

WHITTINGTON PARISH Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation Statement

February 2018

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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 what 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 In order to meet the requirements of the Regulations, this Consultation Statement sets out:
- The background to the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan for Whittington ('the WNP');
 - A summary of the publicity, engagement and consultation that has helped to shape and inform preparation of the WNP;
 - Details of those consulted about the WNP at the various stages of plan preparation and the extent to which efforts were made to ensure the WNP was prepared with support and input from the local community; and
 - A description of the changes made to the WNP in response to consultation, engagement and independent review.
- 1.3 Whittington Parish Council (WPC) consider that the extent of engagement meets the obligations set out in the Regulations.
- 1.4 The Consultation Statement is intended to help the Independent Examiner review the process of the preparation of the WNP and make any appropriate recommendations in relation to the WNP, having regard to the extensive and iterative processes employed in preparing the Submission Draft WNP.

2. Background to the Whittington Neighbourhood Plan

- 2.1 On 2 March 2016, the Parish of Whittington was designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning. The Parish Council established a Steering Group to lead the Plan preparation process and the Steering Group held their first meeting in April 2016. The process of preparing the Plan began formally in July 2016 with a community launch event.
- 2.2 The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, made up of Parish Councillors, local volunteers and the local County Councillor, have worked on behalf of the Parish Council to develop the Submission Draft Plan. During this time, the Steering Group have been guided by Northumberland County Council (NCC), the local planning authority, as well as an Independent Planning Consultant. This support has sought to ensure that the WNP reflects both the wishes of the local community but that it will also meet the statutory 'basic conditions'. Regular feedback on progress with the preparation of the Plan was provided to the Parish Council at its meetings, including special meetings to discuss the emerging Plan.
- 2.3 The preparation of the WNP has involved comprehensive and inclusive community engagement, all of which will be discussed further in this document. In summary, there were two rounds of early engagement to obtain the views of the local community and stakeholders about the scope of the Plan:
- July 2016 – launch event and identification of issues and policy options for the Plan;
 - December 2016 – engagement on the vision and objectives for the Plan – a leaflet was sent to all households in the Parish and key stakeholders to ask for input to the draft vision and objectives.
- 2.4 This early engagement informed the preparation of a Pre-Submission Draft Plan which was subject to consultation during May and June 2017. The draft plan identified:
- The context in which the Plan has been prepared – an overview of Whittington Parish, the **opportunities and challenges** for the Plan to address;
 - A **positive vision and objectives** for the future of the Neighbourhood Plan area; and
 - How the vision and objectives of the Plan will be **delivered through planning policies** i.e. the policies that will be used to determine planning applications within the Plan area - providing a framework for sustainable development.
- 2.5 The Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan is a revised version of the Pre-Submission Draft Whittington Neighbourhood Plan (May 2017). It is supported by a strengthened evidence base and has been modified to take into account the following:
- Representations received on the Pre-Submission Draft Plan; and
 - Independent advice provided through the Pre-Submission health check provided as part of the Government's technical support programme.
- 2.6 The key stages in the preparation of the Plan can be summarised as:

2 March 2016	Designation of the Whittington Neighbourhood Area
23 July 2016	Community launch event and identification of key issues
December 2016	Engagement on the draft vision and objectives for the Plan
15 May to 26 June 2017	Pre-Submission Draft Plan engagement, including a drop-in event on 10 June
February 2018	Submission

3. Early Engagement and awareness raising

3.1 In order to inform the preparation of the draft WNP there were two periods of early engagement:

- Issues consultation: 23 July 2016 to 25th August 2016; and
- Vision and objectives consultation: 28 November 2016 to 12 December 2016.

3.2 The early engagement and awareness raising activities are described below.

Issues consultation

3.3 Awareness raising and engagement on the proposed WNP began formerly with informal public drop-in event on Saturday 23rd July 2016, which took place at Great Whittington Village hall from 10am – 11.30am. The event was facilitated by members of the WNP Steering Group and officers from NCC.

3.4 The local community, consultation bodies (appendix 1) and other interested parties were informed of the event and the opportunity to input to the preparation of the WNP in the following ways:

- A leaflet was distributed to all households and businesses in the Parish (appendix 2);
- Copies of the leaflet were posted in public locations across the Parish;
- A press release in the local newspaper, Hexham Courant (appendix 3);
- Letters were sent to the consultation bodies identified in appendix 1 (copy of letters in appendix 4); and
- Details were published on the WNP website www.whittingtonparishndp.org.

3.5 At the event information about the Neighbourhood Planning process and how to get involved was set out on display boards (appendix 5). Those attending the event were encouraged to undertake the following exercises to help identify the scope of the WNP:

- What people felt was good or bad about living or working in the Parish;
- What kind of development is needed in the Parish;
- What needs to be protected in the Parish;
- Mapping of issues and opportunities.

3.6 Those attending were given a consultation leaflet and response form and encouraged to complete it either at the event or return it after the event (appendix 6).

3.7 The event was attended by 50 people, eight responses were made using the response form and a further eight responses were submitted online.

3.8 A report of the feedback received at and following the drop-in event was prepared and published on the Neighbourhood Plan website. A review of the feedback was undertaken and proposed policy areas and community actions were identified (appendix 7), in summary this highlighted the following potential policy issues for the WNP to look to address:

- Importance of good design;
- Conservation and enhancement of heritage assets;
- Negative impact of Aspen Ridge on the Conservation Area;
- Landscape;
- Tranquillity and dark skies;
- Biodiversity;

- Local green space/ protection of open space;
- Location of new housing development;
- Protecting and enhancing services and facilities;
- Infrastructure; and
- Supporting agriculture and new businesses, such as tourism.

3.9 This feedback was used to inform the preparation of a draft vision and objectives for the WNP.

3.10 In response to the letter to the consultation bodies, responses were received from: Sustrans; Northumbrian Water; CTIL (Vodafone/ Telefonica); Wildcard Networks (Fibre Broadband); and the United Benefice of Stamfordham with Matfen. A report of the feedback received from the consultation bodies was prepared and published on the Neighbourhood Plan website. At this stage, no specific issues were identified by the consultation bodies.

3.11 As part of the review of feedback discussions took place as to how to ensure all members of the community were engaged in the Plan preparation process. The farming community were identified as a particular group that had not engaged in the issues consultation. Members of the Steering Group agreed to raise awareness by making 1to1 contact with local farmers to raise awareness of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Draft vision and objectives consultation

3.12 In advance of the preparation of the draft WNP, the Steering Group considered that it was important to obtain feedback from the local community on a draft vision and objectives for the plan, to ensure they reflected the comments received as part of the issues consultation.

3.13 A leaflet was prepared in order to obtain feedback (appendix 8), awareness of the consultation was raised in the following ways:

- The leaflet was sent to all households and businesses in the Parish;
- Copies of the leaflet were posted in public locations across the Parish;
- Letters/ emails were sent to the consultation bodies identified in appendix 1 (copy of letters/ emails in appendix 9); and
- Details of the consultation were published on the WNP website www.whittingtonparishndp.org.

3.14 Responses to the consultation were received from:

- Natural England – supported the general approach to the natural environment;
- Coal Authority – acknowledged that the plan area was within the defined coalfield and identified mining legacy features across the plan area;
- Highways England – highlighted their engagement with NCC on the emerging Local Plan and explained that within the locality of the plan area the network is managed by Roadlink;
- Historic England – welcomed the draft vision and objectives and set out the historic assets located in the plan area and the need to ensure the plan appropriately safeguards them in accordance with national policy and guidance;
- Great Whittington and Matfen WI – no detailed comments.

3.15 No feedback was received from the local community. A report of the consultation was prepared and published on the Neighbourhood Plan website. As a result of the feedback received on the vision and objectives, they were used as the basis for the preparation of the draft WNP.

4. Pre-Submission Engagement

- 4.1 Consultation on the Pre-Submission Draft WNP took place between 15 May 2017 and 26 June 2017. In advance of the commencement of the consultation NCC provided advice to ensure it was in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
- 4.2 The local community, consultation bodies and other interested parties were informed of the consultation on the Pre-Submission Draft WNP and the opportunity to comment on the plan in the following ways:
- A public notice was posted online and on notice boards across the Parish (appendix 10);
 - A letter was distributed to all households and businesses in the Parish, as well as the consultation bodies (appendix 11);
 - Copies of the draft plan were available in Corbridge library;
 - The draft plan was available online at www.whittingtonparishndp.org;
 - A drop-in event was held on 10 June 2017 at Great Whittington Village Hall between 11am and 1pm (appendix 12 contains copies of the display boards);
 - A press release in the local newspaper, Hexham Courant (appendix 13).
- 4.3 Response forms (see appendix 14) were used in order to capture feedback on the draft WNP; 28 completed forms were received during the consultation period. In addition to the response forms, responses were received from:
- Consultation bodies – those with no comments to make: Natural England; Historic England; Sustrans; Vodafone/ O2; Marine Management Organisation; Corbridge Parish Council; Chollerton Parish Council; Capheaton Parish Council; Bavington Parish Council; Bywell Parish Council; Matfen Parish Council;
 - Consultation bodies – with specific comments: Northumberland County Council; Northumbrian Water; Arqiva; National Grid; and the United Benefice of Stamfordham with Matfen;
 - Other written responses: Mr T Oliver; Mr B Hindle; and Mr T Southern.
- 4.4 Full details of all of the responses received were set out in a consultation report which was published on the Neighbourhood Plan website. The completed paper response forms are available for inspection if required. A summary of the comments and details of how they have been taken account of in the Submission Draft WNP is included in appendix 15.
- 4.5 It was positive to note that a number of members of the farming community engaged in this consultation by attending the drop-in event and/ or submitting responses.
- 4.6 Following engagement on the Pre-Submission Plan it was amended and a health check was undertaken on the amended Plan. This health check also informed the Submission Draft WNP, see appendix 16.

5. Conclusions

- 5.1 The WNP Submission Plan is the outcome of continuous community engagement in various forms since 2016. Throughout that time, guidance, input and support has been obtained from various sources, all of which has been afforded due consideration in the preparation of the Plan.
- 5.2 This has resulted in a Submission WNP that reflects the community's aspirations for the area and the advice of stakeholders, whilst being in general conformity with local and national planning policy and that meets the basic conditions.
- 5.3 This Consultation Statement demonstrates that the publicity, consultation and engagement on the Plan has been meaningful, effective, proportionate and valuable in shaping the Plan, which will benefit current and future communities in Whittington Parish by promoting sustainable development.

Appendix 1: Issues Consultation – Consultation Bodies

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact
Local Planning Authority	Northumberland County Council	Geoff Paul (Director – Planning, Housing and Economy) Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2EF. Tel.: 01670 622388 Email: geoff.paul@northumberland.gov.uk
The Coal Authority	The Coal Authority	Planning and Local Authority Liaison, The Coal Authority, 200 Lichfield Lane, Berry Lane, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, NG18 4RG. Email: planningconsultation@coal.gov.uk
Homes and Communities Agency	Homes and Communities Agency	Homes and Communities Agency, St George's House, Kingsway, Team Valley, Gateshead, NE11 0NA.
Natural England	Natural England	Consultation Service, Natural England, Hornbeam House, Electra Way, Crewe Business Park, Crewe, CW1 6GJ. Email: consultations@naturalengland.org.uk
The Environment Agency	The Environment Agency	Planning Consultations, Environment Agency, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7AR. Email: planning.nane@environment-agency.gov.uk
Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England	Historic England	Historic England, 41-44 Sandgate, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 3JF. Email: e-neast@HistoricEngland.org.uk ; northeast@HistoricEngland.org.uk
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, George Stephenson House, Toft Hill, York, YO1 6JT.
Highways England	Highways England	Asset Development Team - Yorkshire and North East, Highways Agency, Lateral, 8 City Walk, Leeds, LS11 9 AT. Email: planningYNE@highways.gsi.gov.uk
Relevant Primary Care Trust	NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group	Steph Edusei (Strategic Head of Corporate Affairs) NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2 EF. Tel.: 01670335161 Email: stephanie.edusei@nhs.net
Any person who owns or controls electronic communications apparatus situated in any part of the area of the local planning authority	Avonline	Avonline, 42 Ashton Vale Road, Ashton Vale, Bristol, BS3 2AX. Tel.: 0117 953 1111 Email: info@avonline.co.uk
	British Telecommunications Plc.	British Telecommunications Plc, Openreach Newsites PP 4AB, 21-23 Carlisle Square, Newcastle CTE, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1BB.
	Cybermoor	Cybermoor, Town Hall, Front Street, Alston, CA9 3RF. Tel.: 01434 382808 Email: info@cybermoor.org.uk

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact
	CTIL (Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited) Acting on behalf of Vodafone and O2	Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited, EMF Enquiries, Building 1330 – The Exchange, Arlington Business Park, Theale, Berkshire, RG7 4SA. Email: EMF.Enquiries@ctil.co.uk
	EE	Alex Jackman, Corporate and Financial Affairs Department, EE, The Point, 37 North Wharf Road, London, W2 1AG. Email: public.affairs@ee.co.uk
	Three	Jane Evans, Three, Great Brighams, Mead Vastern Road, Reading, RG1 8DJ. Email: jane.evans@three.co.uk
	Virgin Media Limited	Virgin Media Limited, St James Court, Great Park Road, Almondsbury Park, Bradley Stoke, Bristol, BS32 4QJ.
	Wildcard Networks	Wildcard Networks, Reliance House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7AN.
Any person to whom the electronic communications code applies	CTIL (Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited) Acting on behalf of Vodafone and O2	Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited, EMF Enquiries, Building 1330 – The Exchange, Arlington Business Park, Theale, Berkshire, RG7 4SA. Email: EMF.Enquiries@ctil.co.uk
	EE	Alex Jackman, Corporate and Financial Affairs Department, EE, The Point, 37 North Wharf Road, London, W2 1AG. Email: public.affairs@ee.co.uk
	Three	Jane Evans, Three, Great Brighams, Mead Vastern Road, Reading, RG1 8DJ. Email: jane.evans@three.co.uk
Any person to whom a licence has been granted under section 6(1)(b) and (c) of the Electricity Act 1989.	Northern Powergrid	Northern Powergrid, Records and Information, Manor House, Station Road, Penshaw, Houghton le Spring, County Durham, DH4 7LA.
	National Grid	National Grid, National Grid House, Warwick, Warwickshire, CV34 6DA.
Any a person to whom a licence has been granted under section 7(2) of the Gas Act 1986.	Northern Gas Networks	Northern Gas Networks, 1100 Century Way, Thorp Business Park, Colton, Leeds, LS15 8TU.
Sewerage undertaker	Northumbrian Water Limited	Laura Kennedy New Development Team (Planning), Northumbrian Water Limited, Leat House, Pattinson Road, Washington, Tyne and Wear, NE38 8LB. laura.kennedy@nwl.co.uk 0191 419 6767

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact
Water undertaker	Northumbrian Water Limited	Laura Kennedy New Development Team (Planning), Northumbrian Water Limited, Leat House, Pattinson Road, Washington, Tyne and Wear, NE38 8LB. laura.kennedy@nwl.co.uk 0191 419 6767
Marine Management Organisation	Marine Management Organisation	Stakeholder & Networks Officer Marine Management Organisation PO Box 1275 Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 5BN Email: consultations.mmo@marinemanagement.org.uk
Adjoining Parish Councils	Bavington Parish Council	Miss C M Miller, Clerk to Bavington Parish Council, 14 Addycombe Close, Rothbury, Morpeth, NE65 7QF Email: clairemillerparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk
	Bywell Parish Council	Mrs Monica Anderton, Clerk to Bywell Parish Council, 7 Peepy Farm Cottages, Stocksfield, NE43 7TU Email: mfanderton@gmail.com
	Capheaton Parish Council	Ms Jane Penn, Clerk to Capheaton Parish Council, 3 Red Houses, Newbrough, Hexham, NE47 5AA Email: jane penn11@gmail.com
	Chollerton Parish Council	Miss Linda Pinkham, Clerk to Chollerton Parish Council, East Highford House, Highford Lane, Hexham, NE46 2JL Email: chollerton@hexagon46.plus.com
	Corbridge Parish Council	Mrs M. Senior, Clerk to Corbridge Parish Council, 7 Stonecroft, Horsley, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 0AF Email: Corbridge@ukpc.net
	Matfen Parish Council	Ms Joanne Bramley, Flat 1, Jubilee Buildings, Middle Street, Corbridge, Northumberland, NE45 5AT Email: matfenparishcouncil@gmail.com
	Wall Parish Council	Mrs Katherine Collier, Clerk to Wall Parish Council, Rose Cottage, Wall, Hexham, NE46 4EB Email: k_a_collier@btopenworld.com
Sustrans	Sustrans	2 Cathedral Square, College Green, Bristol, BS1 5DD Email: reception@sustrans.org.uk
Voluntary Bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or any part of the neighbourhood area*	Great Whittington and Matfen Women's Institute.	Cresswell House, 11/12 Brenkley Way, Blezard Business Park, Seaton Burn, Northumberland, NE13 6DS
	National Trust Tynedale Group	Mr C Venables, 57 Hackwood Park, Hexham NE46 1AZ
	Northumberland Wildlife Trust	Garden House, St Nicholas Park, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 3XT
	Red Squirrels Northern England	Project manager: Nick Mason
	Westwater Angling club	The Clubhouse, Hallington Reservoir, Colwell, Hexham, NE46 4TP

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact
	Hadrian's Wall Management Plan Committee	Professor Peter Stone Chair, Hadrian's Wall Management Plan Committee Northumberland Archeology Group
	Tynedale North of the Wall Archaeology Group	tynedalearchaeology@gmail.com 3 Temperley Grange Cottage, Corbridge, NE45 5RX.
	Sustrans (cycling NPO)	2nd Floor, Higham House, Higham Place, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8AF
	Northumbria Long Distance Walking Group	Secretary: Bill Milbourne, 47 Mariners Lane, Tynemouth, NE30 2SD
	Young Farmers Club	YFC Office, Kirkley Hall College, Ponteland, Northumberland. NE20 0AQ
Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area	United Benefice of Stamfordham with Matfen	Rev. Rachel Scheffer, St Mary's Church NE18 0QQ
Bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area	North East England Chamber of Commerce	info@neechamber.co.uk
	National Farmers Union	County Adviser: Samantha Davies samantha.davies@nfu.org.uk
Bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the neighbourhood area	Disability North	reception@disabilitynorth.org.uk The Dene Centre, Castle Farm Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear, NE3 1PH
Bodies who have requested to be notified of neighbourhood plans in Northumberland	The Theatres Trust	mark.price@theatretrust.org.uk Mark Price (Planning and Heritage Adviser) The Theatres Trust, 22 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0QL.

Appendix 2: Issues Consultation – Leaflet



WHITTINGTON PARISH Neighbourhood Plan

What's happening?

Whittington Parish Council is producing a Neighbourhood Plan and is seeking your views on what issues should be covered in the plan.

This is your chance to shape what is included in the plan.

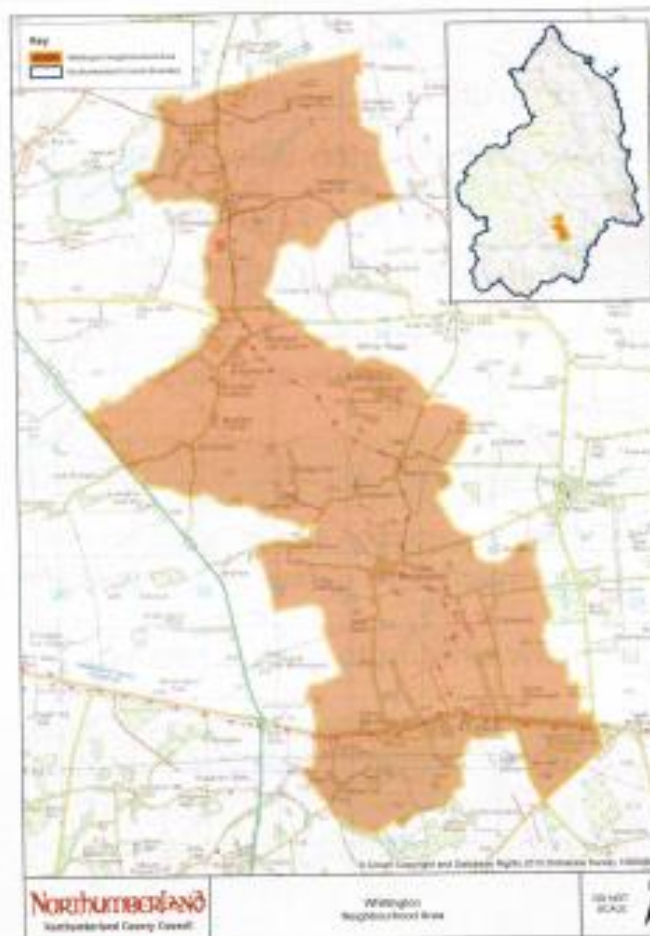
Whittington Parish Council will manage the job of writing the plan, but everything included in the plan will be based on what you tell us is important to you.

Find out more

We're holding an informal drop-in session where you can come and meet the team involved in the project and tell us what you think should be included in the Plan for Whittington.

Call in on **Saturday 23 July 2016** at **Great Whittington Village Hall** between 10am and 11:30am for a chat and some refreshments!

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Appendix 3: Issues Consultation – Press Release

<http://hexham-courant.alfa-cloud.net/news/ponteland/Residents-invited-to-have-their-say-d2edbc8-5bc8-41ee-8245-1a44fe397692-ds>

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The event will run from 10am to 11.30am at Great Whittington parish hall.

Members of the neighbourhood plan steering group and officers from Northumberland County Council's planning department will be on hand to answer queries.

For more information visit: whittingtonparishndp.org/get-involved-next-meeting/

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Appendix 4: Issues Consultation – Notification Letters

Enquiries to: John Roberts
Direct Line: xxxxx
email: xxxxx

22 July 2016

Neighbourhood Planning in Whittington Parish

We would like to inform you about the launch of the neighbourhood planning scheme in our parish, and invite you or a representative to visit one of our drop-in events. Further details are set out in the enclosed leaflet.

Whittington Parish Council has established a project steering group to lead the process of preparing a neighbourhood plan and this is chaired by myself.

A drop-in launch event will be held on Saturday 23rd July between 10am and 11.30am at the Great Whittington Village Hall.

Residents, community representatives, local businesses and organisations having an interest in development in the parish are invited to have their say on what needs to be included in the neighbourhood plan, and meet those involved in the project. There will also be an opportunity to volunteer skills or time and be directly involved with the project.

Alternatively, if you would like to meet separately to discuss the project or if you would simply wish to receive information on a regular basis, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Further details are available on our website <http://whittingtonparishndp.org>

Yours sincerely

Dr John Roberts
Home address given

Appendix 5: Issues Consultation – Drop-in Event, Display Boards

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Help plan the future of Whittington

Whittington Parish Council is producing a Neighbourhood Plan and is seeking your views on what issues should be covered in the plan.

This is your chance to shape what will be included in the plan.

Whittington Parish Council will manage the job of writing the plan, but everything included in the plan will be based on what you tell us is important to you.



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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
- grant planning permission for new buildings



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 and can't be used to prevent development
- be prepared in consultation with the local community
- be agreed by a referendum of local people



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Get involved!

The Whittington Neighbourhood Plan will be a land-use planning document. It should provide planning policies that guide the management of changes to the built and natural environment of Whittington Parish.

We need your help

We want to know what you want the Neighbourhood Plan to include

We have prepared a short questionnaire to help us gather opinions about life in the Parish. Your opinions will help us to define the scope of the Plan. Please provide your answers on the following display boards using the post-it notes provided.

We have also provided a map of the Parish so that you can show us where you think there are currently any issues to be addressed or where opportunities for change may exist.



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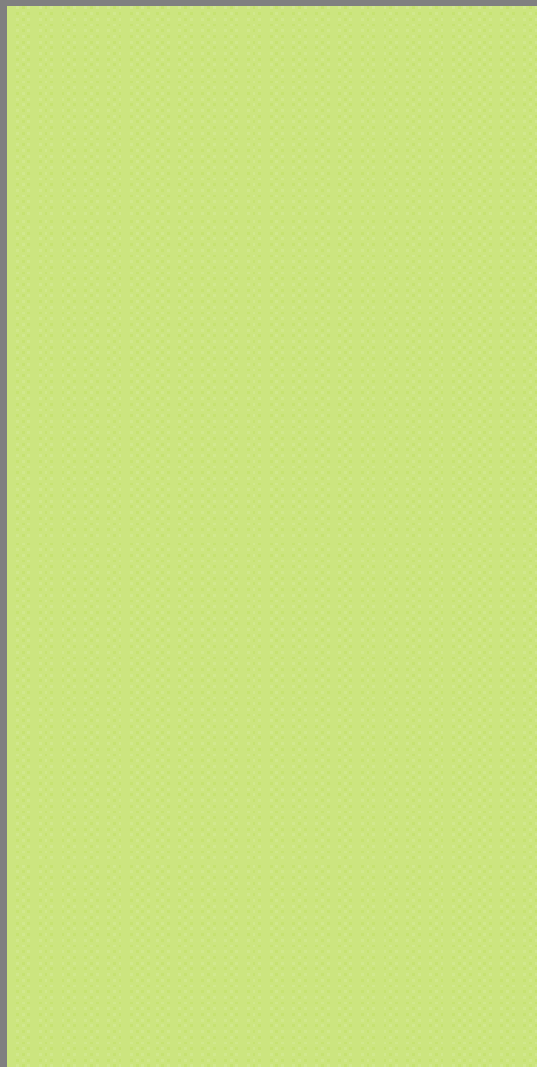
Neighbourhood Plan



This exercise is intended to identify issues and opportunities in the Parish. From this, we can work out what issues the Neighbourhood Plan can address and where opportunities can be taken.

Instructions: Use the green and pink post-it notes to write your answers and stick them on the board

What do you think is good about living or working in the Parish?



What do you think is bad about living or working in the Parish?



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Neighbourhood Plan



This exercise is intended to identify issues and opportunities in the Parish. From this, we can work out what issues the Neighbourhood Plan can address and where opportunities can be taken.

Instructions: Use the yellow and blue post-it notes to write your answers and stick them on the board

What kind of development do you think is needed in the Parish?

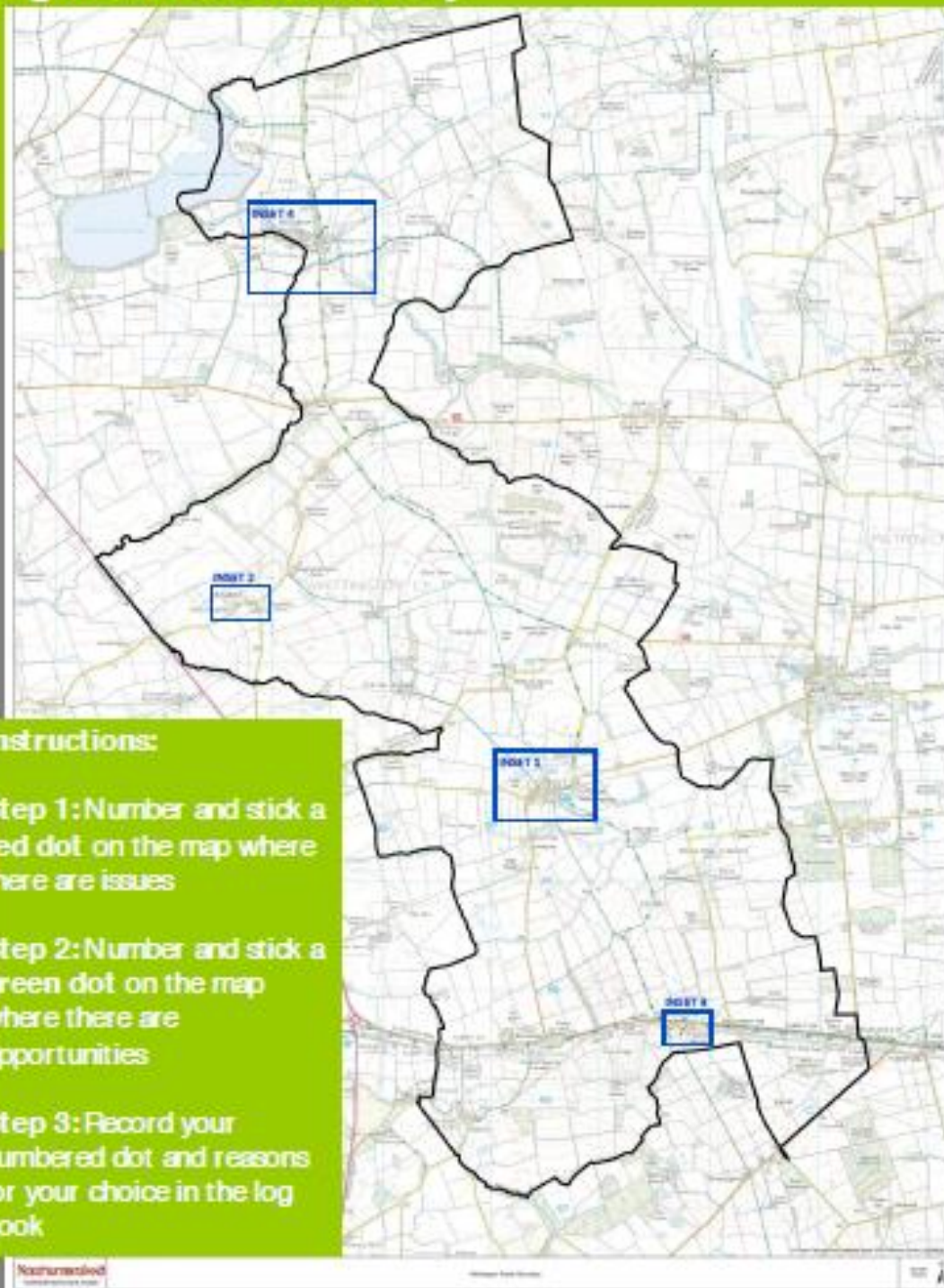
What do you think needs to be supported or protected in the Parish?

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Neighbourhood Area Map



Instructions:

Step 1: Number and stick a red dot on the map where there are issues

Step 2: Number and stick a green dot on the map where there are opportunities

Step 3: Record your numbered dot and reasons for your choice in the log book

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Whittington Parish

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Neighbourhood Plan



Map your issues

- Step 1: Number and stick a red dot on the map where there are issues
- Step 2: Number and stick a green dot on the map where there are opportunities
- Step 3: Record your numbered dot and reasons for your choice in the log book

INSET 1—GREAT WHITTINGTON



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Neighbourhood Plan



Map your issues

- Step 1:** Number and stick a red dot on the map where there are issues
- Step 2:** Number and stick a green dot on the map where there are opportunities
- Step 3:** Record your numbered dot and reasons for your choice in the log book



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Neighbourhood Plan



What happens next?

Neighbourhood Planning gives local people the chance to make sure their voices are heard when plans are being prepared. We think the best way to make this happen is for you, your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues to tell us about the things that matter to you in Whittington Parish.

This is the first opportunity for you to get involved in helping to produce a neighbourhood plan for Whittington Parish. We will use what you tell us to guide how the Plan is prepared and what it will include.

Please complete our online questionnaire here:

www.whittingtonparishndp.org

What will we do with your comments?

All of the information you provide is important. We will consider how your comments, concerns and suggestions can be used to form a vision and objectives for a draft plan. This will help us draw a picture and tell the story of what people in the area most want to see happen.

After this, we will:

- prepare and publish a report summarizing your comments. This will be published on our website at www.whittingtonparishndp.org
- hold further local consultation and community engagement activities to share our thoughts and ideas on what you have said
- consult you on the draft vision and objectives for the Whittington Neighbourhood Plan



Appendix 6: Issues Consultation – Response Form

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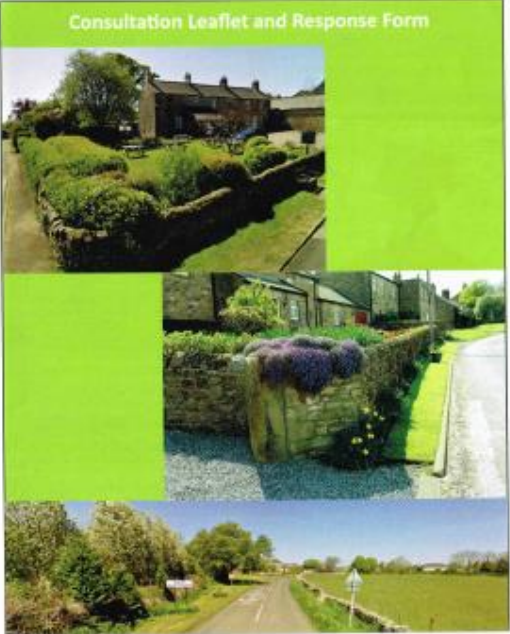
Returning your forms:
In person or by post to:
Great Whittington Village Hall
Great Whittington
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE19 2HA

For more information and to complete
our online questionnaire, please visit
our website:
www.whittingtonparishndp.org

**Thank you for taking the time to
provide your comments**

Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation Leaflet and Response Form




WHITTINGTON PARISH Neighbourhood Plan

Whittington Parish Council is producing a Neighbourhood Plan and is seeking your views on what issues the plan should address.

This is your chance to tell us what you think is important when planning future development in the parish.

Whittington Neighbourhood Plan area



The Process

1. How we started by local community and led by the Parish Council.
2. The Plan is produced by the Parish Council with support from the local community. Consultation is an integral part of the process.
3. An independent examiner checks that the Plan reflects local and national guidance.
4. A referendum takes place where local people vote whether to support the Plan.
5. The Neighbourhood Plan is then used to make decisions on

WHITTINGTON PARISH Neighbourhood Plan

Response Form

We are keen to hear your views as we begin preparing the Neighbourhood Plan. Please take the time to tell us what issues you think the Neighbourhood Plan should address.

You can put your completed response form in the comments box at the consultation event on 23 July.

Alternatively, you can hand deliver or post it to the address on the back of this form.

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Appendix 7: Issues Consultation – Feedback Review

Built Environment:

Feedback theme	Proposed policy area	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciation of rural area • Appreciation of traditional building design and historic built environment • Appreciation of heritage • Design of potential developments without consultation • Natural / Rural Environment • Great Whittington Conservation Statement • Small developments whose design is sympathetic to house style and village layouts • Green energy • Development of derelict buildings • Rose Hill 	Design	<p>Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development and national planning policy attaches great importance to achieving high quality and inclusive design through the planning process.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include criteria based design policy to address issues of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Importance of the local vernacular/ distinctiveness ○ Scale/ massing ○ Amenity ○ Sustainable construction ○ Re use of redundant buildings • Consider identifying examples of good design to make reference to in the supporting text.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciation of traditional building design and historic built environment • Appreciation of heritage • Natural / Rural Environment • Great Whittington Conservation Statement 	Heritage assets	<p>There is a wealth of historic assets across the Parish - World Heritage Site, Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings and Conservation Area)</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include a criteria based heritage assets policy supporting development proposals which conserve and where appropriate enhance the significance of heritage assets; • Describe the wealth of heritage assets across the Parish in the supporting text.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derelict state of Aspen Ridge • Redevelopment of 'Aspen Ridge' • Development of derelict buildings • Aspen Ridge 	Aspen Ridge	<p>The condition of Aspen Ridge is clearly impacting on the wider environment. The site could be allocated with an associated policy within the Plan that identifies acceptable uses.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tbc – I need to understand the nature/ location of the site.</i>

Natural environment:

Feedback theme	Proposed policy area	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciation of rural area • Appreciation of natural environment • Natural / Rural Environment • Great Whittington Conservation Statement • Greenfield around Halton Shields and Hadrian's Wall 	Landscape	<p>The landscape of the Parish is clearly highly valued by the local community. national policy identifies that one of the ways the planning system can contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment is by protecting and enhancing valued landscapes. The Northumberland Landscape Character Assessment describes the essential landscape characteristics across the County. It identifies that the Parish lies within the following character areas: NCA 11 Tyne Gap: Tributary Valley: 33a - Erring Burn; and NCA 12 Mid Northumberland: Lowland Farmed Moor: 36a Ingo Moor; Lowland Rolling Farmland: 38d - Pont Valley and 38e - North Tyne Ridge</p> <p>It would be appropriate for the Plan to include a landscape policy which seeks to maintain and enhance the landscape of the Plan area. However, if the Plan wanted to go further than this, to identify specific areas of importance, then it is likely that a local landscape appraisal would be required.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include a policy which seeks to maintain and enhance the landscape of the plan area; • Supporting text to describe the important landscape character of the area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciation of rural area • Appreciation of natural environment • Appreciation of dark skies • Natural / Rural Environment • Dark skies 	Tranquillity and dark skies	<p>In 2006, Northumberland was ranked first in terms of tranquillity – it's dark skies was an important element of this classification. National Policy identifies that planning policies can protect areas of tranquillity. The emerging Northumberland Core Strategy recognises tranquillity as a distinctive characteristic of Northumberland's remote countryside and seeks to avoid urbanising effects in these areas where possible – such effects include light pollution.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include a policy which seeks to limit the impact of urbanising effects across the plan area – including efforts to retain current levels of tranquillity and dark skies, and where possible improve on these.

Feedback theme	Proposed policy area	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciation of rural area • Appreciation of natural environment • Natural / Rural Environment 	Biodiversity	<p>National planning policy identifies that in order to seek to halt the overall decline in biodiversity, the planning system should minimise impacts on biodiversity and provide net gains in biodiversity where possible. Across the Parish there are areas of priority habitat and species which are also valued by the local community. It would therefore be appropriate to include a policy on biodiversity.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include a policy which seeks to promote the preservation, restoration and re-creation of priority habitats, ecological networks and the protection and recovery of priority species populations; • Supporting text to list the important species and habitats across the Plan area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural / Rural Environment 	Local Green Space/ protected open space	<p>Initial feedback identified that there were areas of open space that was important to the local community. National policy provides the policy framework to allow the Plan to identify/ allocate areas of 'Local Green Space'. Local Green Space designates areas for special protection – thereby preventing new development on these sites other than in very special circumstances. Local Green Space does not need to be publicly accessible, although the designation must not be applied to an extensive tract of land and the site must be in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves. The land must be demonstrably special to a local community and hold a particular local significance. There would need to be evidence to justify the designation.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider whether it would be appropriate to propose to designate areas of Local Green Space i.e. would there be any sites that meet the criteria defined in national planning policy and guidance¹.

¹ <http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/blog/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space/local-green-space-designation/>

Vibrant and thriving communities:

Feedback theme	Proposed policy area	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design of potential developments without consultation • Derelict state of Aspen Ridge • Lack of affordable housing • Great Whittington Conservation Statement • Diverse, mixed community • Affordable Housing • Housing to meet needs of older and younger generations • Small developments whose design is sympathetic to house style and village layouts • Developments in sites identified and agreed by parish • Redevelopment of 'Aspen Ridge' • Development of derelict buildings • Aspen Ridge • Rose Hill 	Housing	<p>Parish profile – 2011 Census:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population of 401: 19% aged 0-15; 63.8% aged 16-64; 17.2% aged 65+ • 181 houses – 99.4% being a house or bungalow (60.2% detached; 23.2% semi-detached; 16% terraced) • 37.6% of properties are owned outright; 36.4% owned with a mortgage or load; 2.4% social rented and 23.6% private rented; <p>The NPPF states that Neighbourhood Plans should positively support the strategic policies for the area and should not promote less development than is required by the Local Plan.</p> <p>Feedback from early engagement identifies that a key role for the Plan is to provide a policy framework that will support the provision of a mix of new homes at an appropriate scale, that will contribute towards meeting the defined needs of residents across the Plan area.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given the size and nature of the plan area, it is recommended that the plan does not propose to identify housing numbers; • Include a criteria based policy which highlights the importance of new development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Containing an appropriate mix e.g. affordable housing and for older people (note – more detail can only be required if there is evidence e.g. housing needs survey); ○ Being an appropriate scale that reflects the character of the area; • Consider whether specific sites will be identified in the Plan e.g. Aspen Ridge; • Consider whether it is appropriate to undertake a review of the existing settlement boundary² and/ or identify new boundaries.

² http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/WAMDocuments/FABB70CC-A809-4423-B4B6-8C1ED24891DF_1_0.pdf?nccredirect=1

Feedback theme	Proposed policy area	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciation of amenities (pub and village hall) • Poor local services • Lack of amenities for children • The 'Pub' • More facilities • More facilities for children • Village Hall in Bingfield 	Protecting and enhancing services	<p>The NPPF identifies that the planning system has an important role to play in creating healthy, inclusive communities. Community facilities, however small make an important contribution to the vitality of the local community. Early engagement has identified the need to both protect and support the provision of new facilities.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include a criteria based policy which supports the provision of new community facilities and also identifies the conditions where a proposal to redevelop or change a community facility will be allowed (e.g. economic viability, provision of a replacement facility); • Supporting text to explain the importance of the facilities and any evidence which identifies the need for new facilities; • Consider whether it is appropriate to identify site(s) for new facilities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor local services • Sewer problems in Great Whittington • Improvement of infrastructure before further developments • Village Shop 	Infrastructure	<p>New development can bring significant benefits to the local community, including new homes and jobs. However, it can also have negative impacts, most notably where additional demand is placed on facilities and services which are already at or near capacity.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include a policy which both supports infrastructure improvements and that requires the appropriate provision of infrastructure as part of new development.

Rural economy:

Feedback theme	Proposed policy area	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Micro Business development • More small business's including tourism • Development of derelict buildings 	Supporting new businesses	<p>The NPPF is clear that planning policies should support economic growth in rural areas by taking a positive approach to sustainable new development by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the sustainable growth and expansion of all types of businesses and enterprise in rural areas, both through conversion of existing buildings and well-designed new buildings; • Promoting the development and diversification of agricultural and other land based rural businesses; • Supporting sustainable rural tourism and leisure developments that benefit businesses in rural areas, communities and visitors, and which respect the character of the countryside. This should include supporting the provision and expansion of tourist and visitor facilities in appropriate locations where identified needs are not met by existing facilities in rural service centres; and • Promoting the retention and development of local services and community facilities in villages, such as shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship. <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include a policy which both supports the development of new and expansion of existing businesses; • Inclusion of supporting text that describes the economy of the Plan area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of consideration for farming community • Development of derelict buildings • Farm diversification 	Agriculture	<p>Large parts of the Plan area are in agricultural use, mainly grazing of sheep and cattle with some arable farming. There are many individual farmsteads across the area. The 2011 census identifies that agriculture, forestry and fishing is the second highest employer (13.6%).</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include a policy which supports the development and diversification of agricultural and other land-based rural businesses; • Highlight in the supporting text the important land management role that agriculture places in shaping the environment of the Plan area.

Feedback theme	Proposed policy area	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More small business's including tourism • Halton Shields • Hallington 	Tourism	<p>Tourism is a key economic sector for Northumberland, the sector accounts for 11% of the County's businesses with over 1,000 enterprises in operation. Northumberland Tourism's 'Destination Management Plan' 2015-20 includes three key targets to be achieved by 2020: 5% increase in visitor numbers; 6% increase in visitor spend; and 10% increase in employment in tourism.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include a policy which supports new tourism development, particularly that which builds on attractions in the parish e.g. St Oswald's Walk, HW path; • Highlight opportunities in the supporting text.

Review of early engagement consultation report – identification of potential areas for community actions

Feedback theme	Possible areas for community actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciation of community spirit • Village Hall and community projects 	Activities to build on strong sense of community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor local services • Village Shop 	Village shop
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor public transport • Public transport • Better public transport 	Public transport – particularly links with Corbridge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of amenities for children • More facilities for children 	Facilities for younger people including a play area
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excessive traffic speed • Public safety / traffic management • Road junction at western end of village close to BT boxes 	Controlling speeding traffic/ Road safety
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overhead power lines • Road on southern perimeter of village 	Undergrounding of power lines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of BT vans in Great Whittington 	Parking on village green/ narrow roads

Feedback theme	Possible areas for community actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Road conditions in bad weather	Gritting
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Natural / Rural Environment• Better footpath maintenance	Maintenance of public rights of way
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Orchard	Community orchard
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village Hall in Bingfield• Bingfield	Bingfield – village hall and play area
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Green energy	Community energy schemes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traffic free cycle routes	New/ improved cycle routes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Halton Shields	Tourism facilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hallington	Nature reserve near Hallington Reservoir

Appendix 8: Draft Vision and Objectives Consultation – Leaflet

Your feedback

Q1: Do you support the draft vision for the Neighbourhood Plan? Yes ☐ No ☐
If you have any comments on the draft vision or have answered 'no' please explain below.

Q2: Do you support the draft objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan? Yes ☐ No ☐
If you have any comments on the draft objectives or have answered 'no', please explain below.

Q3: Do you support the draft planning policy themes? Yes ☐ No ☐
If you have any comments on the draft planning policy themes, or have answered 'no' please explain below.

Q4: Do you feel the Neighbourhood Plan should identify any areas for development or protection e.g. for housing or employment or protected green space. If so, please explain why you feel the area/ site should be identified and also describe its location, it would be helpful if you could attach a map to your response.

Q5: Are there any other issues that you feel the Neighbourhood Plan should cover?

It would be helpful if you could include your email address so we can keep you informed of progress with the Neighbourhood Plan and discuss your response in more detail if needed.

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WHITTINGTON PARISH Neighbourhood Plan

Whittington Parish Council is leading the preparation of a
Neighbourhood Plan for Whittington Parish.

We need your views to help us shape the future of your Parish!

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- They include policies that will be used as the starting point for making decisions on planning applications;
- It is prepared by the local community, through the Parish Council rather than being prepared by the County Council;
- Neighbourhood Plans can include a range of planning policies, including those which: guide new housing and economic development; conserve and enhance the environment; and support the provision of community facilities;
- It is a powerful tool to ensure the community gets the right types of development in the right place.

Plan preparation progress...

Engagement in the proposed Whittington Neighbourhood Plan began formally in July 2016 with a drop in event. We received a lot of useful feedback both at and following the event. Full details of the comments made are available on the Neighbourhood Plan website - www.whittingtonparishndp.org.

The comments that were made have helped us to develop a draft vision and objectives for our Neighbourhood Plan.

We need your feedback to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the views of the local community.

How to get involved...

This leaflet contains the draft vision and objectives and also provides information on the types of planning policies and issues the Plan could look to address.

You can submit comments in the following ways:

- By completing the form on the back of this leaflet and sending it to us at: Whittington Parish Council, Village Hall, Great Whittington, Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland NE19 2HY
- On our website: www.whittingtonparishndp.org
- By email: haveyoursay@whittingtonparishndp.org



Your feedback will be used to help inform the preparation of a Draft Neighbourhood Plan, we therefore need your views on the Draft Vision and Objectives by 12 December 2016.

WHITTINGTON PARISH Neighbourhood Plan

Draft Vision

The draft vision sets out what the Whittington Neighbourhood Plan intends to achieve, it will inform all of the planning policies contained in the Plan:

Our vision for Whittington Parish for the next 20 years is that it remains a group of sustainable, vibrant, linked yet distinct rural communities. New development will conserve and enhance the rich agricultural, architectural and environmental heritage of the Parish for the benefit of current and future residents.

Draft Objectives

- 1. Natural Environment:** *Conserving and enhancing the peaceful, tranquil and beautiful nature of the natural environment of the Parish, within its agricultural landscape setting;*
- 2. Built Environment:** *Maintaining and enhancing the many heritage assets of the Parish ensuring that new development conserves and respects the traditional, historic style, scale, density and feel of buildings and places across the Parish;*
- 3. Vibrant and Thriving Community:** *Building on the strong sense of community across the Parish, in particular by: supporting the provision of affordable housing to meet identified needs and retaining and enhancing important community facilities and services;*
- 4. Economy:** *Supporting the creation of new and existing sustainable economic development, particularly agricultural and tourism sectors;*
- 5. Movement and Connectivity:** *Ensuring that the environmental quality of the Parish is protected by effectively managing traffic as well as supporting opportunities to improve sustainable travel.*



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Draft Planning Policy Themes

Natural Environment:

- Ensuring new development preserves and enhances landscape character;
- Tranquillity and dark skies - to require the consideration of the impact of light, noise and traffic as part of development proposals;
- Ensuring new development protects and where possible enhances biodiversity;
- Identification of areas of green space that are important to the community to protect them from inappropriate development.

Built Environment

- Good design - ensuring new development preserves local distinctiveness and respects the existing rural character of the Parish;
- Conservation and enhancement of heritage assets.

Vibrant and Thriving Community

- Provision of the type of housing that is needed by the local community. This could also include the allocation of sites for development e.g. the paddock at Aspen Ridge;
- Resisting the loss of existing services and supporting the provision of new local services;
- Ensuring new development provides the required infrastructure.

Rural Economy

- Supporting new economic development, including tourism, where it does not have an adverse impact on the character and assets of the Parish;
- Supporting farm diversification schemes, this could also include supporting the development of residential units on existing farmsteads.

Movement and connectivity

- Improving accessibility and protecting public rights of way.

Next steps...

- Comments on the draft vision, objectives and planning policy themes will be used to inform the preparation of a Draft Neighbourhood Plan;
- We will be asking for your feedback on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan early in 2017;
- We will then make changes to the Plan following feedback and submit the Plan to Northumberland County Council;
- The Plan will then be examined by an independent examiner later in 2017;
- There will then be a local referendum - if the majority of those voting are in favour of the Plan, it will be brought into legal force by Northumberland County Council and used in the determination of planning applications.

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Appendix 9: Draft Vision and Objectives Consultation – Notification Letter



Address

Whittington Parish Council is progressing with the development of a neighbourhood plan for the parish. Following on from the first phase of consultation we are now publishing our draft vision and objectives plus ideas about policies to meet the objectives.

These are now published on our web site www.whittingtonparishndp.org and you are invited to view them on line and offer your responses and comments.

The results of the first consultation are also published on line.

I am including details of our vision and objectives.

You may respond by post to;

Whittington Parish Council,
Village Hall,
Great Whittington,
Newcastle Upon Tyne,
Northumberland.
NE19 2HY

or by email to;

haveyoursay@whittingtonparishndp.org

Yours faithfully

John Roberts
Chairperson
Steering Group
Whittington Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

Appendix 10: Pre-Submission Engagement – Statutory Notice



The Whittington Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 14)

NOTICE OF PUBLICITY OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROPOSAL

Whittington Parish Council has prepared a Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Whittington Neighbourhood Area. The plan proposes a number of planning policies which, once adopted, must be used in the determination of planning applications within the parish.

The Parish Council is required to publicise the Draft Plan and invite comments. Copies of the plan will be available for public inspection for a period of not less than six weeks commencing at **9am Monday 15th May and ending at midnight 26th June 2017.**

The Draft Plan and supporting documents can be viewed on the WhittingtonNeighbourhood Plan website at www.whittingtonparishndp.org

Hard copies of the Plan will be available to inspect at;

Corbridge Library, Hill St., Corbridge, NE45 5AA Wed. 11am-4pm, Fri. 11am-4pm, Sat. 11am-4pm

'The Queen's Head', Public House, Great Whittington, Tues.-Sun. 7pm - 11pm.

Matfen Village Store, Southside, Matfen, NE20 0RP, Mon.-Fri. 7.30am-6pm, Sat.-Sun. 8am-5pm

Representations may be made by in the following ways:

By attending the consultation event on:

Saturday 10th June 2017, between 10am and 1pm at Great Whittington Village Hall.

By email to: haveyoursay@whittingtonparishndp.org

By letter to:

**Whittington Parish Council,
Village Hall,
Great Whittington,
NE19 2HY.**

Any person, business or organisation may comment on the Plan.

All representations must be received by the Parish Council no later than Midnight 26th June 2017. All representations will be publicly available and will be considered by the Parish Council in producing the final Plan which will then be submitted to Northumberland County Council as local planning authority for Independent Examination.

**Dr John Roberts
Chair Steering Group
Whittington Parish Neighbourhood plan**

Appendix 11: Pre-Submission Engagement – Consultation Bodies Notification Letter

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact
Local Planning Authority	Northumberland County Council	Mark Ketley (Head of Planning Services) Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2EF. Tel.: 01670 622388 Email: Mark.Ketley@northumberland.gov.uk
		David English (Communities and Infrastructure Manager) Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2EF. Tel.: 01670 623619 Email: David.English@northumberland.gov.uk
The Coal Authority	The Coal Authority	Planning and Local Authority Liaison, The Coal Authority, 200 Lichfield Lane, Berry Lane, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, NG18 4RG. Email: planningconsultation@coal.gov.uk
Homes and Communities Agency	Homes and Communities Agency	Homes and Communities Agency, St George's House, Kingsway, Team Valley, Gateshead, NE11 0NA. Email: mail@homesandcommunities.co.uk
Natural England	Natural England	Consultation Service, Natural England, Hornbeam House, Electra Way, Crewe Business Park, Crewe, CW1 6GJ. Email: consultations@naturalengland.org.uk
The Environment Agency	The Environment Agency	Planning Consultations, Environment Agency, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7AR. Email: planning.nane@environment-agency.gov.uk
Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England	Historic England	Historic England, 41-44 Sandgate, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 3JF. Email: e-neast@HistoricEngland.org.uk
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, George Stephenson House, Toft Hill, York, YO1 6JT.
Highways England	Highways England	Asset Development Team - Yorkshire and North East, Highways Agency, Lateral, 8 City Walk, Leeds, LS11 9 AT. Email: planningYNE@highways.gsi.gov.uk
Relevant Primary Care Trust	NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group	NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2 EF. Tel.: 01670335161 Email: norccg.enquiries@nhs.net
Any person who owns or controls electronic communications	Avonline	Avonline, 42 Ashton Vale Road, Ashton Vale, Bristol, BS3 2AX. Tel.: 0117 953 1111 Email: info@avonline.co.uk

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact
apparatus situated in any part of the area of the local planning authority	British Telecommunications Plc.	British Telecommunications Plc, Openreach Newsites PP 4AB, 21-23 Carliol Square, Newcastle CTE, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1BB.
	Cybermoor	Cybermoor, Town Hall, Front Street, Alston, CA9 3RF. Tel.: 01434 382808 Email: info@cybermoor.org.uk
	CTIL (Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited) Acting on behalf of Vodafone and O2	Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited, EMF Enquiries, Building 1330 – The Exchange, Arlington Business Park, Theale, Berkshire, RG7 4SA. Email: EMF.Enquiries@ctil.co.uk
	EE	Alex Jackman, Corporate and Financial Affairs Department, EE, The Point, 37 North Wharf Road, London, W2 1AG. Email: public.affairs@ee.co.uk
	Three	Jane Evans, Three, Great Brighams, Mead Vastern Road, Reading, RG1 8DJ. Email: jane.evans@three.co.uk
	Virgin Media Limited	Virgin Media Limited, St James Court, Great Park Road, Almondsbury Park, Bradley Stoke, Bristol, BS32 4QJ.
	Wildcard Networks	Wildcard Networks, Reliance House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7AN.
	Arqiva	Email: community.relations@arqiva.com
Any person to whom the electronic communications code applies	CTIL (Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited) Acting on behalf of Vodafone and O2	Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited, EMF Enquiries, Building 1330 – The Exchange, Arlington Business Park, Theale, Berkshire, RG7 4SA. Email: EMF.Enquiries@ctil.co.uk
	EE	Alex Jackman, Corporate and Financial Affairs Department, EE, The Point, 37 North Wharf Road, London, W2 1AG. Email: public.affairs@ee.co.uk
	Three	Jane Evans, Three, Great Brighams, Mead Vastern Road, Reading, RG1 8DJ. Email: jane.evans@three.co.uk
Any person to whom a licence has been granted under section 6(1)(b) and (c) of the Electricity Act 1989.	Northern Powergrid	Northern Powergrid, Records and Information, Manor House, Station Road, Penshaw, Houghton le Spring, County Durham, DH4 7LA.
	National Grid	National Grid, National Grid House, Warwick, Warwickshire, CV34 6DA.
Any a person to whom a licence has been granted under section 7(2) of the Gas Act 1986.	Northern Gas Networks	Northern Gas Networks, 1100 Century Way, Thorp Business Park, Colton, Leeds, LS15 8TU.

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact
Sewerage undertaker	Northumbrian Water Limited	Laura Kennedy New Development Team (Planning), Northumbrian Water Limited, Leat House, Pattinson Road, Washington, Tyne and Wear, NE38 8LB. laura.kennedy@nwl.co.uk 0191 419 6767
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	Wall Parish Council	Mrs Katherine Collier, Clerk to Wall Parish Council, Rose Cottage, Wall, Hexham, NE46 4EB Email: k_a_collier@btopenworld.com
Voluntary Bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or any part of the neighbourhood area*	Great Whittington and Matfen Women's Institute.	Cresswell House, 11/12 Brenkley Way, Blezard Business Park, Seaton Burn, Northumberland, NE13 6DS
	National Trust Tynedale Group	Mr C Venables, 57 Hackwood Park, Hexham NE46 1AZ
	Northumberland Wildlife Trust	Garden House, St Nicholas Park, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 3XT

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact
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	Tynedale North of the Wall Archaeology Group	tynedalearchaeology@gmail.com 3 Temperley Grange Cottage, Corbridge, NE45 5RX.
	Sustrans (cycling NPO)	2nd Floor, Higham House, Higham Place, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8AF
	Northumbria Long Distance Walking Group	Secretary: Bill Milbourne, 47 Mariners Lane, Tynemouth, NE30 2SD
	Young Farmers Club	YFC Office, Kirkley Hall College, Ponteland, Northumberland. NE20 0AQ
Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area	United Benefice of Stamfordham with Matfen	Rev. Rachel Scheffer, St Mary's Church NE18 0QQ
Bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area	North East England Chamber of Commerce	info@neechamber.co.uk
	National Farmers Union	County Adviser: Samantha Davies samantha.davies@nfu.org.uk
Bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the neighbourhood area	Disability North	reception@disabilitynorth.org.uk The Dene Centre, Castle Farm Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear, NE3 1PH
Bodies who have requested to be notified of neighbourhood plans in Northumberland	The Theatres Trust	mark.price@theatretrust.org.uk Mark Price (Planning and Heritage Adviser) The Theatres Trust, 22 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0QL.
Sustrans	Sustrans	2 Cathedral Square, College Green, Bristol, BS1 5DD Email: reception@sustrans.org.uk



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Whittington Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Address xxx

Whittington Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012: Regulation 14 consultation and publicity

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

You are identified by the Parish Council as a consultation body whose interests may be affected by the policies contained in the Draft Plan for the purposes of the Regulations. I am therefore writing to consult you about the Draft Plan. Any comments you may wish to make about the Draft Plan 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 publicised. Written representations are being invited on the Draft Plan for a period of not less than six weeks, commencing **9am Monday 15th May 2017** and ending at **midnight 26th June 2017**

The Plan and supporting documents can be viewed on the WhittingtonNeighbourhood Plan website at www.whittingtonparishndp.org Hard copies of the Plan will be available to inspect at;

Corbridge Library, Hill St., Corbridge, NE45 5AA Wed. 11am-4pm, Fri. 11am-4pm, Sat. 11am-4pm.

'The Queen's Head', Public House, Great Whittington, Tues.-Sun. 7pm - 11pm.

Matfen Village Store, Southside, Matfen, NE20 0RP, Mon.-Fri. 7.30am-6pm, Sat.-Sun. 8am-5pm

Representations may be made by in the following ways:

By email to: haveyoursay@whittingtonparish.org

By letter to: **Whittington Parish Council,
Village Hall,
Great Whittington,
NE19 2HY.**

Attending the consultation event on: **Saturday 10th June 2017, between 10am and 1pm at Great Whittington Village Hall**

We would be pleased to receive any written representations you may wish to make on the Plan and supporting documents **before Midnight on Monday 26th June 2017.**

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

Yours sincerely,

**Dr. John Roberts
Chair Steering Group
Whittington Parish NDP.**

Appendix 12: Pre-Submission Engagement – Drop-in Event Display Boards

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Welcome to this open meeting which is an essential part of the consultation process concerning:

PRE SUBMISSION DRAFT OF 'THE WHITTINGTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN'

You are invited to study the details of the 14 individual policies contained in the plan and discuss them with representatives of our parish council and the team who have written the pre submission draft.

The results of earlier consultation were used to develop a vision and a set of 5 objectives for Whittington Parish.

The Vision and Objectives Statement was consulted on and the policies you see today were then written to deliver these objectives.

Your feedback is essential.

You are invited to complete the questionnaire provided. You may leave it with us today or complete later and return to:

**Whittington Parish Council, Village Hall,
Great Whittington, NE19 2HY**

You may also respond by email to:
haveyoursay@whittingtonparishndp.org

The full draft plan is available to view and download from:
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**ALL RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER
THAN MIDNIGHT 26TH JUNE 2017**

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VISION AND OBJECTIVES STATEMENT

Our vision for Whittington Parish for the next 20 years is that it remains a group of sustainable, vibrant, linked yet distinct rural communities. New development will conserve and enhance the rich agricultural, architectural and environmental heritage of the Parish for the benefit of current and future residents.

Objectives:

1. **Natural Environment:** Conserving and enhancing the peaceful, tranquil and beautiful nature of the natural environment of the parish, within its agricultural landscape setting;
2. **Built Environment:** Maintaining and enhancing the many heritage assets of the parish ensuring that new development conserves and respects the traditional, historic style, scale, density and feel of buildings and places across the parish;
3. **Vibrant and Thriving Community:** Building on the strong sense of community across the parish, in particular by: supporting the provision of affordable housing to meet identified needs and retaining and enhancing important community facilities and services;
4. **Economy:** Supporting the creation of new and existing sustainable economic development, particularly agricultural and tourism sectors;
5. **Movement and Connectivity:** Ensuring that the environmental quality of the parish is protected by effectively managing traffic as well as supporting opportunities to improve sustainable travel.

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Policy WNP 1: Landscape Design Principles

Development proposals should maintain and where appropriate enhance the landscape character of Whittington Parish. Applicants will be required to incorporate the following landscape design principles wherever possible and applicable. Proposals should:

- a. Preserve and enhance the character and scale of Great Whittington and the surrounding scattered rural settlements and farmsteads;
- b. Be informed by the context of the site and surrounding landscape in terms of height, scale, massing, orientation and location within the site;
- c. Conserve and protect the integrity and fabric of historic assets and their settings through the use of appropriate styles and sustainable locally distinctive materials;
- d. Incorporate landscaping schemes which support and enhance biodiversity;
- e. Conserve important local landscape features such as: mature hedgerows, field walls and ridge and furrow fields. Mature and established trees should be protected and incorporated into landscaping schemes wherever possible;
- f. Take account of the topography and natural features of the development site to maximise views from and into the site to the surrounding areas of countryside;
- g. Protect the historic settlement pattern of Whittington Parish, through small-scale developments; and
- h. Conserve traditional farm buildings through continued and appropriate new uses.

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Policy WNP 2: Tranquillity

Major development which does not detrimentally affect the tranquillity of Whittington Parish should be supported. In order to determine the extent to which proposals may affect levels of tranquillity, as part of the Design and Access Statement, there will be a requirement for the applicant to include an assessment of the impact of: the level of noise, traffic and light generated as a result of the proposed development.

Policy WNP 3: Biodiversity

Development should protect and where possible, enhance biodiversity by seeking to ensure new development does not result in the loss or unacceptable harm to biodiversity sites, protected species or their habitats.

Where development would result in the loss or unacceptable harm to biodiversity, applicants will be required to demonstrate that the adverse impacts will be adequately mitigated, or as a last resort compensated for.

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Policy WNP 4: Design

All new development in Whittington Parish must preserve local distinctiveness by demonstrating high quality sustainable design which both respects the existing rural character and responds to the heritage and distinctive character of the area. Development proposals will be supported where it:

- a. Maintains and where possible enhances the character of the locality, paying particular attention to the appearance, size, scale and density of the proposal;
- b. Uses materials which complement the materials of adjoining and surrounding buildings;
- c. Conserves the significance of heritage assets and their setting. Development proposals which are located within, or form part of the setting of the Great Whittington Conservation Area, or views therein, must demonstrate they have had regard to the Great Whittington Conservation Area Character Appraisal;
- d. Takes account of the topography and natural features of the site to maximise the views from and into the surrounding areas of countryside;
- e. Respects established building lines and creates boundaries and roof lines that are in keeping with the existing street scene;
- f. Demonstrates a commitment to sustainable design to minimise energy use;
- g. Provides adequate refuse and recycling storage, which is incorporated into the scheme to minimise visual impact;
- h. Adopts the principles of sustainable drainage, where appropriate;

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Policy WNP 4: Design cont...

- i.** Ensures the development will not prejudice the amenity of its future occupiers or occupiers of adjacent properties in terms of overshadowing, loss of light, dominance, loss of privacy, noise or general disturbance;
- j.** Ensures the efficient and effective use of land, by encouraging the re-use of previously developed land and buildings where possible;
- k.** Ensures that lighting associated with the development will not have a significant effect on the locality;
- l.** Will not result in unacceptable levels of noise, air or water pollution; and
- m.** Creates a safe, accessible and well-connected environment that meets the needs of its users.

Where a Design and Access Statement is required as part of a planning application, there must be a clear demonstration of how the proposal has responded to the above principles as an integral part of the design development process.

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Policy WNP 5: Heritage Assets

Where development proposals impact on heritage assets, applicants must provide information that describes the significance of any heritage assets affected by the proposed development, including any contribution made by their setting.

In the determination of development proposals:

- a. Great weight will be given to the conservation of a designated heritage asset and any harm or loss will require clear and convincing justification in line with national policy; and
- b. A balanced judgment will be required to fully consider the effects of any development proposals on or close to non-designated heritage assets, having regard to the scale of any harm or loss and the significance of the heritage asset.

Within the Great Whittington Conservation Area, new development must preserve or enhance the significance of the Conservation Area, as described within the Great Whittington Conservation Area Character Appraisal.

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Policy WNP 6: Development in the open countryside

New development outside the settlement boundary shown on the Policies Map will be supported where it:

- a. Is directly related to the business and operational needs of agriculture, forestry or other rural industries;
- b. Supports the sustainable growth of existing businesses and enterprises;
- c. Is a sustainable visitor attraction that is related to the experience or interpretation of the countryside, or a sustainable leisure development which respects the character of the countryside, only where identified needs are not met by existing facilities within the settlement boundary;
- d. Will provide local services or community facilities which support a rural community;
- e. Is a house, the architecture of which is innovative and of the highest standard, it significantly enhances its immediate setting and is sensitive to the defining characteristics of the local area;
- f. Comprises an appropriately designed extension to an existing building or buildings. The extension should be subservient to and respect the scale and appearance of the host building; or
- g. Involves the conversion of redundant rural buildings, the building must be structurally sound and its conversion achievable without significant extension to the original structure. The conversion must be in keeping with the character and appearance of the building and its setting.

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Policy WNP 7: Housing

The Whittington Neighbourhood Plan makes provision for the delivery of around 19 dwellings to 2031. Sites to deliver this are defined on the Policies Map (H1 and H2).

All proposals for new housing development will be supported where:

- a. It delivers house types, sizes and tenures to meet identified local needs;
- b. It is a high-quality design that reflects local character and reinforces local distinctiveness;
- c. The scale and design of the development is appropriate to the size and character of the local area; and
- d. It provides private garden and amenity space proportionate to the size of the dwelling(s) and existing provision in the local area, where appropriate;

Proposals for the development of rural exception sites will be supported where there is evidence of identified need in an up to date housing needs study, in addition the development must be:

- e. Available for local people identified as being in local housing need or others who have a family or employment connection with the Parish;
- f. Within, adjacent or well related to an existing settlement; and
- g. An appropriate scale and in keeping with the form, character and landscape setting of the community to preserve local distinctiveness.

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Policy WNP 8: Community Service and Facilities

Proposals that retain or enhance the provision of community services and facilities will be supported subject to the following criteria:

- a. The proposal will not generate unacceptable noise, fumes, smell or other disturbance to adjoining properties;
- b. The proposal will not have an adverse impact on highway safety;
- c. Access arrangements and sufficient off-street parking can be satisfactorily provided where practical without negatively impacting on adjoining uses.

Proposals that result in the loss of use, buildings or land for public or community use will not be supported unless:

- d. An assessment has been undertaken which has clearly demonstrated that the facility is no longer needed in its current form;
- e. A replacement facility of sufficient size, layout and quality is to be provided on an alternative suitable location; or
- f. It has been satisfactorily demonstrated that 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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Policy WNP 9: Infrastructure

New developments will be required to provide or contribute to infrastructure requirements that are related to them. Such improvements may include:

- a. On-site infrastructure such as: roads, pavements and essential utilities;
- b. Off-site infrastructure such as: highway improvements to mitigate congestion or harm to road safety, or the provision of essential services, such as health and education.

Policy WNP 10: Economic Development

Proposals which extend existing, or promote new, small scale employment opportunities, including tourism, will be supported within Whittington Parish where it does not have an unacceptable adverse impact on landscape character, heritage assets or their setting, the built or natural environment, infrastructure or residential amenity.

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Policy WNP 11: Agriculture

Proposals that will support the agricultural industry, including farm diversification schemes, will be supported within Whittington Parish where it will not have an unacceptable adverse impact on landscape character, heritage assets, the environment, infrastructure or residential amenity. The redevelopment, alteration or extension of historic farmsteads and agricultural buildings within the Parish should be sensitive to their distinctive character, materials and form.

Proposals for the development of new dwellings on established farm enterprises will be supported where:

- a. The dwelling will be occupied by family members, rented to local people or used as holiday accommodation – this will be controlled through a Section 106 legal agreement;
- b. The need for the proposal is fully justified; and
- c. The development will not have an unacceptable adverse impact on landscape character, heritage assets or their setting, the built or natural environment or residential amenity.

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Policy WNP 12: Tourism

Proposals that provide facilities for recreation and tourism will be supported across Whittington Parish where:

- a. The siting, scale, materials and design respect the character of the surrounding area, including any historic and natural assets;
- b. The proposal does not have an unacceptable adverse impact on amenity of adjacent uses; and
- c. The proposal is acceptable in terms of highway safety.

Policy WNP 13: Transport and New Developments

Proposals will be supported where it can be demonstrated that the development:

- a. Will provide safe vehicular, cyclist and pedestrian access;
- b. The impact on traffic flows on the highway network will not be severe or that appropriate mitigation measures can be secured and are undertaken; and
- c. Makes satisfactory parking provision as required by the Highway Authority.

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Policy WNP 14: Active Travel Routes

Proposals to create new or improve existing active travel routes, as identified on the Definitive Map, will be supported. Proposals resulting in the loss of all or part of an active travel route will not be supported 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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What happens next:

Consultation on this draft concludes midnight **Monday 26th June 2017**.

Responses to this draft plan from residents and other interested persons and bodies will be reviewed and evaluated.

These responses will be incorporated, where appropriate, into an amended draft plan.

Should the amendments be significant further consultation will be made on a revised draft plan.

Should there be no significant changes to the current pre submission draft then this will be submitted to Northumberland County Council together with supporting documents.

Northumberland County Council will appoint an independent Examiner who will hold an examination of the plan to ensure that it complies with legal requirements.

Once the plan has passed examination, Northumberland County Council will arrange a referendum where residents over the age of 18yrs. may vote in support of, or against the plan.

A vote in favour of the plan requires a majority of 50% +1 of those people voting.

Once the plan has passed referendum it becomes part of the statutory Development Plan.

Planning law requires that planning applications are determined in accordance with the Development Plan unless material planning considerations indicate otherwise.

Following the referendum, Northumberland County Council can decide not to 'make' the plan if they identify that it does not comply with legal requirements. If they decide not to do this, it is no longer part of the Development Plan.

We are currently on schedule to complete this whole process by Winter 2017.

Appendix 13: Pre-Submission Engagement – Press Release

<http://www.hexham-courant.co.uk/news/ponteland/Residents-get-a-say-on-villages-future-888f2b21-1c52-444b-bb2d-c87c6cd31045-ds>

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Great Whittington.

RESIDENTS in Whittington parish are being invited to have their say on how the future of their area could look.

A draft version of Whittington Neighbourhood Plan entered its six-week consultation period on Monday, allowing residents to comment before it enters a formal examination process.

Neighbourhood plans allow communities to set out planning policies to guide development within their area.

A steering group for Whittington Neighbourhood Plan has been consulting with residents on what they want to see in the area.

Chairman of the steering group John Roberts said: "People like the rural nature of the parish and living in small communities which are distinct from each other, as well as the local landscape. We guided our principles on that."

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Following the consultation period, final changes will be made before the examination process. If it passes this stage, the plan will go to a local referendum.



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An open meeting will be held in Great Whittington Parish Hall on June 10 from 10am until 1pm, where residents can ask questions and speak to the steering group, members of the parish council and representatives from the planning department at Northumberland County Council.

Published: 16 May 2017 5:30PM

Appendix 14: Pre-Submission Engagement – Response Form

Whittington Parish Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Event 10th June 2017

Please circle your responses where appropriate.

Are you a resident of Whittington Parish? Yes No

Please print your full name

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Policy WNP 1: Landscape Design Principles

Do you agree with the policy? Yes No

Please give the reasons for your response to this policy

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Policy WNP 2: Tranquillity

Do you agree with the policy? Yes No

Please give the reasons for your response to this policy

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Policy WNP 3: Biodiversity

Do you agree with the policy? Yes No

Please give the reasons for your response to this policy

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Policy WNP 4: Design

Do you agree with the policy? Yes No

Please give the reasons for your response to this policy

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Policy WNP 5: Heritage Assets

Do you agree with the policy? Yes No

Please give the reasons for your response to this policy

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Policy WNP 6: Development in the open countryside

Do you agree with the policy? Yes No

Please give the reasons for your response to this policy

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Policy WNP 7: Housing

Do you agree with the policy? Yes No

Please give the reasons for your response to this policy

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Policy WNP 8: Community Service and Facilities

Do you agree with the policy? Yes No

Please give the reasons for your response to this policy

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Policy WNP 9: Infrastructure

Do you agree with the policy? Yes No

Please give the reasons for your response to this policy

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Policy WNP 10: Economic Development

Do you agree with the policy? Yes No

Please give the reasons for your response to this policy

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Policy WNP 11: Agriculture

Do you agree with the policy? Yes No

Please give the reasons for your response to this policy

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Policy WNP 12: Tourism

Do you agree with the policy? Yes No

Please give the reasons for your response to this policy

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Policy WNP 13: Transport and New Developments

Do you agree with the policy? Yes No

Please give the reasons for your response to this policy

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Policy WNP 14: Active Travel Route

Do you agree with the policy? Yes No

Please give the reasons for your response to this policy

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In its present form would you vote in favour of the plan at the referendum?

Yes No

If no, what would you like to see changed?

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Appendix 15: Pre-Submission Engagement – Summary of Comments and Response

Policy/ Paragraph	Comment type	Comment summary	Response/ proposed change
Paragraph 1.4	Letter – Northumberland County Council (NCC)	In the second bullet point, the text should be amended as follows: “Be in general conformity with the Local Plan Development Plan”.	No change. Neighbourhood Plans are required to be in general conformity with the Local Plan, they are part of the Development Plan.
Paragraph 1.6	Letter – NCC	The heading above paragraph 1.6 should be amended as follows: “ Local Development Plan”. The first line of paragraph 1.6 should be amended as follows: “Currently, the Local Development Plan...”	No change. Neighbourhood Plans are required to be in general conformity with the Local Plan, they are part of the Development Plan.
Paragraph 1.7	Letter – NCC	Paragraph 1.7 should be amended as follows: “Northumberland County Council (NCC) is currently preparing a new Local Plan which will replace the existing saved planning policies . The Core Strategy is will be the first Local Plan document and it will set out strategic policies, with the subsequent Northumberland Delivery Document adding detail to the Core Strategy . The emerging Core Strategy is expected to be adopted in December 2017.” The emerging Core Strategy will not replace all existing saved planning policies.	No change. The Northumberland Local Plan will replace all of the existing saved policies. It is not suggesting that the Core Strategy would replace all existing saved policies. Paragraph to be amended to reflect withdrawal of Core Strategy.
Paragraph 1.10	Letter – NCC	Typo: insert full stop after ...EU obligations.’; then new sentence ‘The...’	Amend.
Figure 1: Whittington Neighbourhood Plan Area	Letter – NCC	While this map shows the entire Neighbourhood Area, it would be beneficial to include a larger map of the Neighbourhood Area, ideally covering full page at A4 size, so that there is no doubt over the area covered by the Plan. A larger map will aid decision making.	Amend.
Paragraph 1.15	Letter – NCC	Reference is made to ‘...evidence work.’ It would be helpful to have all evidence base documents stored in one place with a suitable list that references each document. This could be referred to in a footnote, or could be included in an appendix	Amend. Footnotes to be added and ensure relevant documents are included on the Neighbourhood Plan website.

Policy/ Paragraph	Comment type	Comment summary	Response/ proposed change
		to the Plan with hyperlinks to the evidence base documents. From an inspection of the neighbourhood plan website there does not appear to be any reference to evidence base documents.	
Paragraph 1.18	Letter – NCC	Text should be amended as follows: “The background information that have has informed...”	Amend.
Paragraph 2.6	Letter – NCC	The text refers to “designated cycle ways”. However, this is not a recognised designation. The County Council’s Definitive Map (http://map.northumberland.gov.uk/prow/) shows all Public Rights of Way in the County. Within Whittington Parish, this identifies footpaths, bridleways, and BOATs (Byways Open to All Traffic). Cyclists are not permitted to use footpaths, but can use bridleways and BOATs. In addition, National Cycle Route 10 crosses the Parish and links Cockermouth in Cumbria with North Shields (further information on National Cycle Route 10 and the National Cycle Network can be found here: http://www.sustrans.org.uk/ncn/map/route/route-10). It is therefore suggested that the text is amended to reflect the different types of route within the Parish (both Public Rights of Way and National Cycle Route), as these cater for a wide range of modes of transport. Further information on Public Rights of Way may be found here: https://www.gov.uk/right-of-way-open-access-land/use-public-rights-of-way	Amend.
Paragraph 2.8	Letter – NCC	The final sentence should read: “There are smaller villages/hamlets at Bingfield, Hallington, Halton and Halton Shields.”	Amend.
Vision and Objectives	Letter - Northumbrian Water	Support for the vision and objectives	Support noted.

Policy/ Paragraph	Comment type	Comment summary	Response/ proposed change
Objective 4 – The Economy	Letter – NCC	Review grammatical expression. Suggest modify to read: 'Support existing, and the creation of new, sustainable....	Amend.
Objective 5 – Movement and Connectivity	Letter – NCC	Management of traffic would not be a planning policy matter other than in the context of determining planning applications. Suggest modify Objective 5 to read: '...managing traffic generated by development....'	No change. Neighbourhood Plans also contain community actions which should link to the relevant objectives.
WNP 1: Landscape	Response form	26 responses supported the draft policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of historic settlement pattern and character/ scale, biodiversity, trees; • Need to strengthen dark skies element • Need to conserve the village green 	No change. Dark skies are addressed in tranquillity policy (WNP2) and design policy (WNP4). The protection of the village green is through other legislation.
WNP 1: Landscape	Letter – Mr T Oliver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less weight should be given to the retention of all rigg and furrow fields as they are felt to provide only a modest contribution towards the overall value of the landscape surrounding the village. • The concept of being able to “maximise” views is rather a nebulous one. Surely it would be more appropriate to consider development which seeks to retain, create or enhance “appealing” views. Is a view “maximised” simply by being the most unobstructed view possible? I think this would be questionable. 	Amend. To ensure clarity over the key qualities for the landscape and clarify issue of views.
WNP 1: Landscape	Letter – NCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Landscape Character Assessment evidence base document (Part B) sets out various key qualities for each character area. The policy seeks to establish landscape design principles and it may strengthen the policy if it could refer to these aspects being retained and enhanced. • The emerging Core Strategy differentiates between landscape character types that should be guided by a management approach; and landscape character types that would benefit from a more planned approach. Some 	Amend. Add further detail from the Northumberland Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) and ensure this links to the management criteria contained within the policy. Criterion 'c' to be amended to link clearly to the landscape setting of historic assets and the need for materials to reflect local character, whilst not preventing innovation.

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		<p>landscapes elsewhere in the County are guided by an approach of complete protection. Suggests reference is made to the relevant landscape character types.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Neighbourhood Plan describes the landscape character areas. However, it does not interpret how these should be managed, nor does the policy address their management; instead, it seeks simply to 'enhance the landscape character of Whittington Parish'. Consideration should be given to ways in which the policy could be strengthened so that a decision maker would be guided on an appropriate approach to establishing whether development proposed could be judged as maintaining or enhancing landscape character. • Criterion 'c' does not reflect paragraph 60 of the NPPF nor does it have any association with landscape design principles – suggest deletion; • Criterion 'f' implies that development should be designed to take advantage of views and protect views; • Criterion 'g' – no definition of 'small scale' or 'historic settlement pattern' it is therefore unclear. 	<p>Criterion 'f' to be amended to clarify that important views are those from within the Conservation Area, as identified within the Character Appraisal.</p> <p>Criterion 'g' – add further text within the plan to explain the nature of scale within the context of the Parish. Historic settlement pattern is referred to within the LCA.</p>
Paragraph 4.10	Letter – NCC	Typo, 3rd sentence: Whist should be Whilst	Amend.
WNP2: Tranquillity	Response form	<p>23 responses supported the draft policy and 2 objected to it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern over the policy supporting major development; • Need to define major; • Do not want light or noise pollution. 	Amend. Add further supporting text to explain the way in which tranquillity can be measured. Update policy to ensure clarity that it is not only major development that could impact on tranquillity, without requiring all development proposals to demonstrate how they comply with the policy.
WNP2: Tranquillity	Letter – Mr T Oliver	The assessment of whether noise, traffic and light generation might be materially harmful should be taken on the merits of the scheme as a whole and there should be no inference within such a policy that any detriment to tranquillity should	Amend. To ensure clarity that the local planning authority will review the information submitted to determine the impact of the development on tranquillity.

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		mean that a development scheme should not be supported. It is felt that this should be a matter of subjective assessment relative to other aspects of the scheme.	
WNP2: Tranquillity	Letter – NCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy WNP 2 seeks to support ‘major development’ as defined in the 2015 Development Management Procedure Order. This includes the winning and working of minerals and waste; these are ‘excluded development’ as defined in s61K of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990. The wording of the policy appears to actively support major development. It is recommended that Policy WNP 2 be deleted. Alternatively, Policy WNP 2 could be modified to the extent that it deals only with assessing development impact on tranquillity as a material planning consideration. However, if the latter approach is taken it would be necessary to establish standards or benchmarks against which a decision maker could be expected to judge impact on tranquillity. 	Amend. Add further supporting text to explain the way in which tranquillity can be measured. Update policy to ensure clarity that it is not only major development that could impact on tranquillity, without requiring all development proposals to demonstrate how they comply with the policy.
Paragraph 4.12	Letter – Mr T Oliver	There is no reference to the evidence base for the presence of various species in the Parish.	No change. The supporting text includes a footnote which links the information on species and habitats to Natural England’s ‘Magic Map’.
Paragraph 4.12	Letter - NCC	Typo: amend to ‘...yellow wagtail, with...’	Amend.
WNP3: Biodiversity	Response form	<p>25 responses supported the draft policy and 1 objected to it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disagree with the last resort/ compensation option; Need for greater protection of veteran trees outside the conservation area e.g. through TPOs. 	No change. The policy reflects national policy and guidance which allows mitigation and compensation. Local planning authorities have a duty to make provision for the protection of trees, as such there is a general presumption to the retention and preservation of trees through legislation. Applications for tree preservation orders can be made at any point.

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Paragraph 4.16	Letter - NCC	Delete comma after '...traditional,..'; and suggest modify '...historic style...' to '...historic character...' This modification would better reflect NPPF paragraph 60.	Amend.
WNP4: Design	Response form	26 responses supported the draft policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of the character of the village; • Policy should include the need for full consultation with the local community; • Ensure light pollution is minimised; • Need to prevent gated houses. 	No change. The WNP cannot include a requirement for community consultation on development proposals. National Planning Practice Guidance encourages pre application engagement with the community where it will add value to the process and the outcome. When a planning application is submitted it is the responsibility of the LPA to ensure the required publicity. Criterion 'k' addresses the issue of light pollution. With regard to 'gated houses', policy WNP4 will require new development to reflect the character of the locality.
WNP4: Design	Letter Northumbrian Water	Support for criterion 'h' and 'l'	Support noted.
WNP4: Design	Letter – Mr T Oliver	Support	Support noted.
WNP4: Design	Letter - NCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammatical correction: 2nd sentence: delete '...proposals...' • Criterion d. is similar to criterion f. in Policy WNP 1 and presents the same issue. It requires that proposals should '...maximise views from and into the surrounding areas of countryside;'. It implies that development should be designed to take advantage of the views that can be gained of the countryside surrounding the development and looks to protect views. This is likely to be in conflict with basic condition (a) since the planning system is recognised in guidance as operating in the public interest 	Amend.

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		<p>and purely private rights and interests cannot be material considerations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In criterion k. consideration could be given to the inclusion of a reference to dark skies and the potential effects of lighting on residential amenity and/or disturbance effects on wildlife. 	
Paragraph 4.23	Letter - NCC	Typo: last bullet point, change '...Areas.' to '...Area.'	Amend.
Paragraph 4.24	Letter - NCC	Delete comma after '...traditional,..'; and suggest modify '...historic style...' to '...historic character...' This modification would better reflect NPPF paragraph 60.	Amend.
WNP5: Heritage assets	Response form	<p>23 responses supported the draft policy and 1 objection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern that everything old has been identified as a heritage asset. 	No change. The approach to heritage assets reflects that defined in national policy.
WNP5: Heritage assets	Letter – Mr T Oliver	Support	Support noted.
WNP6: Development in the open countryside	Response form	<p>22 responses supported the draft policy and 2 objections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Importance of views from houses; Innovative may result in odd looking houses; Need to deliver more mixed housing for young farmers; More development on brownfield sites before green field; Should not be supporting housing of the highest standard in the open countryside. 	<p>No change. Private views cannot be controlled through the planning system; however, the plan does seek to ensure that important views from and into the Conservation Area are appropriately managed.</p> <p>The reference to innovative design reflects national policy.</p> <p>Policy WNP7 allows for the development of rural exception sites where there is an identified need for affordable housing.</p> <p>Given the nature of the parish there is limited brownfield land available, however policy WNP4 encourages the re use of previously developed land.</p> <p>National policy does not require brownfield sites to be developed prior to green field sites.</p>

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WNP6: Development in the open countryside	Letter – Mr T Oliver	National Planning Policy does not support the creation of overly prescriptive settlement boundaries.	No change. Settlement boundaries are not mentioned within the NPPF. NPPG clearly identifies that neighbourhood plans can define settlement boundaries. The proposed boundary will support a 30% increase in the number of properties in Great Whittington.
WNP6: Development in the open countryside	Letter - Mr B Hindle	Little flexibility to allow additional housing development and lacks a clear mechanism for enabling development.	Amend. Whilst the proposed boundary will support a 30% increase in the number of properties in Great Whittington, it is acknowledged that the approach to limited infill development in the other settlements across the parish is confusing – text to be added to remove confusion. With regard to enabling development, Historic England defines it as ‘development that would be unacceptable in planning terms but for the fact it would bring heritage benefits sufficient to justify it being carried out and which would not otherwise be achieved’. It is not appropriate for the WNP to set out specific examples of enabling development, this would be assessed through the development management process.
WNP6: Development in the open countryside	Letter - NCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It would be appropriate to state that the settlement boundary relates only to the village of Great Whittington. It would be appropriate to modify this policy or create a new policy that relates to development inside the settlement boundary. It would also be more appropriate to seek to direct development to locations within that settlement boundary rather than into the open countryside where that is feasible. Development in the open countryside should then be by exception, and the 	Amend. Amendments to be made to the policy to ensure clarity and understanding, as well as to better reflect the NPPF. However, it is not proposed to include a reference to other policies within the WNP as it should be read as a whole.

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		<p>Plan can define those exceptions having regard to national policy and guidance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although reference is made to other hamlets in the Parish, there is no clear guidance through draft policies in the Plan regarding the treatment expected for development proposals as they arise in those smaller settlements There is a contradiction between criterion g. of Policy WNP 1 and other policies, including Policy WNP 6 and WNP 7, particularly for new housing other than that allowed by exception. Policy WNP 7 indicates that all housing developments will be supported, subject to some criteria. It is important that the issue of scale and location of new development, particularly housing development is very clearly expressed in the policies in the Plan. Whilst Policy WNP 6 is a very positive and permissive policy, having regard to comments provided by the local community and referenced variously throughout the Plan, it may be appropriate to consider making reference to a level of protection on various relevant issues to ensure that development will not have adverse effects on the natural environment, biodiversity, tranquillity, etc. The policy could be altered so that the first line would read: "Provided it accords with other policies in the Plan, new New development outside the settlement boundary on the Policies Map will be supported..." Criteria a. b. c. and d. seek to deal with matters covered in paragraph 28 of NPPF. However, these criteria do not fully reflect the full intent of paragraph 28 which is supportive of '...sustainable new development...', and 	

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		<p>particularly supports the ‘...growth and expansion of all types of business and enterprise in rural areas,...’.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy WNP 6 is selective in terms of its support to business and enterprise by making reference to support for ‘...existing business and enterprise.’ NPPF goes further than just supporting existing enterprise. • Policy WNP 10 of the Neighbourhood Plan seeks to offer support to new enterprise, although that Policy does not differentiate between locations within or beyond the settlement boundary of Great Whittington. Given that Policy WNP 6 seeks to generally reflect paragraph 28 of NPPF it is recommended that Policy WNP 6 be modified to properly reflect what is said in NPPF. • Criterion e. would be better aligned to the circumstances described in national policy. 	
Paragraph 4.38	Letter - NCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would be appropriate to make reference to the report prepared to demonstrate how the Steering Group considered each of the SHLAA sites and describe how they reached a conclusion on the sites allocated in the Plan. • Typo in penultimate sentence: ‘...allowing an 30%...’, amend to ‘...a 30%..’ 	Amend. Add further detail on the discussion regarding the SHLAA sites and amend typo.
WNP7: Housing	Response form	<p>24 responses supported the draft policy and 1 objection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new development outside the settlement boundary; • Should be 20 units at Rose Hill and 10 at Badgers End; • New houses need to have sufficient parking, appropriate access and appropriately sized garden; • Impact of views; • Local needs are not being met; • The approach would limit much needed future housing development. 	<p>No change. The NPPF allows for specific development in the open countryside, it would therefore not be appropriate to restrict all development.</p> <p>The level of development proposed to be allocated reflects the planning approvals.</p> <p>Parking, access and amenity space are addressed in policies WNP4 design) and WNP13 (transport and new developments).</p>

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			The issue of views is addressed in policies WNP1 (landscape) and WNP4 (design). Policy WNP 7 allows for rural exceptions sites to be developed where there is evidence of affordable housing need.
WNP7: Housing	Letter – Mr T Southern	Concern that the plan will restrict new housing development which will impact on the provision of affordable housing.	No change. Policy WNP 7 allows for rural exceptions sites to be developed where there is evidence of affordable housing need. The plan also supports appropriate limited infill development.
WNP7: Housing	Letter – Mr T Oliver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plan does not explain how it meets the objectively assessed need that is set out within the Northumberland Core Strategy or whether the housing sites identified are adequate. Further progress on the draft plan would be premature, it should follow the adoption of the Core Strategy. Further progress on the draft plan should await the publication of guidance on undertaking assessments of housing needs and an updated National Planning Policy Framework. The plan is not future proofed as it does not allow for future housing development 	No change. The Northumberland Core Strategy has now been withdrawn. Objectively assessed need is defined at the Housing Market level not by parish. The WNP supports the 30% increase of housing within Great Whittington, it also supports limited infilling within smaller settlements.
WNP7: Housing	Letter - Mr B Hindle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plan does not consider future housing need – it only allocates sites that have planning permission. An additional site should be allocated to the east of Aspen Ridge. Little flexibility to allow additional housing development and lacks a clear mechanism for enabling development. 	No change. The WNP supports the 30% increase of housing within Great Whittington, it also supports limited infilling within smaller settlements. With regard to enabling development, Historic England defines it as 'development that would be unacceptable in planning terms but for the fact it would bring heritage benefits sufficient to justify it being carried out and which would not otherwise be achieved'. It is not appropriate for the WNP to set out specific examples of enabling development,

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			this would be assessed through the development management process.
WNP7: Housing	Letter - NCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy WNP 7 appears to support all new housing. This presents conflict with other policies which seek to support development by exception. The support to all housing proposals is caveated by normal design expectations and by the requirement that it meets '...identified local needs'. • The Policy then deals with rural exception sites and looks to define the circumstances where such development would be allowed. It is not clear how this differs from the approach intended in the first part of the Policy, or whether the Policy should only be about affordable housing to meet defined local needs for people with a proven local connection. • It is unclear whether the 'local needs' element relates to affordable housing. • It is unclear whether any 'up-to-date housing needs study' needs to be endorsed by the Local Planning Authority in order to be taken as a material planning consideration. • Having regard to paragraph 54 of NPPF it would appear possible that the Policy could support market housing where that generates the provision of significant additional affordable housing (as rural exception sites). • The Parish Council is encouraged to define, in straightforward terms, the scale, location, type and tenure of housing that it intends to support through the Neighbourhood Plan. 	Amend. Add text/ amend policy to clarify the approach.
WNP8: Community services and facilities	Response form	23 responses supported the draft policy:	Amend. The policy would support the provision of a new village hall and children's play areas. Add

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be a need to replace the village hall and make provision for safe areas for children to play, opportunities for an area for sports; • Need for stronger reference to the pub and village hall as important assets; • Need for new development to be required to provide new facilities e.g. park; • Importance of off street parking and highway safety. 	text to highlight the importance of the pub and village hall. With regard to developer contributions, this is addressed in policy WNP 9 (infrastructure) and parking/ highway safety is addressed in policy WNP 13 (transport and new developments).
WNP8: Community services and facilities	Letter – United Benefice of Stamfordham with Matfen	That all future developments should raise the question of residents’ spiritual lives. If new community buildings are planned, or old ones developed it would be important to ask how they can be used to benefit residents’ spiritual lives.	No change. The policy would support the provision of new community buildings which could be used for different things.
WNP8: Community services and facilities	Letter – Mr T Oliver	Support but the identification of a settlement boundary would prevent future development.	Support noted.
WNP8: Community services and facilities	Letter - NCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would be helpful to identify those community services and facilities in the parish, and particularly any that the Parish Council would seek to have retained. • Consideration could also be given to making an application to list any identified facilities as assets of community value under the Community Right to Bid. Policy WNP 8 could provide a hook which would seek to give additional protection to such assets. 	Amend. Add text to explain that the village hall and pub are particularly valued by the local community and make reference to assets of community value.
Paragraph 2.15	Letter – Mr T Oliver	It would be helpful to see more detail as to what infrastructure is deemed to be required and its significant in new development	Amend. Add text to explain that infrastructure requirements will change depending on the nature of the development proposed.
WNP9: Infrastructure	Response form	<p>24 responses supported the draft policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for developers to give something back to the community; • No street lighting needed; • Access issues – roads too narrow; • Lack of pavements. 	No change. Infrastructure can only be provided where it is required by the development. Policies WNP2 (tranquillity) and WNP4 (design) address the issue of dark skies. Policy WNP 13 (transport and new developments) addresses the issue of access and pedestrian safety.

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WNP9: Infrastructure	Letter Northumbrian Water	Support	Support noted.
WNP9: Infrastructure	Letter – Mr T Oliver	Support	Support noted.
WNP9: Infrastructure	Letter - NCC	Paragraph 4.43, supporting Policy WNP 9, focuses on the use of S106 Agreements. However, Policy WNP 9 references matters that would not normally be covered in a S106. Part (a) matters would normally be dealt with by a S38 agreement and part (b) highway improvements matters would normally be dealt with by a S278 Agreement. The policy perhaps should focus on what S106s could be used for, for example highway works beyond the immediate site. It is considered that paragraph 4.43 should be reviewed accordingly.	Amend.
WNP10: Economic development	Response form	25 responses supported the draft policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Important to encourage more jobs to allow young people to stay in the local area. 	No change. The overall policy approach of the WNP seeks to support the economy which will in turn help support job creation.
WNP10: Economic development	Letter – Mr T Oliver	Support	Support noted.
WNP10: Economic development	Letter - NCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy WNP 10 does not differentiate between development in the countryside and that within the settlement boundary of Great Whittington. Proposals involving economic development activity in the open countryside can be adequately addressed in Policy WNP 6 which should be prepared having regard to paragraph 28 of NPPF as recommended above. ‘Small scale...’ is not defined in the Policy or elsewhere, and it is not a term used in national policy. 	Amend.
WNP11: Agriculture	Response form	26 responses supported the draft policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Importance of agriculture; 	No change. Policy WNP11 supports the agricultural industry. The policy refers to supporting farm diversification schemes, this could include tourism.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of redundant buildings for housing and tourism should be supported. 	In addition, policy WNP12 specifically supports tourism proposals.
WNP11: Agriculture	Letter – Mr T Oliver	The policy does not adequately address the issue of agricultural development and the way in which applications would be assessed e.g. landscape impact.	No change. Landscape matters are addressed in policy WNP1 - the plan should be read as a whole.
WNP11: Agriculture	Letter - NCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It will be necessary to define the term ‘..local people..’ used in criterion a. Having regard to the need to promote good design, and to recognise the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside as identified in NPPF it would be appropriate to consider the creation of a separate criterion (in addition to criteria a., b. and c.), or by modification to criterion c. making reference to the need for new dwellings to be well-related to the existing grouping of farm buildings, thereby preventing any proliferation of isolated dwellings in the countryside. 	Amend. Remove the policy detail regarding new dwellings as part of farm enterprises.
WNP12: Tourism	Response form	26 responses supported the draft policy.	Support noted.
WNP12: Tourism	Letter – Mr T Oliver	Support.	Support noted.
WNP12: Tourism	Letter - NCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is unclear whether this policy relates only to non-accommodation tourism development. While this policy, read among others, could be sufficient to avoid unacceptable development occurring, consideration could be given to the inclusion of additional criteria. 	Amend. Clarification of the scope of the policy.
WNP13: Transport	Response form	25 responses supported the draft policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Importance of parking provision; Keep vehicular impact as low as possible. 	Support noted.
WNP13: Transport	Letter – Mr T Oliver	The Local Authority in the form of Highways Authority should be the clear hierarchical and overarching arbiter of traffic impact.	No change. This is the statutory role of Northumberland County Council – no need to repeat this within the WNP.

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WNP13: Transport	Letter - NCC	Criterion c. delete '...Highway Authority' and replace with '...Local Planning Authority.'	Amend.
WNP14: Active travel routes	Response form	25 responses supported the draft policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to public transport is important for young people; Important amenity for local residents. 	Support noted.
	Letter – Mr T Oliver	Support	Support noted.
Proposals Map	Mr B Hindle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposals map is not up to date – the land directly to the east of Homlecroft is shown as undeveloped however this is not the case. The proposals map does not reflect the settlement boundary shown in the Tynedale proposals map. Site H1 retains development as a cluster whereas site H2 extends to the south by some way. 	No change. The Tynedale Local Plan does not include a settlement boundary around Great Whittington. The proposed boundary has been prepared to reflect current and future permitted development based on information held by NCC.
Appendix 3: Public Rights of Way	Letter - NCC	The way in which the map has been included within the document has resulted in the map not being to the scale quoted on the map itself (1:50,000 at A4).	Amend. Separate proposals map to be prepared.
Omissions	Letter - Arqiva	The need to support electronic communications infrastructure and services that support local communities	No change. Policy WNP8 supports the provision of community services and facilities.
Omissions	Letter – Mr T Oliver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Planning policy requires a constant review and adaption of plans to suit changing needs, however there is no detail within the draft plan on the review mechanisms. The draft plan has considered those matters that affect the Parish in isolation – there should be much greater emphasis on the way rural communities work closely together to ensure services and amenities in one settlement can help support those in others. It might be helpful to consider some more positive policies referring to smaller housing for the younger generation to maintain a more diverse age profile in the community. 	No change. There is no requirement to review or update a neighbourhood plan. Section 38A(11) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) sets out how a qualifying body may make a proposal for the existing plan to be replaced. Neighbourhood Plans are only required to plan for their area, there is no requirement to consider cross boundary issues, that is a matter for the local planning authority. The WNP supports the 30% increase of housing within Great Whittington, it also supports limited infilling within smaller settlements and will allow

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			rural exception sites where there is an identified need for affordable housing.
General comments	National Grid	The overhead powerline and gas transmission pipeline do not interact with any of the proposed development sites	Noted.

Appendix 16: Health Check – Summary of Comments and Response

Part 1 - Process

Identified requirement	Health Check Response/ Comment	WPC Response/ proposed change
Have the necessary statutory requirements been met in terms of the designation of the neighbourhood area?	Yes. The BCS refers to the date of designation and details the consultation process. The WNP Area covers the whole of Whittington Parish and was designated by the Council on 2nd March 2016. The Plan relates to one Neighbourhood Area. The BCS includes confirmation that the Plan has been prepared and submitted by a Qualifying Body (QB).	Noted, no change required.
If the area does not have a parish council, have the necessary statutory requirements been met in terms of the designation of the neighbourhood forum?	Not applicable. Whittington Neighbourhood Plan Area is made up of Whittington Parish only.	Noted, no change required.
Has the plan been the subject of appropriate pre-submission consultation and publicity, as set out in the legislation, or is this underway?	The CS provides a summary of the plan process and the evidence base. There is no indication that pre-submission consultation has not been carried out in line with the Regulations and advice in the PPG, having been appropriate in line with the scale, coverage and complexity of the Plan area. The CS should not be underestimated in providing a key window into the legitimacy of the process and Plan itself for the examiner. Recommend that a clear timeline is provided upfront in the document which includes reference to the legislation, designation and consultation dates. In addition, the CS should detail how attempts were made to access the 'hard to reach' groups within the community.	Amend to add clear timeline at start of documents and add further details re hard to reach groups within the consultation statement. Hard to reach groups were identified as: the farming community, faith groups and disability groups – all of whom were targeted through the engagement process.
Has there been a programme of community engagement	Yes, the detail and discussion of the methodology has been provided to ensure a proportionate programme of	Noted, no change required.

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proportionate to the scale and complexity of the plan?	consultation in the CS which appears to accord with the Regulations and advice in the PPG.	
Are arrangements in place for an independent examiner to be appointed?	<p>There is no information provided on this. Would advise that the QB begin the process of identifying a suitable independent examiner as soon as possible.</p> <p>Whilst the general approach is to assess the CVs provided by prospective examiners, you may also find it very helpful in coming to a decision by reading examples of their reports on other neighbourhood plans.</p>	No change. It is not WPC's role to appoint an independent examiner.
Are discussions taking place with the electoral services team on holding the referendum?	There is no information provided on this. The QB should engage with NCC to ascertain this information.	No change. It is not WPC's role to discuss the referendum with the electoral services team.
Is there a clear project plan for bringing the plan into force and does it take account of local authority committee cycles?	There is no information provided on this. The QB should engage with NCC to ascertain this information.	No change. This is NCCs role.
Has an SEA screening been carried out by the LPA?	Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening has been undertaken by NCC and it was concluded that SEA was not required. Further details of this should be provided in the BCS.	Amend to add details to the Basic Conditions Statement.
Has an HRA screening been carried out by the LPA?	Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) screening has been undertaken by NCC and it was concluded that Appropriate Assessment was not required. Further details of this should be provided in the BCS.	Amend to add details to the Basic Conditions Statement.

Part 2 – Content

Criteria	Health Check Response/ Comment	WPC Response/ proposed change
Are policies appropriately justified with a clear rationale?	In most cases the policies are appropriately justified with a clear rationale. Further justification is needed in the case of a number of policies (as outlined in the detailed notes in this report) and the evidence base should be clearly referenced and, in some cases, discussed more fully within the WNP. The settlement boundary (Policy WNP 6), housing (WNP 7) and rural exception sites (WNP 8) are policies that require clearer justification within the Plan if they are to be retained: see detailed comments below. The evidence base for the allocated housing numbers and the inclusion of the settlement boundary methodology and data should be referenced more heavily in the WNP: see detailed comments.	See detailed response under Part 3.
Is it clear which parts of the draft plan form the 'neighbourhood plan proposal' (i.e. the neighbourhood development plan) under the Localism Act, subject to the independent examination, and which parts do not form part of the 'plan proposal', and would not be tested by the independent examination?	Yes. The WNP is well structured and makes a clear distinction between policies, vision, objectives and community actions. The WNP is careful to separate these elements and takes a straightforward approach and includes practical and implementable policies, in most cases.	Noted, no change required.
Are there any obvious conflicts with the NPPF?	The BCS outlines compliance of the Plan policies with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in clear terms. From my assessment of the WNP, it appears that the Plan is in general conformity with the NPPF.	Noted, no change required.

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Is there a clear explanation of the ways the plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development?	Yes. Chapter 3 of the BCS and paragraph 1.9 of the WNP states the contribution it makes to sustainable development and the consideration of the environmental, social and economic factors is evident throughout the WNP.	Noted, no change required.
Are there any issues around compatibility with human rights or EU obligations?	The WNP draft and supporting documents do not raise any major issues with regard to human rights. However, clause e of Policy WPN 8 introduces a restriction on any enabling market dwellings, requiring them to be for occupation as a principal residence only. Though the St Ives Neighbourhood Plan was challenged on human rights grounds for dealing with this issue, the challenge was unsuccessful. I would strongly advise that the final policy wording for this clause be checked against the St Ives approach to ensure there is no conflict with the Convention rights. See https://stivesnplan.wordpress.com/ The criteria outlined in the justification should be reviewed as these are not clearly expressed within the policy and there are potential issues with eligibility and affordable or market housing.	Amend Policy WNP 8, remove principal residence requirement.
Does the plan avoid dealing with excluded development including nationally significant infrastructure, waste and minerals?	The BCS confirms that the WNP does not deal with excluded development. It would benefit from clarifying that excluded development includes minerals, waste and major infrastructure.	Amend to include this clarification.
Is there consensus between the local planning authority and the qualifying body over whether the plan meets	The Plan states that it has been assessed against the Tynedale District Core Strategy (2007) and the saved policies of the Tynedale District Local Plan (2000). NCC confirmed the strategic policies of the Development Plan are those set out in Appendix 2 of the BCS. It should be noted that this is	See detailed response under Part 3.

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the basic conditions including conformity with strategic development plan policy and, if not, what are the areas of disagreement?	<p>acceptable if the Plan will be examined before the production of a new NCS/Local Plan. If examination occurs at a later date when the NCS is more advanced, an assessment against the emerging policies should be included for consideration in the BCS. The WNP states that policies are in general conformity with the existing policies.</p> <p>Overall, the WNP looks to take a locally distinctive approach and adds detail to the strategic policies outlined in the Development Plan for the area. Evidence for the proposed settlement boundary, housing allocations, principal residence and local needs housing policies are key areas for potential conflict (see detailed notes below).</p> <p>In light of the NCS being withdrawn, it will be critical that the QB discuss the revised timetable of the new approach to the NCS/new Local Development Plan. This could have significant implications for the WNP and will need to be reviewed through the BCS if NCC develop any further Local Plan work in the time between this healthcheck and submission of the WNP for examination.</p>	
Are there any obvious errors in the plan?	There are some obvious errors, which require amendments and recommendations: see my detailed notes.	See detailed response under Part 3.
Are the plan's policies clear and unambiguous and do they reflect the community's aspirations?	The policies are mainly clear and relate to the development and use of land. Suggestions have been made for the re-wording of policies in some cases. Consistency and clarity is required to ensure that the policies are Development Management and delivery focussed. Policies are mainly framed by an understanding of the delivery mechanisms that planning can use e.g. the housing policies can include some detailed requirements to allow them to guide the	See detailed response under Part 3.

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	<p>characteristics of the development without becoming overly prescriptive.</p> <p>Overall, community aspirations are at the heart of the Plan and the policies are reflective of the outcomes of the consultation process.</p>	

Part 3 – Detailed Feedback

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Foreword Parish Council	This foreword, if included, should state that the Parish Council are the QB and indicate their support for the Plan.	Amend - to explain support.
Foreword WNP	This foreword should emphasise the inclusion of the community – I would avoid stating that difficulties were faced with consultation at this point, since it raises concerns before the document gets started. A positive note should be struck.	Amend - to highlight importance of engagement.
1.1	Remove 'that is already part of the local plan' and replace with 'or support less development than already committed in the local plan'.	Amend as suggested.
1.2	Add 'The main purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan is to set policies for the use and development of land.'	Amend as suggested.
1.3	Remove 'agreed' and change to 'examined by an independent examiner'.	Amend as suggested.
1.11	Delete 'is' in second sentence.	Amend as suggested.
1.13	It needs to be made very clear here that the Parish Council have been involved in the Plan preparation as the QB. Suggest that it would be useful to summarise how the Steering Group and Plan was developed with the Parish Council.	Amend - to include additional detail.

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Figure 1	The quality of this map should be upgraded if possible and the WNP Area shown as designated on an Ordnance Survey map base.	Amend - add new map.
1.17-1.19	These bullet points should be modified in the final draft to outline the process the Plan has been through.	No change – this will be undertaken by NCC following examination.
2.8	The terminology ‘heritage asset’ is used to cover the whole village. It would be more useful if the village was defined as including a number of designated and non-designated heritage assets. See section 12 of the NPPF.	Amend as suggested.
3.3	It is very useful to see the objectives set out in this clear way and linked directly to the consultation work.	Noted.
4.7 and 4.8	It is not necessary to quote directly from other documents that form part of the current development plan. In this case, if it is likely the document will be reviewed, then it should be borne in mind that the policy/Plan may also require review to reflect this.	No change – the Landscape Character Assessment does not form part of the current development plan, it is a study that has been prepared to inform the emerging Northumberland Local Plan. It is considered important to include the local context.
Policy WNP 1	This policy is well drafted and provides clear guidance to users of the Plan.	Noted.
Policy WNP 2	This policy is unrealistic and would not be implementable in planning terms. The definition of tranquillity is provided; however, any development is likely to be in breach of this policy. The Plan would likely be more successful in requesting certain measures to ensure that development does not cause unacceptable harm to the amenity of neighbouring residents, such as the inclusion of a construction and environmental management plan with developments and a requirement for conditions to limit noise levels etc.	Amend (partial) - WPC do not consider the policy to be unrealistic however it is agreed that an amendment is necessary to assist with the implementation of the policy through the development management process.
Policy WNP 3	This policy is considered acceptable.	Noted.
Policy WNP 4	The bullet point (k) which deals with impact on dark skies is hard to quantify and may conflict with highway safety and requirements for secured by design. It should be considered	No change - WPC disagree that dark sky impacts are hard to quantify and that the policy may conflict with highway

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	<p>how this will be applied if it is to be included. Therefore, consider re-phrasing the bullet point as, 'Illumination, where proposed, should limit the impact of light pollution on local amenity, intrinsically dark landscapes and nature conservation. Development proposals that involve external lighting, will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated that they are required for safety, security or community reasons and where the details minimise light spillage.'</p> <p>This would accord with paragraph 125 of the NPPF and the other considerations mentioned. It is also advised that further justification may be required for the inclusion of this part of the policy.</p>	<p>safety. The wording proposed is considered to be unnecessarily detailed.</p>
Policy WNP 5	This policy is considered acceptable.	Noted.
Policy WNP 6	<p>This policy looks to direct development and contain it within the settlement boundary in the 'majority' of cases.</p> <p>It is advised, however, that reference to the settlement boundary methodology should be made and signposted in the Plan. Where settlement boundaries are included they need to be backed up with evidence as to why the lines were placed in these locations. Evidence must be clearly presented and signposted within the Plan to ensure the settlement boundary is not open to challenge once the Plan is in place.</p> <p>There should be an acknowledgement that bullet points e and f cross over with permitted development rights and provisions of the Use Classes Order. It should be made clear that where planning permission is required, these provisions will be applied.</p>	<p>Amend (partial) – include reference to settlement boundary methodology. However, it is not considered necessary to refer to permitted development rights within the policy.</p>
Policy WNP 7	Offers support to additional housing over and above the 2 allocated sites identified in the WNP. It is worth considering	<p>Amend (partial) – sites H1 and H2 are proposed to be allocated within the WNP. Whilst it is acknowledged that</p>

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	<p>additional criteria against which any schemes that come forward in the future can be considered.</p> <p>Sites H1 and H2: Paragraph 4.45 of the WNP uses the term 'allocates' in relation to these two sites. However, the WNP does not make any allocations merely noting that two sites, which the community supported, should be shown on the Policies Map. As the sites now have permission, I suggest WNP 7 should be amended to note this fact and explain that additional dwellings over the Plan period will be supported if they accord with the WNP 7 criteria.</p>	<p>these sites have planning permission, these permissions could lapse. However, amend the text to explain that WNP 7 also provides support for the development of additional housing where they accord with the identified criteria.</p>
Policy WNP 8	<p>Looks to define rural exceptions. There is no clear justification for the removal of Permitted Development rights from all housing covered by the policy in this way, therefore suggest this is removed. Point d should provide a threshold otherwise it is not clear when to apply it. I suggest over 50%.</p> <p>Point e - it is difficult to enforce principal residence housing and it should be made clear how point e would achieve this if it remains in the policy. The requirement for enabling market housing to be used as a principle residence has been mentioned above. I would suggest that clause e should be amended by the addition of the following: 'Where permission is granted for a Principal Residence market dwelling, a condition will be attached to ensure that the occupancy of the dwelling(s) is confined to a person's sole or principal residence. Furthermore, the affordable housing and Principal Residence market housing will be indistinguishable and will be fully integrated on the development site.'</p>	<p>Amend as suggested. Reference to principle residence to be deleted.</p>

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	<p>It is imperative that the requirement for Principle Residence Housing is clearly supported by evidence, specifically, how the extent of second home ownership in the Parish warrants such an approach.</p> <p>The supporting text (at 4.49) also outlines a set of criteria that are not explicitly outlined within the policy. I would suggest removing 'who are either current residents or others who have an existing family or employment connection with the Parish' and replace with 'who meet the rural allocation criteria set out in the Northumberland Common Allocation Policy'.</p>	
Policy WNP 9	Clause d is vague in terms of what evidence would be required to back up the assessment. It would be more useful if there was a clear requirement outlined.	Amend as suggested.
Policy WNP 10	Should be reviewed in view of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule, if/when this comes into force. As NCC do not have a current CIL regime, this policy may require review following its adoption (see link: http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Planning/Planning-policy/Levy.aspx?nccredirect=1).	Noted.
Policy WNP 11	Add after amenity, 'will be supported'.	No change – the first sentence of the policy is clear that the proposals will be supported.
Policy WNP 12	Suggest defining the requirements for 'robustly' demonstrating the proposed location is required to meet the needs of the business.	Amend as suggested.
Annex 1	Sums up the community aspirations and it effectively separates the policies from these non-planning issues.	Noted.

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Consultation Statement	2.2 It should be clear about how the Steering Group was made up and provided feedback to the Parish Council.	Amend as suggested.
	3.10 This seems like a minimal response – is there more that can be said here about engagement with the consultees?	No change. This was early engagement and informed the Pre-Submission Plan. WPC and the Steering Group received verbal feedback which highlighted support.
	The Plan does not reference how ‘harder to reach groups’ were considered with regard to the consultation methods chosen: a statement on inclusion in the consultation process should be included in the CS.	Amend to add further detail.
	Overall, it is considered that the CS provides an outline of the consultation story of the WNP and accords with the Regulations and advice in the PPG. There has clearly been a consistent and ongoing effort to ensure that the community and consultees are engaging with the Plan, which is commended.	Noted.
Basic Conditions Statement	<p>It is considered that the BCS provides the information required by the Regulations and provides a clear account of the Plan process. This document is thorough and includes the key documents and information that the examiner will look for. I would advise that a timeline of the Plan process from designation to present draft is included in the BCS to reinforce and evidence compliance with the Regulations.</p> <p>As discussed above, if work towards a new NCS/Local Plan (following the withdrawal of the current draft) is progressed prior to examination, then this should be considered and discussed within the BCS. At the current time, it is considered</p>	Amend as suggested

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	that a detailed review of the NCS is not required. If the WNP and its policies rely on evidence that has been drawn from the withdrawn NCS and/or its withdrawn evidence base, then this should be discussed and clearly justified within the BCS.	