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Dear Sir / Madam,

Planning Policy Update

You are receiving this letter because you have previously submitted a formal representation in response to a public consultation; or you have requested that the Council keep you up to date on emerging planning policy in Pendle. This letter announces two important developments:

1. The upcoming public consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement in planning.
2. The receipt of the Inspector's Report following the independent Examination of the Core Strategy.

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

Since it was adopted in 2007, the SCI has guided how Pendle Council has engaged and consulted with the local community in the preparation of new planning policy and how it has publicised planning applications.

Much of the information contained in the SCI is still relevant to this day. But recent changes in Government legislation and national planning guidance, together with advances in Social Media (e.g. Facebook and Twitter) mean that it needs to be updated before we proceed with the preparation of Pendle Local Plan (Part 2): Site Allocations & Development Policies.

The revised SCI is being made available for a statutory six week public consultation between:

- **Friday 6th November to Friday 18th December 2015.**

The SCI can be downloaded from the Council's website (see link below) and is available to view at the Council's principal planning office (Number One Market Street Nelson) and at Council shops and local libraries throughout Pendle, during their normal hours of opening.

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Pendle Local Plan (Part 1): Core Strategy

Pendle Council submitted its Core Strategy to the Secretary of State on 19th December 2014. Mr Mark Dakeyene BA Hons MRTPI, an Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate, was appointed to conduct the independent public examination into the soundness of the document, with the Hearing Sessions closing on Tuesday 28th April 2015.

Pendle Council received the Inspector's Final Report on Monday 26th October 2015. This report concludes that, subject to modifications, the Core Strategy satisfies the requirements of Section 20(5) of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and meets the criteria for 'soundness' set out in the Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

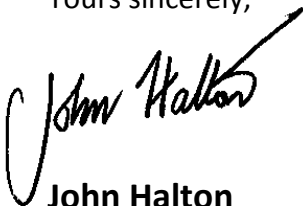
The Inspector's Report will be considered by the Council's Executive on Thursday 10th December 2015, and if accepted its adoption will be ratified at the Council meeting on Thursday 17th December 2015.

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Should you require any additional information or advice, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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