Hall, particularly if off-loading equipment etc. so it would put people off booking the hall if there ends up being no parking there at all. If the village were bypassed, it wouldn't be such an issue in any case. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council will note this for on-going discussions with NCC. |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | Yes to: a, b, e No to: c, d, f and g. I think these schemes will generate more problems than they solve<br>c) would likely encourage people to park elsewhere in the village where people are more likely to require short term parking<br>d) I think this will generate problems elsewhere (I live on Castle Street so would potentially benefit but am against it) and require administration which we as residents would no doubt have to pay for.<br>f) I think there is a reasonable balance between enforcement where pavement parking is done inconsiderately and allowing it where space permits. If this were enforced for Castle Street, I would need to park on double yellows for loading/unloading which would no doubt generate problems with traffic flow at busy times.<br>g) Provision of parking bays would likely encourage long term parking on Castle Street pavement, which would be detrimental | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council will note this for on-going discussions with NCC |

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| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | Agreed | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Deacon and Megan Forsyth (residents) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Margaret Gray (resident) | (c)I above would simply increase pressure on the other/free parking within the village so would not improve anything for residents/community in general.<br>(d) residents parking schemes would not help, since they would create additional problems e.g. additional difficulties for non-residents visiting facilities such as the memorial hall, and for tradesmen and delivery vans; create a 'blackmarket': long ago, a second home owner offer224red to sell us his permit if such a scheme were introduced. As a resident of Castle Street, I believe the present first-come first-served system works as well as anything could.<br>(e) Development of EV charging points in those two locations and many others will be absolutely essential for residents in the very near future.<br>(f) Enforcement of no parking on pavements would simply mean that there were 10+ more cars looking for spaces in the village centre. Yes, it would look better but isn't practical.<br>(g) I fear that creating parking bays to regularise pavement parking wouldn't be practical either. The additional kerbs needed seem likely to reduce the space available for cars or pedestrians. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council will note this for on-going discussions with NCC. |
| Tim Gray (resident) | Introducing controls for parking on The Stanners is a good idea though it will increase pressure on other areas in the village. Presumably there would be associated signage directing visitors to the free long-term parking on the beach road. Enforcing no parking on pavements, which I imagine relates to Castle Street, is a fine idea in principle, but in practice will displace a significant number of resident's cars to fight for the already inadequate number of parking slots on the street and Dial Place. In the busy visitor | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council will note this for on-going discussions with NCC |

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| | months, residents can already be forced to park on the Stanners - something to be taken into account in considering controls in that area. | |
| Sarah Haggie (resident) | I agree with some but I don't think should introduce restricted parking times or charging, point c. I don't think that would improve parking situation, it would just line someone's pockets and make warkworth less easy/appealing for people on limited budgets. It would prevent or restrict parish residents from the periphery from driving into village to use facilities if charged to park or limited times or if unable the pavement park. Similarly residents parking would restrict parish members and locals from accessing village facilities as easily. Perhaps having a locals parking system and tourist tax! So local people can pop to post office or go for meal and park easily and free but the overwhelming number of tourists can be restricted or charged in some way. I live in the parish but would be forced out of using local amenities like the post office and hospitality if parking restrictions or charges were implemented. The parking on pavements down castle street is pretty much neses225ary, so preventing this or enforcing no pavement parking would reduce parking in the village significantly and there is no alternative or available space to build a carpark in warkworth centre nor would we want an unsightly car park plonked anywhere. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council will note this for on-going discussions with NCC |
| Peter and Catherine Atkinson (residents) | We began to fill in your Response form, but there was so much with which we agreed that we abandoned that and thought it best just to document the bit that concerns us most. Looking at our address on Castle Street, I guess you will realise that I am concerned about your proposal to try and remove any parking on the east side of the street.<br>Having lived on the street for 22 years, I have seen about three different proposals offered that have tried to tackle, what other people see as an issue. I'm not sure many Castle Street residents see that there is much of an issue at all. The last attempt to try and do something was Jeff Watsons idea a few years ago to give residents (and holiday homes) parking permits. He did a survey of how many he would need and found that there were in theory far too many potential permits over and above the number of spaces that could ever be offered. How would permits accommodate family and friends visiting or staying in our houses. With issues such as who administers such a scheme and how would the expanding number of holiday homes fit into the regulations, he | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council will note this for on-going discussions with NCC |

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| | abandoned the scheme. His final conclusion was that the people who actually live on the street, somehow seem to make it work and hence let sleeping dogs lie.<br>We strongly oppose the suggestion to end parking on the east side of the street on the following grounds.<br>• Ideas of this type invariably come from people who do not live on the street and they are often based on how people think the street should look, with a castle at one end, a church at the other and lovely old houses in between. The houses on the street are our homes and although we recognise the core beauty of Warkworth, we are not a chocolate box street that has to be parking free so that visitors can admire it as it might have been before cars arrived. We would contend that not one visitor more or one visitor less comes to Warkworth on the basis of cars parked, or not parked on the east side. Has any visitor ever driven up Castle Street and seen cars on the east side and said, "I'm not coming to Warkworth again."<br>• Apart from a few brief periods of the year, there can be between 11 or 13 cars parked on the east side. If parking was blocked on that side, then it is obvious that all those cars would jockey for a place somewhere else close to their home. The number of parking spaces is tight at the best of times, but to try and squeeze another load of cars into other parking spots would be highly disruptive. Neighbours might begin to fall out with each other which would cause unnecessary aggravation.<br>• Cars on either side of the street slow down the traffic and even for people who do not live on the road, we're sure that is regarded as beneficial. If cars and lorries sometimes have to stop, then so what. Cars have to stop at the single road through Hotspur Gate in Alnwick and there seems no regional outcry about that.<br>• When we bought our house in late 1999, we bought it with the current arrangements prevailing. It seems unfair that people who do not live on the street offer plans that would restrict the parking arrangements we have enjoyed since first arriving.<br>• Residents spend a lot of money making their houses look good which helps to give Warkworth an attractive appearance. Taking cars off the east side of the street that would create difficulties for the residents just because people want the place to, "…look nice." would be seen as very unjust.<br>We would ask the Neighbourhood Plan committee to leave the parking alone. We welcome visitors coming to Warkworth with free parking and the ability to find a space | |

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| | where they can. Greater use of the Beach Road car park might be helpful, but people are not prepared to take their car up there and that's the reality. Yes, Warkworth gets overloaded with cars in the summer, but somehow nobody dies. | |
| James Cox (resident) | 1 I believe that the approach to parking is about tolerance. Having lived in Castle Street for 34 years, I have obviously got annoyed like everyone else when I can't park close to my house, but looking back I almost always get a slot and have never had to 'park in Amble'. So I think that the important things after patience are to retain the availability of all the existing slots and not to go for Residents Parking which would kill the village trade by leaving usable slots empty<br>There are some residents who have several cars but that is their right and equally there are some residents who have none – so things tend to balance out. People who complain about parking here might get a shock if they saw how really terrible parking is in some ancient UK cities like Cambridge and Oxford, or for comparison in the hill towns of Italy where parking is frequently banned altogether<br>2 One could consider using granite sets to control careless parking in Castle Terrace (such as parking wrong way on and using two slots for one car) as has been successfully deployed in Dial Place, and so get the most of the space. I think to do this would mean adopting that slot of land<br>3 Also worth consideration is whether renting day time use of the Sun Hotel car park during the week when they are not busy might help – though the problem times are probably mostly in the evening<br>4 One might make parking in the Beach Road carpark more attractive by having EV parking slots which might help drag some cars from the village. This might be a more attractive idea than EV slots in Dial Place which may well completely gum it up and be visually inappropriate | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council will note this for on-going discussions with NCC |
| Anna Willey (resident) | Whilst people complain about parking it's clear after 6pm that there is sufficient parking in the village centre. A lot of parking must be related to businesses (could staff of Bertram's, Coquet Cottages park in the Beach carpark?). This might make a significant daily difference. Any suggested scheme to regulate or control parking will result in reduced quantities of spaces overall | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council will note this for on-going discussions with NCC |

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| Warkworth Memorial Hall | I am broadly in agreement with the planning document, just one element that may cause concern.<br><br>I note the desire to enforce no parking on pavements and to create parking bays on Castle Street. For concerts and various other events at the Memorial Hall it is essential that there is parking available for loading/unloading equipment. To date the pavement, although not ideal, has sufficed. Loading/unloading facilities are required if the Hall is to continue putting on concerts, visiting drama groups and other large scale events. Without these it is possible that the Hall itself will no longer be viable.<br><br>On further thought, a loading/unloading bay for the Memorial Hall is essential for every day use as a drop-off/pick-up point for some of our elderly or frail visitors, for equipment loading/unloading for our regular groups and for maintenance/development of Hall facilities. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council will note this for on-going discussions with NCC |
| Malcolm Campbell (resident) | Parking restrictions in this area [The Butts] such as residents' parking are also envisaged. This again I would support for the following reasons.<br><br>I believe that many comments have been made as to the number of visitors parking in the village itself as a base from which to set out for the day without necessarily using any facilities within Warkworth. This certainly seems to happen a lot along The Butts.<br><br>Another issue is that certain occupiers of holiday lets or other visitors (including to houses in Ember Gardens) leave their cars, sometimes for several days, in front of the windows of houses on the Butts rather than use the nearby designated parking area on The Butts or an available space on the road which is not opposite windows. In some cases they simply prefer not to park in front of the house which they themselves are using or visiting. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council will note this for on-going discussions with NCC |
| **Community Action 16 – Pedestrian safety** | | |
| AONB Partnership | Ditto to CA15 | **Noted, no amendments required.** |

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| Lisa Hobden (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | The 20 mph zone must be supported with suitable traffic calming/ management measures.In particular the A1068 heading north out of the village where presently excessive speed is a hazard for pedestrians should be considered for additional measures. | **Noted, no amendments required**. The 30mph zone now extends north out of the village and has a speed management system in place for traffic entering the village. |
| John Howey (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | WPC working on this, but NP support is welcome. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | I do agree with the 20mph zone. But, as a pedestrian, I could often use a refuge/island, but I think it would just encourage more speed from motor vehicles. Focus on reduced speed, and developing better driver behaviour. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council will note this for on-going discussions with NCC. |
| Julia Chambers (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Ian Smith (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | There are not enough safe pedestrian crossing points in Warkworth or coming into Amble from Warkworth especially now there are more houses off Gloster Hill. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council will note this for on-going discussions with NCC. |
| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | No room for a pedestrian island on Castle St! | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |

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| Lynne Cole (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | The existing 30mph limit isn't respected by some and I suspect those that are currently exceeding this wouldn't modify their behaviour with a 20mph limit. A 20mph limit in conjunction with some enforcement, e.g. average speed zone on Bridge Street, Castle Street and Woodlands, would be highly effective and calming the traffic in the village without impeding emergency services. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council will note this for on-going discussions with NCC |
| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | Agreed | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Deacon and Megan Forsyth (residents) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Margaret Gray (resident) | Pedestrian safety should be given extremely high priority. Residents and visitors, especially the elderly, have tremendous difficulty crossing the roads in the village centre. Cars frequently exceed the existing speed limit. It can only be a matter of time before there is an extremely serious accident. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council will note this for on-going discussions with NCC |
| Tim Gray (resident) | A 20 mph restriction through the middle of the village would make a huge difference, but I thought such limits were not permitted on an A road? | **Support welcomed and comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council will note this for on-going discussions with NCC. |

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| Sarah Haggie (resident) | Unless you provide a bypass road I don't feel the main road to alnwick should be restricted to 20mph and would create a worse traffic problem and more if a warkworth bottle neck than the tight bend at the caste already is. and I think traffic calming measures within warkworth on castle street would make the village look like a ghetto. Similarly a flashing zebra or pelican crossing is not in keeping with the village on castle street. By the school certainly worth considering but at this section traffic doesn't seem that heavy to warrant expenditure of zebra crossing etc. People should employ the green cross code, stop, look and listen. Don't cross in front of cars! A pedestrian crossing at the wynd in amble doesn't seem needed as there is not much on the west side of the road for people to cross over too or from, but certainly an island might be of benefit and the recently added speed flashing sign by the marina entrance is a definite improvement. Speed humps or the chicane type road narrowing measures at the wynd again will make the area look like a ghetto and will cause massive disruption to put in and once in disrupt the flow of traffic along what is the only route north probably making issues worse rather than better. A mini roundabout at bottom of wynd and marina entrance probably more appropriate. | **Comments noted, no amendments required.** Discussions with the county council will include all aspects of safety and aesthetics. |
| James Cox (resident) | Traffic<br>1 The main problem with traffic is that there is too much of it and it is too fast (and too big) for medieval streets. The eventual answer is a bypass – which would be safer and would improve air quality and QOL for the medieval core<br>However I presume that this will not happen in my lifetime, so meanwhile I think an answer is breaking up the flow of traffic and slowing it with chicanes on the approaches to the village, a pedestrian crossing and 20mph speed limit – the police said in the past that they would do not do these but perhaps they might now as the situation is worse. Traffic experts would be needed to make any such change 'village friendly'<br>2 Another traffic problem is cars competing to get in or out of Beach Road. Sooner or later there will be an accident as cars often reverse into the main road<br>If the Beach Road was made one way upto the road on the left, and speed restricted to 20mph, and the traffic exited left along the road beyond the cemetery then maybe this would be safer. The number of cars is not so very great but safety and flow would be improved | **Comments noted, amend** to refer to safety on Cemetery Bank, both for pedestrians and cars turning. |

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| **Community Action 17 – Warkworth Bypass** | | |
| Amble Town Council | Bypass- the original suggested route is now compromised by development. Also initially businesses were against this as they felt it could lead to a downfall in passing trade especially when most needed in the winter months. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| AONB Partnership | Whilst sympathising with problems caused by traffic flow on the A1068, due to topography and the east coast mainline, I think this is unrealistic. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| Lisa Hobden (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Charles Belcher (resident) | New roads should not be an option to consider given the imperatives of climate change and the need to safeguard the countryside. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| Rod Galilee (resident) | Good luck. | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| Sheila Pearson (resident) | The complications, cost, community disagreements, delays for this would be huge. Instead: discourage unsuitable heavy traffic from driving through village, discourage unneccessary car journeys, reduce speeds, develop better driver behaviour. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| Julia Chambers (resident) | This might not be possible but could we at least ban unsuitable vehilcals from coming through and getting stuck etc | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| P Dowlen (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Catherine Dowlen (resident) | Or limit heavy vehicles being allowed to come through the village | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| Ian Smith (resident) | Support the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Michael Colin Nixon (Amble resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |

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| Mrs Norma Arthur (resident) | Strongly support a bypass for heavy traffic through our village | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| Lynne Cole (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jacqueline Turpin (resident) | Any bypass should respect the whole of the parish and not just property owners in the village of Warkworth. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| Mrs Chris Taylor (resident) | Supports the community action | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Willey (resident) | Very supportive but it would need to be to the west of the village! | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| Julie Rhodes and Liam Jowett (residents) | Do not support the community action | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| Jonathan Deacon and Megan Forsyth (residents) | Do not support the community action | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| Miss Christine Bell (resident) | More detail required. The problem with bypassing traffic is it is often passing trade that uses cafes and gift shops. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| Tim Gray (resident) | If only! | **Noted, no amendments required.** |
| Sarah Haggie (resident) | Worth considering to reduce the traffic going through the village and aid/speed transport links to those not needing to go through warkworth | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| James Cox (resident) | The main problem with traffic is that there is too much of it and it is too fast (and too big) for medieval streets. The eventual answer is a bypass – which would be safer and would improve air quality and QOL for the medieval core (see comments CA16) | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |
| Anna Willey (resident) | Given the economic situation, and the A1 still not dualled, it's unlikely a bypass would get funding, BUT it would solve so many of the village's environmental issues ( noise pollution, traffic density, cycle and pedestrian safety). | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |

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| **Community Actions 14 – 17 combined** | | |
| Gillian Maude (resident) | Cycle parking also needed at the Castle, new community centre (more than just 1 or 2)<br>Agree to 3 hour max stay at the Stanners, signing Beach Road as long stay<br>I think the A1 is the Warkworth By-pass, and should be signed as such. | **Comments noted, amend** to liaise with English Heritage regarding cycle parking |
| Anna Willey (resident) | Resident parking would not increase the number of spaces or guarantee a spot near your house. Do not want markings on pavements. Residents park on Stanners. Village will never cope if permanent parking removed. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. The parish council will note this for on-going discussions with NCC. |
| Luke Currie (resident age 14) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Lorna Allan (resident) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Delphine Currie (resident age 12) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Helen Bow (resident) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| John and Lynn Hayes (residents of Bedlington) | Support | **Support welcomed; no amendments required.** |
| Anonymous | 14c – no space to do this safely. Current problem with cyclists on pavements. This might make it worse<br>15c – this would negatively affect residents<br>15d – would not increase parking capacity or guarantee a space near your house<br>15f – noy/t in favour<br>15g – would not increase capacity<br>16 – pedestrian crossings - no-one will want this outside their house (traffic noise and belisha beacons).<br>16 – 20mph -THIS WOULD BE BRILLIANT – less noise and easier to cross the road. | **Comments noted, no amendments required**. |

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| Esther Currie (resident) | Parking on the Beach Rd would be beneficial both in terms of safety and preserving the character of the village. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Alistair Currie (resident) | A Bypass and parking out of the village would be hugely beneficial in restoring the history of the village. | **Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.** |
| Jane Brown (resident) | But still no mention of improving bus routes ? More emphasis on additional parking ? HOw about park and ride ? E.g. from Alnwick, Amble or the station at Alnmouth ? Fewer cars, less need for car parks | **Amend** to include additional community action to work with the county council and public transport providers to seek to improve accessibility and integration. |