

Pendle Core Strategy Plan Examination – Written Statement on behalf of the Lancashire Wildlife Trust, 18 March 2015

**Session 1 – 09.30 Tuesday 14 April 2015
Matter - Procedural and Overarching Matters**

The Main Evidence Base includes CD/01/09 – Soundness Self-Assessment Checklist, prepared in December 2014 by Pendle Council. In November 2014, Lancashire Wildlife Trust submitted an assessment of compliance with the relevant biodiversity/natural environment paragraphs/requirements in the National Planning Policy Framework as part of its response to the Public Consultation: Core Strategy (Pre-Submission Report) 2014. I have made a few minor amendments (mainly corrections to paragraph numbers that were changed between the Core Strategies produced in 2012 and 2014) as well as updating the evidence for Consistent with National Policy for paragraphs 114(a), 125 and 156(e) of the NPPF. This has resulted in an increase of full compliance (green) of one point to 14 (5.1% of applicable environmental requirements), an increase of partial compliance (amber) of three points to 106 (39%), a decrease in non-compliance (red) of four points to 96 (35.3%) and no change in the non-applicable score of 56 (20.6%).

Based on the evidence presented in the Core Strategy and Key Linkages, the Wildlife Trust's assessment of compliance with the biodiversity/natural environment paragraphs/requirements in the NPPF gives a score of 100 out of 272, or 36.8%. An updated copy of the assessment can be provided if requested.

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