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

The Acomb Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Northumberland County Council in April 2018. Publicity was undertaken in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. A report following Independent Examination of the Plan was published on 10 Oct 2018. This report found that, with some modifications, the Plan passed the necessary legal tests and it could be put to local referendum. The County Council accepted these modifications. A local referendum was held in the Parish of Acomb on 10 January 2019. A majority of those voting were in favour of the Plan being used by the County Council in making decisions on planning applications.

The submission version of the Acomb Neighbourhood Plan, as modified following Independent Examination, complies with legal requirements governing the making of neighbourhood development plans introduced through the Localism Act 2011 and associated Regulations. Accordingly, I hereby confirm that the Acomb Neighbourhood Plan has been made by resolution of the County Council’s Cabinet on 12 February 2018. Decisions on planning applications in the Acomb Neighbourhood Area must now be made in accordance with policies in the Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The Acomb Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on the County Council’s website: www.northumberland.gov.uk/ourplan

Signed:

Daljit Lally
Chief Executive, Northumberland County Council

Date: 12 February 2018