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Dear Matthew,

Submission of the Northumberland National Park Local Plan

I am writing to confirm that Northumberland National Park Authority is submitting the Northumberland National Park Local Plan for independent examination under Regulation 22(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

I am posting paper copies of the following documents to you:

- Publication Draft Northumberland National Park Local Plan
- Proposed Modifications to the Publication Draft Local Plan
- Tracked Modifications Northumberland National Park Local Plan
- Policies Map

The interactive policies map can also be viewed using the link below:

<https://nnpa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=30913d03e34d425db5d66fd005b8f0c5>

I am sending the following documents on the attached encrypted memory stick (I will send through encryption password in a separate email)

- The Consultation Statement (Regulation 22 (1)(c))
- The Sustainability Appraisal report for the Publication Draft Plan
- A summary of representations made under Regulation 20 in respondent order, with the Authority's response.
- A summary of representations made under Regulation 20 in policy order, with the Authority's response.
- Copies of the original representations, saved alphabetically.
- Duty to Cooperate Statement

- Soundness and Legal Checklists
- A Core Document Library made up of those documents considered relevant to the preparation of the Northumberland National Park Local Plan.

All examination documents are available at:

<https://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan/local-plan-examination/>

Programme Officer

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Hearings

The hearings will be held at the Authority's Committee Room at the National Park Offices in Hexham. There are no preferred dates, however the room is used for committee meetings on the following dates: Weds 11th December 2019, Weds 22nd January 2020, Weds 19th February and Weds 18th March 2020. Given the minimal number of respondents requesting oral examination (just one) I would hope that the majority of the examination can be carried out through written representations rather than through Hearings. As such I would anticipate the hearing would last no more than one day.

Proposed Modifications

I can confirm that the Authority requests the Inspector to recommend any modifications which are necessary to make the Local Plan sound, under section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). With this in mind the Authority has compiled a Schedule of Proposed Modifications listing changes to the draft Plan it wishes to see following consultation at Regulation 19 stage. As the changes do not, in our opinion substantively change policy and as any modifications proposed by the Inspector will need to be consulted on, these modifications have not been subject to public consultation. A Tracked Modifications Sustainability Appraisal Report has been prepared to appraise the effect of potential modifications.

I trust that the submitted documents are in order. I look forward to receiving confirmation of the Planning Inspector assigned to undertake the examination in due course. If you do have any further questions please email me or ring me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

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