



A19 Moor Farm Junction

Approach to Public Consultation (Option Selection)

16 June – 28 July 2026

1 Introduction

- 1.1 We operate, maintain and improve England's motorways and major A-roads, the strategic road network. We care about your journey, and we want to make sure all our major roads are more dependable, durable, and most importantly, safe. That's why we're delivering £15 billion of investment on our network – the largest investment in a generation.
- 1.2 The A19 Moor Farm Junction project is a critical part of this investment, and will improve journeys along the A19 and A189, which will bring benefits to the surrounding areas. We believe the project will help to reduce congestion, improve journey time reliability, enhance safety and support economic growth in the region.
- 1.3 The A19 Moor Farm Junction project has been confirmed in the Government's third Road Investment Strategy (RIS3) as one of nine schemes that will be developed during the third road period for possible construction in the fourth road period. Progression of this scheme is subject to demonstrating it is consistent with National Highways' and wider government objectives, as well as offering value for money, being affordable and deliverable.
- 1.4 We'll be seeking views on our proposals to develop improvements at the A19 Moor Farm Junction, and we want to ensure you know how we'll do this. That's why we've produced this document, which outlines our approach to the consultation, including the different ways we'll collect feedback. It also provides details about how you can take part and how feedback will be used to influence our proposals.
- 1.5 At this stage, no preferred option has been selected, and all options presented remain under consideration. Feedback received will help inform the development, refinement and selection of a preferred option.
- 1.6 To make sure we approach our consultation in the very best way, we've developed this document in partnership with **Northumberland County Council** and **North Tyneside Council**.

2 The project

- 2.1 The A19 is an important route within the strategic road network, providing a key north–south connection between Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside and communities in south-east Northumberland. The A19 Moor Farm Junction connects the A19 with the A189 and serves as an important link for commuters, businesses and freight travelling within the region.
- 2.2 The junction is located approximately seven miles north of Newcastle upon Tyne city centre (see Figure 1) and provides access to nearby communities, including Cramlington, Killingworth and Blyth, as well as key destinations such as Newcastle International Airport and employment areas along the A19 corridor.
- 2.3 The Moor Farm Junction currently experiences congestion and unreliable journey times, particularly during peak periods. High traffic volumes and queuing traffic can lead to delays and reduced journey time reliability for road users travelling through the junction.
- 2.4 Traffic levels in the area are expected to increase in the future due to planned housing and employment development across Northumberland, North Tyneside and Newcastle. Without improvements, congestion and delays at the junction are expected to worsen over time.
- 2.5 The project objectives are as below.
- Support economic and housing growth in the region by improving the flow of traffic along the A19 and between the A189 and A19 at Moor Farm Junction.
 - Improve safety at Moor Farm roundabout.
 - Improve walking, cycling, horse riding access at Moor Farm roundabout.
- 2.6 Additional information about the project, including the options we are consulting on and associated benefits, will be included in our public consultation brochure. Copies of the brochure will be available locally when the consultation is launched at Cramlington Library, Blyth Library, Dudley Library and Killingworth Library, at our consultation events, and on the project webpage.

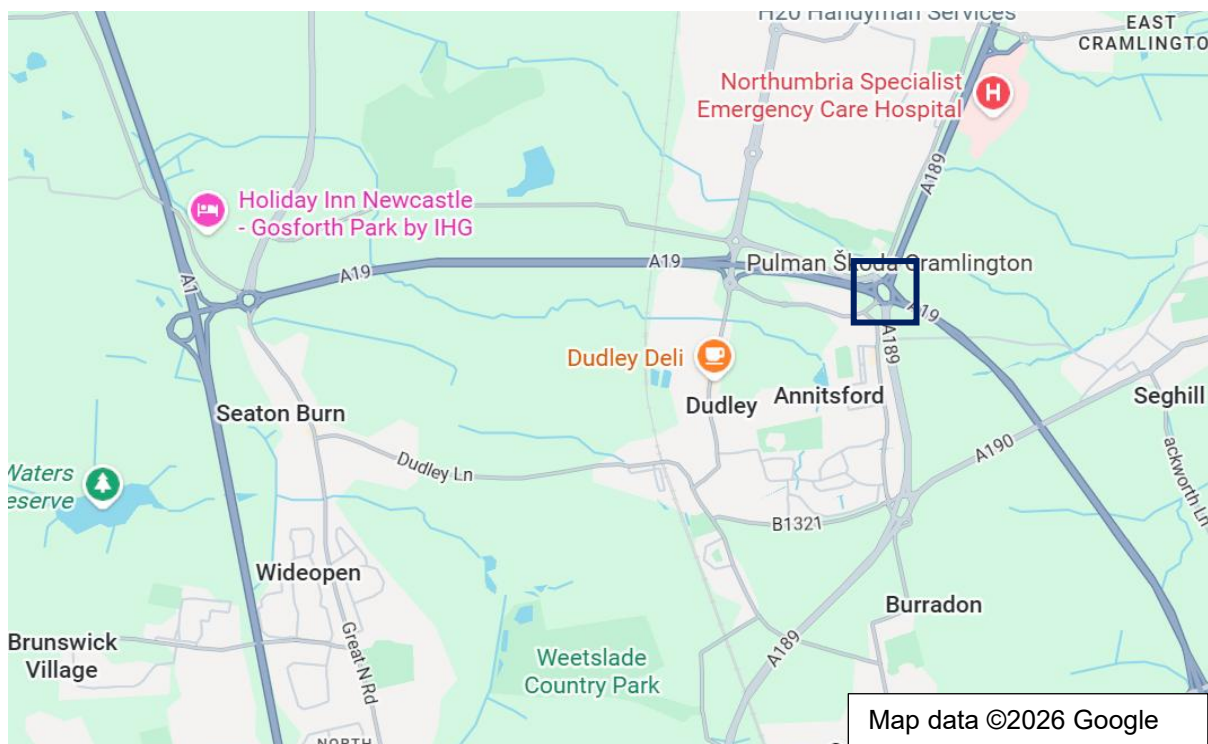


Figure 1 Project location

3 Approach to public consultation

3.1 The purpose of the Approach to Public Consultation is to explain what you can expect from us and to outline the details of the consultation process.

3.2 Public consultation is an important part of the delivery of this project and provides people with a real opportunity to influence our proposals. It also allows us the opportunity to help people fully understand the project and resolve concerns. This consultation is being undertaken at an early, formative stage in the project's development, before any preferred option has been identified.

3.3 The consultation is taking place before a preferred option has been identified, and all options presented remain under consideration. Feedback received will be used to help inform the refinement of options, the identification of potential impacts, and the selection of a preferred option. While all options are open to influence, decisions will also be informed by engineering, environmental and financial considerations. Information will be presented in a clear and balanced way, including the advantages and disadvantages of each option, to support informed responses.

3.4 Why and when will we consult?

3.4.1 Your comments will help us better understand the local area and any potential impacts our project may have on road users and the local community. We will listen to everyone's views, and consider the feedback received before we select a preferred option for the project.

3.4.2 From the outset, we recognised the need for early engagement and have attended meetings with the local authorities, including Northumberland County Council, Newcastle City Council and North Tyneside Council, as well as with key stakeholders such as the Northumbria Healthcare Trust, who are responsible for Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital.

3.4.3 The consultation will run between 16 June and 28 July 2026. A number of exhibitions will be held where people will be able to meet the National Highways team and ask questions about our proposals.

3.4.4 Details of these exhibitions is provided below in section 3.8.1.

3.5 Who will we consult?

3.5.1 Working with Northumberland County Council and North Tyneside Council we have developed a consultation target area for the distribution of our consultation postcard (see **Appendix A**). This is based on who we think will be interested in or affected by our proposals. We'll let people living or working in this area know about our consultation by posting information in advance.

3.5.2 We will promote the consultation to encourage responses from:

- local authorities;
- MPs;
- parish councils;
- statutory environmental bodies;
- landowners;
- local businesses;
- local environmental and community groups;
- road users and their representative groups;
- visitors travelling through the local area; and
- the general public.

3.5.3 An Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) for the project has been produced. Information in the EqIA will be used to inform the consultation approach to make it as inclusive and accessible as possible to the local community. The demographic reach of our public consultation will also feed-in to the final EqIA, which will be completed after public consultation.

3.5.4 We will also work with these local authorities to identify groups who are traditionally seldom heard to ensure that reach all those who could be affected by our proposals.

3.6 Who can take part?

3.6.1 Anyone who is interested in this project is welcome to take part. We welcome all views and will take them into account when selecting an option for further development, and to help shape and improve the option designs.

3.7 How will we consult?

Table 1: This table provides a summary of the key features of the consultation

Method	Detail
Consultation activities	
Public consultation brochure	The consultation brochure provides an overview of the proposed improvements at A19 Moor Farm Junction, outlines the options being consulted on, their environmental impact and explains how the public can provide feedback. It will be available at the consultation events and deposit locations (see Appendix D).
Response form	The consultation response form allows people to share their views on the proposed improvements and the options being considered. It includes a series of questions designed to gather feedback on the options, potential impacts and any local knowledge that may help inform design. It will be available at the consultation events and deposit locations (see Appendix D).
Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) non-technical summary	The EAR non-technical summary provides a high level overview of the environmental assessments undertaken at the options identification stage, and the key findings of these, providing additional details to support the environmental information within the consultation brochure. This will be available at the consultation events and deposit locations (see Appendix D).
Consultation webpage (Citizen Space)	A dedicated Citizen Space consultation page will be used to host consultation materials and enable responses to be submitted online, available at: https://nationalhighways.citizenspace.com/he/a19-moor-farm-junction-options-consultation . This page will provide all necessary information for the consultation, including details of the options, supporting materials and the online response form.
Public consultation exhibition	Three exhibitions will be held at local venues where members of the team will be available to answer questions about the proposals. Visitors to the exhibitions will be able to submit their consultation responses if they choose to.

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	<p>Venues identified as being suitable to host public exhibitions for this project are as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Hub at Cramlington • John Willie Sams Centre in Dudley <p>The public exhibitions will take place on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 25 June, 2pm-7pm, The Community Hub at Cramlington • Saturday 27 June, 10am-3pm, The Community Hub at Cramlington • Tuesday 21 July, 2pm-7pm, John Willie Sams Centre in Dudley <p>A list and map of the exhibition venues can be viewed in Appendix C.</p> <p>Other venues have been considered but were ruled out. See below for details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blyth Community Hub (insufficient parking provision) • Blyth Isabella Community Centre (insufficient venue availability) • Cramlington Village Hall / Cramlington Village Community Association (other Cramlington venue deemed more suitable)
Engagement van	<p>National Highways' Engagement Van will be used between 9 – 11 July to increase the reach of the public consultation.</p> <p>The engagement van will be staffed by National Highways team members on these days, to allow those in the local areas and passers-by to find out more about the proposals and the consultation. Locations currently being considered include Blyth (Market Place / Pavillion) or / and the Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital.</p>
Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG)	<p>We established a Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) early in the project, and it will continue to operate throughout the current phase of work. The group includes local authority officers, local councils, statutory bodies, transport groups, local businesses and interest groups, and additional relevant parties may be invited to join where appropriate.</p> <p>If a similar stakeholder group already exists, or is established by the relevant local authorities, we'll attend when invited.</p>
Response channels and contact details	
Consultation response channels	<p>Comments can be submitted via the following methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online: complete the response form online at https://nationalhighways.citizenspace.com/he/a19-moor-farm-junction-options-consultation. • Email: A19moorfarm@nationalhighways.co.uk.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard-copy: complete a consultation response form (available at our events, at local venues or on request) and return it by post for free to Freepost A19 MOOR FARM JUNCTION. • In person: complete a copy of our printed feedback form and give it to a member of staff at one of our consultation events.
Telephone line	National Highways' Customer Contact Centre will be available for members of the public who wish to discuss the proposals or ask questions at 0300 123 5000.
Consultation publicity	
Postcards	A postcard will be distributed to all properties within our mailing zone (see Appendix A). This will contain information about the public consultation, including how to view the proposals and provide feedback.
Posters	Posters with details about the consultation will be sent to public locations such as libraries, community centres, council offices, businesses, local shops, local transport hubs, and sports centres. See Appendix B for a list and map of these identified locations.
Partner communication channels	Where appropriate, partner organisations, local authorities, parish councils or other key stakeholders will be asked to promote the public consultation through existing community channels.
Traditional media	Details of the public consultation and how the community and road users can get involved will be shared with local media.
Social media	The public consultation will be advertised on Facebook via paid promotion.

3.7.1 Consultation materials can be made available in alternative formats on request to support accessibility needs.

3.8 What will happen to the consultation responses?

3.8.1 All responses received during the public consultation will be recorded and analysed.

3.8.2 A thematic approach will be used to analyse consultation responses. The content of each response will be categorised and broken down by sentiment, themes and respondent type – helping us understand comments and why they were made.

3.8.3 Where it is possible to do so, we will use feedback to help influence the project design or to help identify ways to address concerns about its impacts. All responses will be considered alongside technical, environmental and other factors before decisions are made.

3.8.4 We'll summarise our findings in a public consultation report, which will explain our analysis. The report will also clearly set out how consultation responses have influenced the development of the project design.

3.8.5 The consultation report, alongside detailed area research such as environmental surveys and traffic assessments, will help us identify our preferred route.

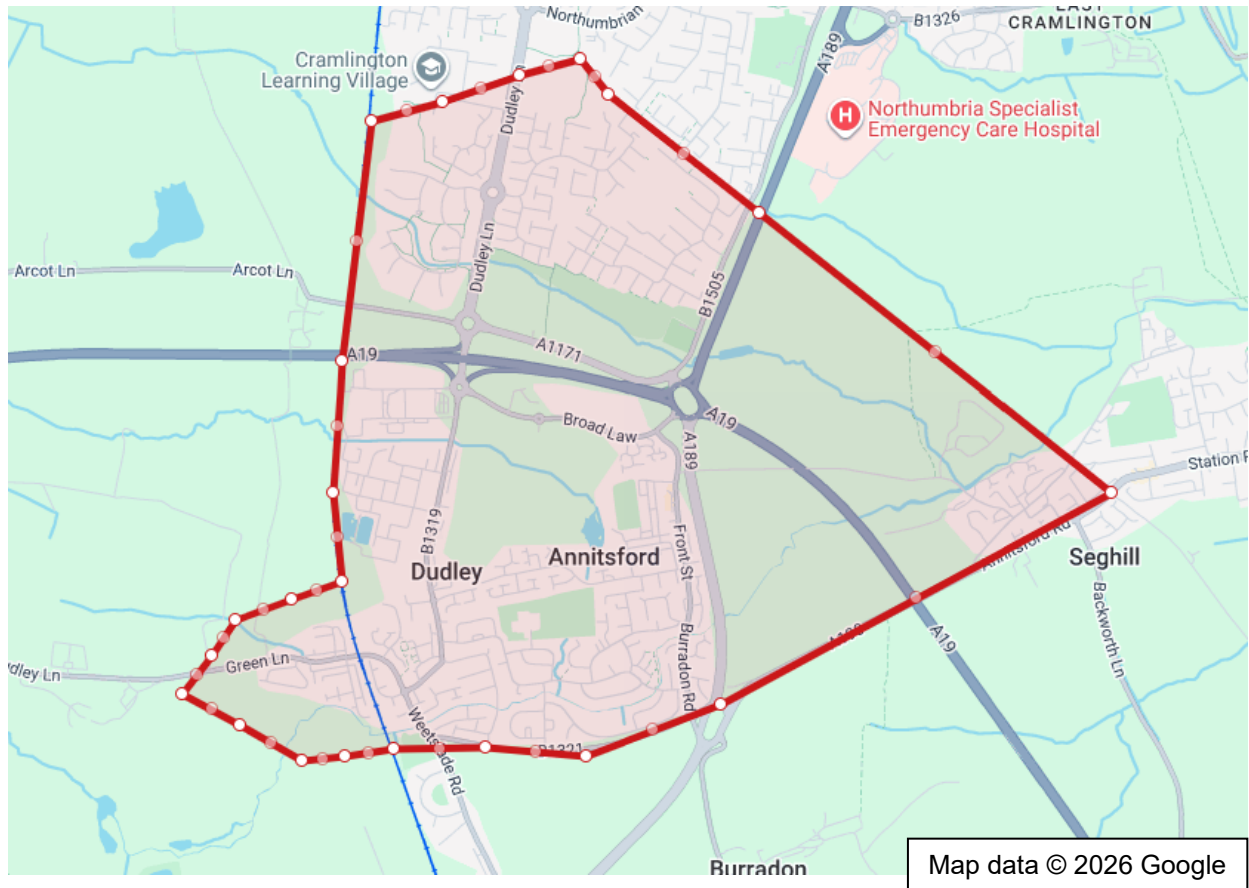
4 Environmental and technical information

- 4.1 The options being presented for public consultation have been subject to an initial environmental assessment. As part of this consultation, we have produced an Environmental Assessment Report non-technical summary, which provides a high level overview of the environmental assessments that were undertaken at the options identification stage and the key findings of these.
- 4.2 Following consultation, we will review the project design and amend it as needed in response to feedback from the public and key stakeholders. We will then update the environmental assessment to reflect any design changes and to support the identification of a preferred option.
- 4.3 Given the scale and nature of the project, it is considered that the proposals have the potential to give rise to significant environmental effects. As such, a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will be undertaken for the preferred option at the next stage. This will set out the option's impact on a range of environmental topics and propose mitigations. The findings of the EIA will be reported within an Environmental Statement and published as part of seeking planning permission to construct the project.

5 Application process and project development

- 5.1 There are differing levels of planning permission that dictate the consenting route a project may follow to allow its construction, maintenance and operation. The consenting route for this project has not yet been confirmed, however, it may follow one of the two options below.
- 5.2 Small scale projects that do not trigger the criteria for a Development Consent Order (DCO) as defined by the Planning Act 2008 and / or do not have significant environmental effects can be progressed via the Highways Act 1980 with National Highways publishing Orders and potentially holding a public inquiry.
- 5.3 Larger scale projects and those with significant environmental effects are usually categorised as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP). Such projects need to apply for a DCO (a special type of planning permission) under the Planning Act 2008.

Appendix A. Proposed postcard mailing zone



The mailing zone is defined by the boundary shown in the map above, incorporating 4,344 residential and business addresses in the surrounding area. The zone includes parts of Dudley, Annitsford, Seghill, and southern Cramlington, extending beyond the immediate route to help ensure nearby communities with a likely interest in the proposals, including residents and businesses in the local area, are informed and able to participate in the public consultation.

Appendix B. Poster locations

Council offices

1. Northumberland County Council Offices, Cramlington
2. Blyth Town Council Offices
3. North Tyneside Council Offices, Cobalt Business Park

Sport centres

4. Concordia Leisure Centre, Cramlington
5. Blyth Sports Centre
6. Blyth Links Golf Club

Community centres / village halls

7. Dudley Community Hub
8. Seghill Community Centre
9. Cramlington Village Community Association
10. The Community Hub at Cramlington
11. Beaconhill Community Association
12. Blyth Isabella Community Centre
13. Blyth Community Hub
14. White Swan Centre Killingworth Community Hub

Libraries (also deposit locations)

15. Cramlington Library
16. Blyth Library
17. Dudley Library
18. Killingworth Library

Shops

19. Manor Walks Shopping Centre, Cramlington
20. Tesco Extra, Cramlington
21. Sainsbury's, Cramlington
22. Asda, Blyth
23. Morrisons, Killingworth
24. Premier, Dudley
25. Local convenience stores, Seghill
26. Asda, Annitsford

Medical centres

27. Cramlington Medical Group
28. Dudley Lane Surgery
29. Seghill Medical Group
30. Blyth Health Centre
31. Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital

Transport locations

32. Cramlington Railway Station
33. Blyth Bus Station

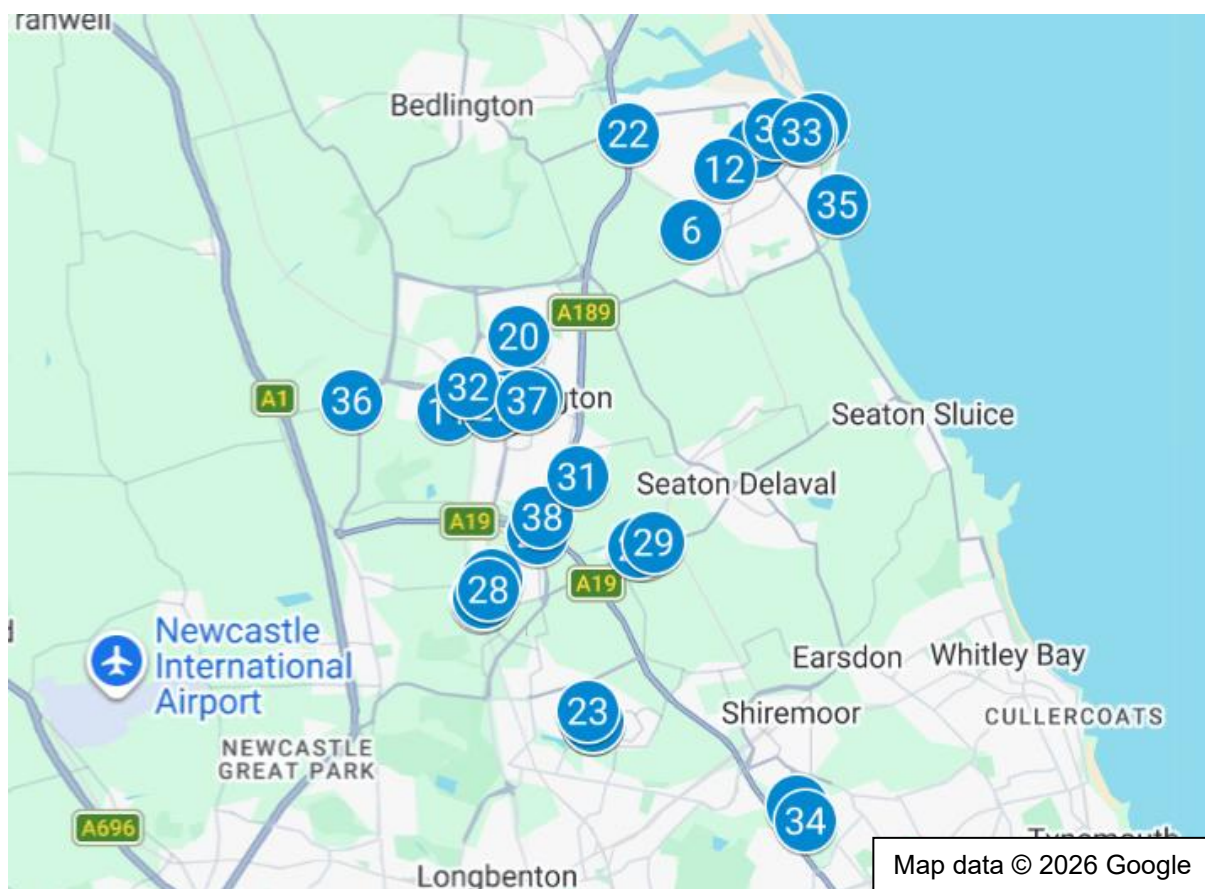
Major employers / workplaces

- 34. Cobalt Business Park
- 35. Port of Blyth
- 36. Apex Business Village

Other local venues

- 37. Northumberlandia Visitor Centre
- 38. St Nicholas' Church, Cramlington
- 39. St John the Baptist Church, Annitsford

The contact information and addresses of the venues have been identified, and the locations are shown on the map below.

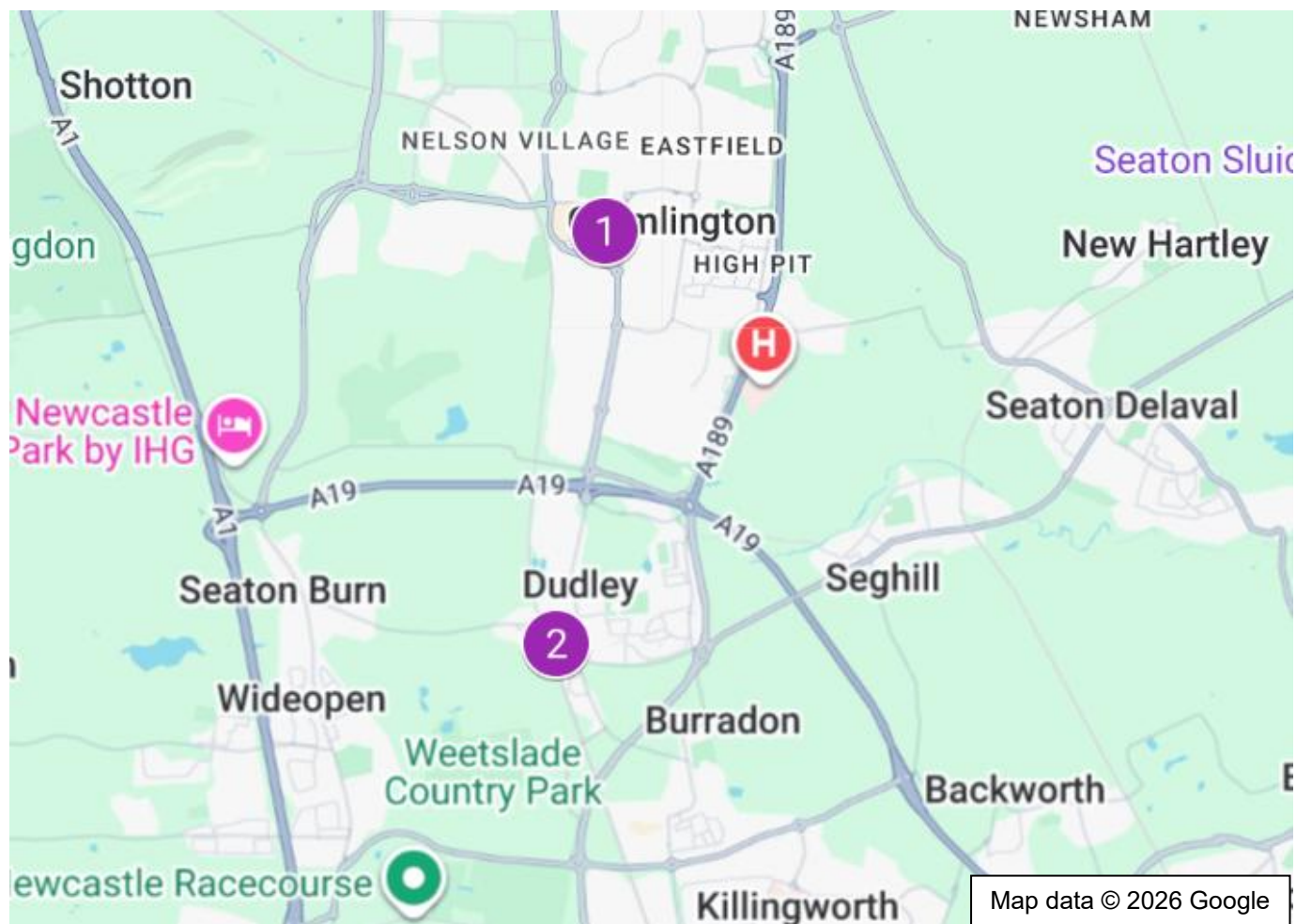


Appendix C. Exhibition venues

Table 2: This table lists the two venues being used to host consultation events

Ref No.	Venue	Location	Information
1	The Community Hub at Cramlington	Retail Park, Manor Walks Shopping Centre, Cramlington, NE23 6YB	Community centre in Cramlington, north of Moor Farm junction
2	John Willie Sams Centre	Market Street, Dudley, Cramlington, NE23 7HS	Community Centre in Dudley, south of Moor Farm junction

Each of the venues listed above is shown on the map below. This shows each venue from the list and matches to the reference number provided.



Appendix D. Deposit point locations

1. Cramlington Library
2. Blyth Library
3. Dudley Library
4. Killingworth Library

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