

County Durham Plan 2016-2035

Adoption Statement

21 October 2020

Notice is hereby given In accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Regulations 17, 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and Regulation 16 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, notice is hereby given that Durham County Council adopted the County Durham Plan 2016-2035 on 21 October 2020. The adopted Local Plan includes the Main Modifications as recommended by the Inspector William Fieldhouse, appointed by the Secretary of State, who carried out the independent examination of the Plan during 2019/20.

The Inspector's report issued on 21 September 2020, concluded that the Local Plan is sound and legally compliant subject to the Inspector's Main Modifications. The Local Plan covers the whole of the administrative area of Durham County Council.

In accordance with regulations 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the Adopted County Durham Plan, Adoption Statement, and Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Report (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment SEA) have been published alongside the SA/SEA Post-Adoption Statement in accordance with regulation 16 of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004. These are available to view on-line at:

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/cdp>

Any person aggrieved by the County Durham Plan 2016-2035 may make an application under Section 113 (3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 to the High Court on the grounds that the document is not within the appropriate power and/or a procedural requirement has not been complied with. An application may not be made without the leave of the High Court, and an application for leave must be made (Section 113 (3B)) no later than the end of a period of six weeks from the date of the adoption of this local plan.

For further information please look at the council's website:

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/cdp>

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