



Northumberland

County Council

Wooler Neighbourhood Plan

Northumberland County Council: Regulation 18 Decision Statement

Northumberland County Council has considered the Report of the Independent Examination into the Submission Draft Wooler Neighbourhood Plan dated 26 May 2020. As required under paragraph 12 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the County Council considered each of the recommendations made by the Examiner and has made a decision on whether to accept or reject the recommendations. The independent examiner concluded that it would be necessary to delete Policies 1, 2, 4 and 10, clarify the wording of twenty five of the remaining thirty policies and the supporting text, make revisions to the glossary, and improve the mapping of policies.

The County Council accepts these modifications for the reasons given in the examination report.

The County Council considers that the Plan, as modified, meets the basic conditions as set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and that the Plan complies with provisions made by or under sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Accordingly, the Plan may proceed to referendum. The County Council is satisfied that the referendum area shall be the Wooler Neighbourhood Area which comprises the civil parish of Wooler.

A referendum will be held as soon as reasonably practicable following the publication of this decision statement.

Signatures:

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Date: 25 June 2020

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Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing and Resilience

Date: 25 June 2020