

Northumberland Local Plan 'Call for Sites' Consultation

Northumberland County Council is starting to prepare a new county-wide Local Plan. This process will shape the future of the county, setting out a long-term vision for housing, employment, infrastructure, and the environment. A draft timetable for the preparation of the Plan is set out in the published [Local Development Scheme](#).

To inform the Plan, the Council is inviting landowners, developers, agents, local residents and other interested parties to submit potential development sites for consideration. While sites for all uses will be accepted, the Council is particularly interested in potential sites for housing, economic development, town centre uses, mineral extraction, and for environmental enhancement. The 'call for sites' is not just about new sites. If you already have a site that is allocated for a particular use or included within the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA), we will welcome up-to-date information relating to this site.

The 'call for sites' will close at 5pm on **30 September 2025**.

Sites can be submitted through an online consultation portal available at: <https://beta.northumberland.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy> where you will also find further information about the 'call for sites'.

Following the consultation, we will assess all the sites that have been submitted, drawing upon the information provided and other evidence. In order to meet identified development needs across the county, sites will be selected from a portfolio of suitable sites for allocation in a draft new Local Plan. The draft plan will be subject to consultation in due course.

If you have any questions about the call for sites or the Local Plan, please contact the Planning Policy team at PlanningStrategy@northumberland.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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