



# Northumberland

County Council

## **Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)**

### **Notice of consultation on the Northumberland Local Plan – Proposed Main Modifications**

The Northumberland Local Plan was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in May 2019 for Examination. Examination hearings led by Independent Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State took place during 2019 and 2020.

The Inspectors have concluded that while the draft plan as submitted is not sound, it is likely that it can be made sound by modifications. A schedule of proposed Main Modifications has been prepared, and the Council has been notified by the Inspectors that the consultation on the modifications can proceed.

The proposed **Main Modifications** are those which the Inspectors consider are necessary to make the Northumberland Local Plan sound and/or legally compliant. The Main Modifications are proposed without prejudice to the Inspectors' final conclusions on the Northumberland Local Plan, which will take account of all representations submitted in response to this consultation. In addition to the proposed Main Modifications, comments are invited on the following:

- A schedule of **proposed modifications to the Local Plan Policies Map**
- **Sustainability Appraisal** of the Main Modifications and Policies Map changes
- **Habitats Regulations Assessment** of the Main Modifications and Policies Map changes
- **Additional evidence** published by the Council through the examination since the last consultation held during July to September 2020.

Representations relating to the proposed Main Modifications should be made regarding legal compliance and soundness issues only. This is not an opportunity to raise again matters relating to other parts of the submitted Northumberland Local Plan that have already been considered by the Inspectors during the Examination. The Inspectors will only consider representations which relate specifically to the proposed Main Modifications, and the other consultation documents.

The consultation runs from **Wednesday 9 June 2021 until 5:00pm on Wednesday 4 August 2021**. Comments received after this time will not be considered.

#### **Where you can view the consultation documents**

The consultation documents will be available to view on the Council's Examination website at <https://northumberland-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/planning/localplan/main-mods>.

Copies of the consultation documents can be provided on request and are also available to view by prior appointment at County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF. To make an appointment, please call 01670 620003 or 01670 620004.

#### **How to make representations**

Representations should be made in writing by:

- e-mail: [PlanningStrategy@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:PlanningStrategy@northumberland.gov.uk)
- post: **PLANNING STRATEGY, COUNTY HALL, MORPETH, NE61 2EF**