Dear Mr Angus Collingwood-Cameron

**Northumberland Local Plan: Draft Plan for Regulation 18 Consultation**

I am writing to inform you that the consultation on the draft Northumberland Local Plan begins on **Wednesday 4 July 2018** and runs until **5pm on Wednesday 15 August 2018**.

The Local Plan is the Council’s main strategic planning policy document and the draft plan:

* Sets out the strategic planning policies of the Council;
* Sets the general scale and distribution of new development, which is required to meet the County’s needs to 2036;
* Provides the planning principles to guide decisions on planning applications;
* Shows in detail where new homes, workplaces and facilities will be located; and
* Shows key environmental designations including site specific proposals for the conservation and enhancement of historic and natural assets.

Comments and feedback are invited on the Draft Plan and policies map.  The consultation document, policies map and supporting documents can be viewed on our website at: [www.northumberland.gov.uk/localplan](https://u6693381.ct.sendgrid.net/wf/click?upn=miz6MGX2-2FD508MGjiurCaXVP8OXfy-2BwCUlaWv19XPJGTsPinDBSJtykF2ihEKgkY57sY-2BlaT1IsK7NIGPI6b2Q-3D-3D_9hv4qkCuZ5G7uX-2Bl1FFHkxvfP1MZRtrGnwy8RkYMt-2BQD7g-2BH-2FXjJl2jVWtRwehAYuvzt9V9Y6Ve2zsruJRITYwk5dZCLFNVK2xkztqdkYkGSzjA69Jlmon6FZrv-2FXPAyfcGkwFQNLW7nxelHDoKjB0KmQHzGD5cJKzmDz-2FnyZQthDweWhxcBviwXmplX6x2LTZ5IRG71lX7mXzuk3zxL0Q-3D-3D). Hard copies can also be viewed at libraries within Northumberland, Customer Information Centres and County Hall, Morpeth during normal opening hours. Paper copies are also available for purchase. A CD containing the key documents is also available on request.

We are encouraging people to comment online via the above web address. If you have commented before, please use your existing registration details (Your username is - 1564CollingwoodCameron). Commenting online is straightforward, once registered. Comments can also be made by returning a response form by email to PlanningStrategy@northumberland.gov.uk or by post.

During the consultation period we will be holding a number of drop-in sessions around Northumberland to allow people to find out more about the consultation. The drop-in sessions will include a small exhibition and staff from the Planning Policy Team will be present to help answer any questions. The dates, times and venues for these drop-in sessions are provided below for your information:

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| **Town and venue** | **Date** | **Time** |
| **Hexham -**Trinity Methodist Church, Beaumont Street, NE46 3LS |  Wednesday 11 July |  2pm - 7pm |
| **Allendale -**Library, Dawson Place, NE47 9PP |  Thursday 12 July |  2pm - 6pm |
| **Belford -**Bell View, West Street, NE70 7QB |  Thursday 12 July |  2pm - 7pm |
| **Amble -**Development Trust Offices, Dilston Terrace, NE65 0DT |  Friday 13 July |  2pm - 7pm |
| **Alnwick -**St James Community Hall, Pottergate, NE66 0DT |  Saturday 14 July |  10am - 3pm |
| **Berwick-upon-Tweed -**Town Hall, Marygate, TD15 1BN |  Monday 16 July |  2pm - 7pm |
| **Ashington -**Hirst Welfare Centre, Alexandra Road, NE63 9EL   |  Tuesday 17 July |  2pm - 7pm |
| **Haydon Bridge -**Community Centre, Radcliffe Road, NE47 6ET |  Wednesday 18 July |  2pm - 7pm |
| **Blyth -**Buffalo Centre, Regent Street, NE24 1LL |  Thursday 19 July |  2pm - 7pm |
| **Seaton Delaval -**Parish Council Offices, Astley Road, NE25 0DG |  Friday 20 July |  2pm - 7pm |
| **Prudhoe -**Waterworld, Front Street, NE42 5DQ |  Saturday 21 July |  10am - 3pm |
| **Choppington -**Social Welfare Centre, Colliery Road, NE62 5SS |  Monday 23 July |  2pm - 7pm |
| **Morpeth -** Morpeth Town Hall, Market Place, NE61 1LZ |  Tuesday 24 July |  2pm - 7pm |
| **Ponteland -**Memorial Hall, Darras Road, NE20 9NX |  Wednesday 25 July |  2pm - 7pm |
| **Rothbury -**Jubilee Hall, Bridge Street, NE65 7SD |  Thursday 26 July |  2pm - 7pm |
| **Bedlington -**Community Centre, Front Street West, NE22 5UB |  Friday 27 July |  2pm - 7pm |
| **Cramlington -**Concordia Leisure Centre, Forum Way, NE23 6YB |  Saturday 28 July |  10am - 3pm |
| **Wooler -**Cheviot Centre, Padgepool Place, NE71 6BL |  Monday 30 July |  2pm - 7pm |
| **Corbridge -**Parish Hall, St Helen’s Street, NE45 5BQ |  Tuesday 31 July |  2pm - 7pm |
| **Newbiggin-by-the-Sea -**Sports and Community Centre, NE64 6HG |  Wednesday 1 August |  2pm - 7pm |
| **Seahouses -**Sports and Community Centre, Stone Close, NE68 7YL |  Thursday 2 August |  2pm - 7pm |
| **Bellingham -**Library, Manchester Square, NE48 2AS |  Friday 3 August |  2pm - 6pm |
| **Haltwhistle -**Library, Westgate, NE49 0AX |  Saturday 4 August |  10am - 3pm |

Please do not hesitate to contact us at PlanningStrategy@northumberland.gov.uk or on **0345 600 6400** if you have any questions about the consultation documents, the above drop-in events or the Local Plan process in general.

Yours sincerely

**Paul Johnston, Interim Executive Director: Place**