

Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan

Regulation 19 Decision Statement

Northumberland County Council has resolved to 'make' the Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan. The Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan has been brought into legal force. It now forms part of the statutory Development Plan for the Ponteland Neighbourhood Area which comprises the whole of the civil parish of Ponteland. Decisions on planning applications must now be made in accordance with policies in the Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Northumberland County Council in March 2017. Publicity was undertaken in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. A report following Independent Examination of the Plan was published on 30 June 2017. This report found that with some modifications, the Plan passed the necessary legal tests and it could be put to local referendum. The County Council accepted these modifications. A local referendum was held in the Parish of Ponteland on 28 September 2017. A majority of those voting were in favour of the Plan being used by the County Council in making decisions on planning applications.

The submission version of the Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan, as modified following Independent Examination, complies with legal requirements governing the making of neighbourhood development plans introduced through the Localism Act 2011 and associated Regulations. Accordingly, I hereby confirm that the Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan has been made by resolution of the County Council's Cabinet on 23 November 2017. Decisions on planning applications in the Ponteland Neighbourhood Area must now be made in accordance with policies in the Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on the County Council's website: www.northumberland.gov.uk/ourplan

Signed:

Daljit Lally Interim Chief Executive, Northumberland County Council

Dated: 23 November 2017