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**Northumberland Local Plan  
Publication Draft Plan (Regulation 19) – January 2019**

**Representation Form**

This form should be used for providing comments (or ‘representations’) on the Publication Draft of the Northumberland Local Plan. Representations must be received no later than **5pm on Wednesday 13 March 2019**. Only those representations received within this period have the statutory right to be considered by the inspector at the subsequent examination.

The form can be submitted by email to [planningstrategy@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:planningstrategy@northumberland.gov.uk) or by post to Planning Policy, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF. Comments can also be submitted online at <http://northumberland-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/planning/localplan/reg19>.

Please read the guidance note, which includes advice on completing this form, before you make your representations. The guidance note and additional copies of this form are available on request or can be downloaded from [www.northumberland.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/localplan).

**Please note:**

1. Representations must be on the basis of the legal compliance or soundness or compliance with the Duty to Cooperate.
2. Separate forms should be completed for each representation.
3. It is recommended that groups that share a common view send a single representation rather than multiple copies. Please attach a list of the contact details of each person who supports the representation.
4. By completing this form you agree to your details being shared and your name and comment (but not your address or other personal details) will be made available for public viewing. These representations cannot be treated as confidential. Please read and sign the declaration in Section 3 of this form.

**Section 1: Your details**

	<b>1. Personal details</b>	<b>2. Agent details (if applicable)</b>
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If you are replying on behalf of a group (where applicable under point 3 above), how many people does it represent? (Number at 31/12/18 comprising 175 individuals and 11 corporates)

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## Section 2: Your representation

**Question 1: To which part of the Local Plan does your representation relate?** (Please state the policy reference, paragraph number, figure number or Policies Map reference)

Policy  Paragraph  Figure / Table  Policies Map

**Question 2: Do you consider that the Local Plan is:**

- |  |     |                                     |    |                                     |
|--|-----|-------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| a. Legally compliant                   | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| b. Sound                               | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/>            | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Complies with the Duty to Cooperate | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

Please refer to the guidance note for an explanation of these terms. If you have entered 'no' to Question 2(b), please continue to Question 3. In all other circumstances, please go to Question 4.

**Question 3: Do you consider this part of the Local Plan is not sound because it is not:** (tick all that apply)

Positively prepared	<input type="checkbox"/>	Justified	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consistent with national policy	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Question 4. Your comments**

Please give details of why you consider that part of the Local Plan is not legally compliant or not sound or fails to comply with the Duty to Cooperate. If you wish to support any of these aspects, please also use this box to set out your comments.

**TRA 5, para 2 (page 173)** is not sound because it is not effective for 2 reasons:

a) It is understood the Council's intention is to include the rail alignment from Newsham to Blyth Town Centre (former passenger route to the old Blyth station) as one of the associated branch lines of the core Newcastle to Woodhorn route (Northumberland Line) that should be protected from development. However, this alignment is not included in the list of associated branch lines so it is not effectively protected from development. This policy should therefore be amended to include this alignment.

b) The intention is to include protection from development for the associated stations on the branch lines in addition to those on the core Northumberland Line route itself. However, this is not explicitly stated, thus station sites on the branch lines are not effectively protected. This policy therefore needs to be re-worded to clarify the reference to "associated stations, facilities and access to them from adjacent highways" applies both to the core Northumberland Line and its associated branches.

**TRA 5, para 3 (page 173)** is not sound because it is not effective as it does not include the stations on the associated branch lines of the core Northumberland Line route in the lettered list of station sites to be protected from development. These stations should therefore be added to the list, in each case with the bracketed comment "future phase" since re-opening these stations are not part of the Council's phase 1 proposals.

**TRA 5, para 6 (page 174)** is not sound because it is not effective as it does not include Beal Station on the East Coast Main Line. SENRUG and the Council have a joint aspiration to introduce a local passenger rail service between Morpeth and Berwick with both Belford and Beal stations re-opened. Both **TRA 5, para 6 (page 174)** and **para 9.38 (page 172)** therefore need to be amended to reflect this by including reference to Beal.

(Please continue on a separate sheet or expand this box if necessary)

### Question 5: Changes sought

Please set out what change(s) to the Local Plan you consider necessary to make it legally compliant or sound. You will need to say why this change will make the Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording for any policy or text.

#### Para 9.38, third bullet point (page 172)

**Amend** "The potential reopening of Belford Station on the East Coast Main Line and Gilsland on the Tyne Valley Line"

**to read:** "The potential reopening of Belford and Beal Stations on the East Coast Main Line and Gilsland on the Tyne Valley Line"

#### Policy TRA 5, para 2 (page 173)

**Amend:** "Development which would prevent the reintroduction of passenger rail services on the Northumberland Line along with associated stations, facilities and access to them from adjacent highways, and continued rail freight use of the Northumberland Line, its associated branch lines (including the branch line from Bedlington to Morpeth via Choppington, the Butterwell line north of Ashington and the line from Woodhorn to Newbiggin-by-the-Sea) and supporting infrastructure will not be supported."

**to read:** "Development which would prevent the reintroduction of passenger rail services and continued freight use on the Northumberland Line and its associated branch lines (including the branch line from Bedlington to Morpeth via Choppington, the Butterwell line north of Ashington, the alignment from Woodhorn to Newbiggin-by-the-Sea and the alignment from Newsham to the former station in Blyth Town Centre) along with associated stations, facilities and access to them from adjacent highways, and supporting infrastructure will not be supported."

#### Policy TRA 5, para 3 (page 173)

**Add to the lettered list:**

- h) Choppington (future phase)
- i) Newbiggin-by-the-sea (future phase)
- j) Blyth Town Centre (future phase)

#### Policy TRA 5, para 6 (page 174)

**Add to the lettered list:**

- c) Beal, on the East Coast Mail Line

*(Please continue on a separate sheet or expand this box if necessary)*

### Question 6: Attendance at examination hearings

If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to participate in the examination hearings?

**Yes**, I wish to participate at the examination hearings

**No**, I do not wish to participate at the examination hearings

### Question 7: If you wish to participate at the examination hearings, please outline why you consider it to be necessary?

n/a

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the examination hearings.

### Section 3: Declaration

#### How we will use your personal information

The personal information you provide on this form will be processed in accordance with General Data Protection Regulations 2018. The information you provide will only be used for the purposes of the preparation of the Local Plan as required by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), and may be used by the Council to contact you if necessary regarding your submission. Your name, organisation and comments will be made available for public inspection when displaying and reporting the outcome of the statutory consultation stage, and cannot be treated as confidential. You will not be asked for any unnecessary information, and in order to protect personal data, we will not publish signatures, telephone numbers, addresses or email addresses on the internet.

Your details will be kept until the Local Plan is adopted plus a further five years to evidence that a fair and transparent process has been followed. Processing is kept to a minimum and data will only be processed in accordance with the law. When other agencies are involved in the preparation of the Local Plan, we may need to share details about you to enable us to work together for your benefit. Information will only be shared with third parties if they have genuine and lawful need for it. Information shared on this basis will not be reused for any other purpose. We will take all reasonable precautions to protect your personal data from accidental or deliberate loss or unauthorised disclosure.

**Please sign and date this form.** Forms signed electronically will be accepted.

#### Declaration:

**By completing and signing this form, I agree to my name, organisation and representations being made available for public inspection on the internet.**

Signature:

*Dennis Fancett*

Date:

28<sup>th</sup> February 2019

We would also like to retain your contact details on our database to keep you informed of future Local Plan consultations and updates.

Yes, please add me to your database

No, I do not wish to be added to your database

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