

NORTHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM THURSDAY 20th August 2026

WHAT'S THE NORTHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

**It's a Planning document that shapes
what gets built and where in Northam Parish.**

**An Advisory Group of Northam Town
Councillors and residents wrote the Plan.
There's a summary on the next page.**

WHAT'S THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM?

**It's a chance for all voters in the
Parish of Northam to choose
whether or not they want the
Plan to be part of the planning
policies for the Parish.**

HOW CAN I VOTE?

**The Referendum is organised by
Torridge District Council. If you are
eligible you can vote in a local polling
station just as in an election.**
(Or you can vote by post or proxy
– you will be sent a ballot card with details.)

WHERE CAN I READ THE PLAN?

**You can read the Plan at a local Library
or Northam Town Council offices in
Windmill Lane, Northam.**

**OR SCAN THE QR
CODE TO VIEW**



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2024 - 2031



WHERE CAN I GET LATEST NEWS?

During the Referendum press releases will
be sent to all local media.

There will also be regular FACEBOOK posts
on the Northam Neighbourhood Plan
Facebook page.

WHO CAN I ASK?

You can make comments or ask questions
by sending an email:
admin@northamtowncouncil.gov.uk
or writing to the Council at the address below.

SUMMARY OF NORTHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN POLICIES

POLICY	WHAT IT DOES
CF1 COMMUNITY FACILITIES	Protects Community facilities and buildings from closure.
HO1 SIZE OF DWELLINGS	Supports new 1-2 bedroom easily adaptable homes in major developments.
HO2 NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Supports new affordable housing within settlement development boundaries.
HO3 RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND AMENITY	Protects amenity of new homes and neighbouring properties. Supports better designed homes that respect local character.
TR1 RESIDENTIAL PARKING PROVISION	Encourages off-street parking in residential development.
DE1 QUALITY OF DESIGN	Supports developments of good design, which respect local character and environment and help to combat climate change.
DE2 RENEWABLE ENERGY	Supports community-scale energy generation with guidance on what is acceptable.
EN1 LOCAL GREEN SPACES	Protects ten local green spaces of community value from development.
EN1a) OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION	Protects three Sports and recreation grounds from development.
EN2 PROTECTING THE IDENTITY OF SETTLEMENTS AND PROTECTING RURAL CHARACTER	Protects rural Local Gap between Northam/Westward Ho! and Appledore from harmful development. Protects and enhances rural character of this area including the settings of the Burrows and South West Coast Path.
EN3 PROTECTING DARK SKIES AND REDUCE LIGHT POLLUTION	Protects dark skies and reduces light pollution in the area between Northam/Westward Ho! and Appledore.
EN4 PROTECTING VALUED VIEWS	Protects seven valued views in Northam Parish.
HE1 CONSERVATION OF HERITAGE ASSETS	Protects and enhances valued local heritage sites and historic buildings from harmful development.
EN5 PROTECTION OF GREEN CORRIDORS AND BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT	Protects and enhances nature biodiversity plus five green corridors and nine wildlife sites.
TR2 CYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ROUTES	Supports new footpaths and cycling in major developments. Supports upgraded or extended footpaths, and cycleways.
ED1 BUSINESS	Supports economic development within settlements and guidance on what's OK elsewhere.
TR3 PUBLIC CAR PARKING	Protects and improves car parks in each settlement.
ED2 TOURISM ATTRACTIONS AND ACCOMMODATION	Supports tourism development within settlement boundaries and guidance on what's OK elsewhere.
HE2 RICHMOND DOCK	Supports maritime-related or small business development to preserve the heritage character.
ED3 APPLIEDORE EMPLOYMENT ZONE	Supports Appledore docks and Shipyard as area for maritime-related employment development.