

Framework



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Welcome to Issue 51 of Framework, the newsletter that keeps you up to date with progress on the Local Plan and other planning policy matters in Pendle.

In this edition we outline the timetable for preparing our new Local Plan. This will set out our policies for development and growth up to 2040 and identify suitable sites for new development.

The plan-making process starts by agreeing what issues need to be addressed through the Local Plan. We then pull together a wide range of up-to-date evidence and information to make sure that our new planning policies are positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

Local Plan Update

We are preparing a [new Local Plan](#) for Pendle. It will guide the development and use of land in the borough up to 2040.

The proposed timetable for preparing the Local Plan is set out in our [Local Development Scheme \(LDS\)](#). This was adopted by Policy & Resources committee on 17 March 2022. The key dates are as follows:

Dates	Description
2022	
Summer	Consult on the scope of the plan proposals and the sustainability appraisal Call for Sites – identify potential sites for future development
2023	
Winter	Public consultation on the first draft of the Local Plan (Reg. 18)
Spring	Amend the plan to take account of comments received
Autumn	Public consultation on the final draft of the Local Plan (Reg. 19)
2024	
Winter	Submission to the Secretary of State (Reg. 22)
Spring	Independent examination
Summer	Adoption

Evidence is currently being gathered to identify the amount and type of development we need and where it should be located.

Engagement in plan-making is an ongoing process. But there are three opportunities to comment on the content of the Local Plan.

Consultation

[Our first consultation](#) considers the scope of the Local Plan – i.e. the key issues that it must address.

In addition we are also asking for your comments on:

- The scope of the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) report. This looks in detail at the social, environmental, and economic implications of the Local Plan.
- Where land may be available for future development in Pendle – see article on the 'Call for Sites'.
- An update of our Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), to reflect the increased use of online engagement and social media. These proved to be popular during the recent COVID-19 pandemic and will be used to supplement more traditional face-to-face events.



Consultation Period

Comments can be sent by letter or email, but must be received by:

5:00pm on Friday 5 August 2022

An online form is also available for site nominations.

In 2023 two further public consultations will allow you to comment on the plan proposals, specifically:

- draft planning policies
- proposed site allocations.

Call for Sites

A *Call for Sites* is an opportunity for individuals, landowners, developers or their agents to recommend sites in Pendle, which may be suitable for development in the next 15-20 years.

Specifically we want to know if any more land has become available since our last Call for Sites in 2017.

We are aware of over 300 sites through our earlier work. But, so we can be certain that we have the most up to date information on the availability and deliverability of sites, we strongly recommend that a new [site nomination form](#), together with a plan showing the boundary of the site, is submitted at this time. Please note that:

- Housing sites must be capable of accommodating five (5) or more homes. For all other sites the minimum size is 0.25 hectares.
- Our preference is to allocate sites on land that has been previously developed (Brownfield land). But, we will also consider the need to allocate sites on land that has not been developed before (Greenfield land).
- The sites identified do not need to be in your ownership.

The information we receive, together with our evidence on the need for development within a particular area, will be used to draw-up a shortlist of sites capable of being developed by 2040 and suitable for allocation in the Local Plan.