

North East Combined Authority Consultation Principles

Introduction

People are central to the development of policy and strategy in the North East.

The North East Combined Authority (North East CA) want to ensure that people who live, work, visit and invest in the region have the opportunity to influence and share their views on our proposals.

Our purpose is to champion the full potential of our region, and we endeavour to take onboard comments, suggestions and thoughts from the public and stakeholders to help us shape how the North East will look in the future. We aim to ensure that local needs remain at the core of decisions we take.

Please note that while we adhere to the Government's Consultation Principles 2018 (available online at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance) the nature of consultations may vary on a case-by-case basis and there may be some instances where it may be appropriate to deviate from the Government principles.

Our process will be adaptable depending on the audience and the nature of the consultation.

Our consultation principles

The North East CA Consultation Principles outline that we will:

- Ensure that consultations last for an appropriate amount of time, as per the Government's Consultation Principles (2018)
- Consideration will be given to the timing of consultations with reference to the groups the engagement is hoping to target
- Ensure information is clear, in plain English and informative
- Outline why we are consulting and how people can get involved
- Select the most appropriate ways of consulting on a case-by-case basis
- Make use of emerging technologies and a range of activities where possible to raise awareness, ensuring it is easy for as many people as possible to get involved
- Ensure consultation is embedded in our processes and that views are listened to and incorporated as appropriate
- Fully analyse consultation responses
- Publish a summary of consultation responses and decisions taken as a result
- Continue to learn from previous public consultations
- Be mindful of equality, diversity and inclusion and ensure that there is opportunity for all persons to access and contribute
- Ensure the planning of in-person consultation events allows for engagement with residents from rural, suburban, and urban areas of the North East.
- Work with key partners (including local authorities) to ensure consultations reach residents across the North East (including Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland) including those from disaffected, minority and special interest groups that may be particularly affected by the subjects we consult on.

You will find all North East CA public consultations listed here: northeast-ca.gov.uk/get-involved alongside start and end dates of each consultation and details of how to get involved.

Contact us

If you have any questions about our public consultations, please contact enquiries@northeast-ca.gov.uk.