

THE WHITTINGHAM, CALLALY AND ALNHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

What has happened?

The Parish Council has decided to explore the drawing up of a Neighbourhood Plan for our parish, which unites Whittingham, Callaly and Alnham. You can see a map of the boundaries of our parish on the Parish Council's website: [www. https://northumberlandparishes.uk/whittingham](https://northumberlandparishes.uk/whittingham). A plan would require consultation with residents, input from them, and their agreement expressed via a referendum.

How can residents be informed about this?

Reaching all residents in the parish is difficult. A meeting or meetings will be held when proposals have been received & developed, but we must find means of telling you of the date, time & place of these consultations; & we must be able to receive your suggestions.

By far the best means of communication is via email. To be kept in touch by that means please send your name and address to our dedicated email address:

wcanighbourhoodplan@gmail.com

Your email address will be kept confidential & only used in relation to WCA PC business

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood Plans were provided for by an Act of Parliament in 2011. They allow local people to have a formal input into planning decisions at higher level, in our case by the Northumberland County Council. Once a plan has been drafted, accepted by residents, and approved by the NCC, it has legal standing and has to be taken into account by the planners. It does not override the Local Plan, adopted at county level by the NCC, or national planning provisions, but it can do much, and is very important.

20 parishes in Northumberland have adopted Neighbourhood Plans; 28 are in preparation.

They can cover issues like housing, the environment, sustainability, the economy, building codes, transport, landscape, heritage and leisure. The Parish Council advises residents to take seriously this important opportunity to help shape the future of the parish.

Can you spread the word?

Please draw the attention of your friends and neighbours in the parish to this opportunity, and ask them to email us at the above address so that they too may be kept in touch.

A date for your diaries

Our first public consultation meeting will be in the Whittingham Memorial Hall on **Saturday 11 March 2023, 10 am to 1 pm**. Please try to be there!