

EGLINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2023-26 – REG 14 PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

Neighbourhood Planning:

The Localism Act 2011 gives parish councils powers to prepare a statutory neighbourhood plan to help guide development in their areas. Where it is appropriate and sustainable, the aim is to empower local communities to promote such development in their areas through community led planning.

Following our initial consultations with you in October 2019, we have now drafted a consultation version of the Eglington Neighbourhood Plan. You, as a resident or other interested body or person, are now invited to read the draft version of the Plan and make any comments you may have. We will consider these comments in producing a final version of the Plan for submission to NCC.

Once approved at a referendum, the Plan becomes a statutory part of the development plan for Eglington Parish and the policies in the Eglington Neighbourhood Plan will be used to decide planning applications in our area.

The Plan has been prepared by a Steering Group comprised of volunteer members of the local community and parish councillors and we have been supported by officers at Northumberland County Council as well as an independent planning consultant.

The process has been funded by grants from central government.

What does our Plan contain:

Our plan contains policies about things that matter to people in Eglington, reflecting the consultation responses we have received from you so far. Our planning policies can only relate to the development and/or use of land.

We have policies that define **settlement boundaries** for Eglington and South Charlton; policies that seek to protect identified **Local Green Spaces** in the villages of Eglington and South Charlton; policies to ensure that the landscapes in our parish are properly recognised by identifying an **Area of High Landscape Value**; policies to **support our community facilities** and policies that seek to identify important features of the **historic environment** including the **Eglington Conservation Area** and to improve **design** in new development in the Parish.

Overall, in combination, these policies will ensure that when future planning applications are decided in our Parish, these matters are fully taken into account.

What happens next:

This is the Regulation 14 consultation. After this, there are several further stages before the Plan is made part of the statutory development plan. These stages are summarised below:

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Regulation 14 Consultation Period (April 2023):

The draft ENP is now the subject of a pre-submission consultation for 6 weeks. This consultation is carried out by Eglington Parish Council and will allow anyone to comment on any aspect of the plan. We will review responses and amend the Plan where appropriate.

6 weeks

Regulation 16 Consultation Period (June 2023)

After the ENP has been reviewed, it is submitted to NCC, and a further consultation is carried out. This gives another opportunity for people to comment on the Submission version of the ENP.

6 weeks

External Examination (August 2023)

The Regulation 16 version of the ENP (including all comments received at that stage) are sent to an independent examiner who will examine the plan to ensure it meets the statutory tests. The examiner may recommend some changes to the plan before it is allowed to proceed to referendum.

Referendum (Autumn 2023) – Your chance to vote

Once any alterations are made to ensure the ENP meets the statutory tests, the plan will then proceed to referendum. All the people in the parish on the electoral register will be entitled to vote in the referendum. If more than 50% of those voting in the referendum vote 'yes' then the neighbourhood plan is then

'made' by NCC and becomes part of the statutory development plan for the parish, alongside the Local Plan

Where to see copies of the Eglington Neighbourhood Plan:

You can view the full version of the Eglington Neighbourhood Plan, including the supporting evidence base documents online at: www.eglington.info/nplan

Hard copies of the plan and supporting documents are also available to view in Eglington and South Charlton Village Halls.

Finally, we plan to have an open evening planned where we will have copies of the Plan and the supporting evidence base available for you to examine. Members of the Steering Group will be on hand to answer questions you may have and we will have the policies maps available for viewing.

How to comment on the Plan:

You can comment on the Plan by writing to Eglington Parish Clerk at The Croft, 32 South Charlton, Alnwick, Northumberland NE66 2NA; or by e-mailing eglingtonpc@gmail.com.

You can complete an online form available on the website.

You can also comment at the open day, by completing one of the forms. Our consultation period runs from **9 a.m.**

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on Tuesday 25th April 2023 until 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 7th
June 2023

An executive summary of the ENP is also available on the website (**'The Eglington Neighbourhood Plan – Overarching Background Document'**); this summarises the policies and what they do.