Northumberland
County Council

Blyth Neighbourhood Plan
Regulation 19 Decision Statement

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

The Blyth Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Northumberland County Council in February 2026. Publicity was undertaken in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. A report following Independent Examination of the Plan was published in June 2026. This report found that, with minor modifications, the Plan passed the necessary legal tests and could be put to local referendum. The County Council accepted the examiner's recommendations. A local referendum was held in Blyth Parish on 10 September 2026. A majority of those voting were in favour of the Plan being used by the County Council in making decisions on planning applications.

The Blyth Neighbourhood Plan complies with legal requirements governing the making of neighbourhood development plans set out in the Planning Acts and associated Regulations. Accordingly, I hereby confirm that the Blyth Neighbourhood Plan has been made under delegated authority.

Decisions on planning applications in the Blyth Neighbourhood Area must now be made in accordance with policies in the Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The Blyth Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on the County Council's neighbourhood planning website: https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning/planning-policy-and-local-plan/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood

Signed:



Rob Murfin
Director of Housing and Planning

Date: 5 November 2026