

Mr Andrew Ashcroft
Examiner
Colne Neighbourhood Development Plan

**Planning, Economic
Development &
Regulatory Services**

**Town Hall, Market Street,
Nelson, Lancashire BB9 7LG**

Telephone: (01282) 661661
Website: www.pendle.gov.uk

Date: Wednesday, 25 January 2023
Our ref:
Your ref:
Ask for: John Halton
Direct line: (01282) 661330
Email: planning.policy@pendle.gov.uk
Service Head: Neil Watson

Dear Mr Ashcroft,

Colne Neighbourhood Plan: Response to Clarification Note

Thank you for sending us a copy of your Clarification Note.

Please find below our answers to the questions you have asked Pendle Borough Council to answer.

1. Is there an update on the emerging master plan for the Town Centre?

The Colne Masterplan is one of three currently in preparation for Pendle. All are in the early stages of preparation.

The first draft of the Baseline Document was received from consultants OPEN in December 2022. The Council is in the process of feeding back to OPEN on the content of these documents.

Once the Baseline Document for Colne is finalised, OPEN will consider the data and any public feedback they have received. They will then explore a range of different options for the town and recommend what they consider to be the best option for transforming the town centre.

Further information on the Masterplans can be found on the Pendle Council website (link below):

- https://www.pendle.gov.uk/info/20028/town_centres/612/town_centre_masterplans

2. Is the work on the new Local Plan still proceeding to the timetable included in the Local Development Scheme (May 2022)?

The timetable from the current Local Development Scheme (LDS) is copied overleaf for ease of reference:

The Regulation 18 public consultation, to consider the Pendle Local Plan (Preferred Options Report) will be delayed until late May / early June 2023. This is due to a combination of factors including a delay in receiving evidence base documents from our consultants, the local elections and the Coronation of King Charles III.

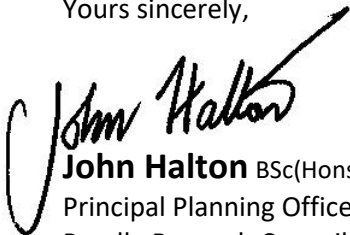
Continued Over

Production Timetable & Key Milestones	Consult statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal	April/May 2022
	Commence document preparation	April 2022
	Preferred Options consultation	January – February 2023
	Publication consultation	October – November 2023
	Submission to the Secretary of State	December 2023
	Pre-Hearing Meeting (if needed)	March 2024
	Hearing Sessions	June – July 2024
	Receipt of Inspector's Report	October 2024
	Adoption	December 2024

Subject to the number and complexity of the representations we receive in response to the Regulation 18 public consultation, we still anticipate being able to submit the final draft of the Pendle Local Plan to the Secretary of State by the end of 2023. If there is a further delay it is unlikely to be more than 2-3 months.

I hope that the above answers your questions.

Yours sincerely,



John Halton BSc(Hons), Dip TRP, MRTPI
Principal Planning Officer (Policy)
Pendle Borough Council