



Welcome to Issue 53 of Framework, the newsletter that keeps you up to date with progress on the Local Plan and other planning policy matters in Pendle.

Important: if you have not already completed and returned the consent form we sent to you, you need to do this soon. See the Keep in Touch section for more details.

Elsewhere we announce the result of the referendum on the Kelbrook and Sough Neighbourhood Plan and look at how our Local Plan will respond to the impacts of climate change.

As this is our last newsletter of 2022, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

The opportunity to prepare a neighbourhood plan was introduced by the Localism Act in 2011. They provide an opportunity for local communities to help influence growth and development within their area.

Kelbrook & Sough

On Thursday 27 October, 196 voters (25.8% of the electorate) in the parish of Kelbrook and Sough took part in the referendum on their [Neighbourhood Plan](#).

The majority of voters were in favour of the Plan, with the votes cast as follows:

Vote	Number	Percentage
Yes	182	92.9%
No	14	7.1%
Rejected	0	0.0%

In accordance with [the regulations](#), the plan will be formally 'made' (adopted) by Pendle Council at its meeting on Thursday 8 December 2022.

Neighbourhood Planning in Pendle

Adopted neighbourhood plans form part of the statutory Development Plan for the borough. All applications for planning permission within the following neighbourhood areas are now considered against the policies in the relevant neighbourhood plan, unless [material considerations](#) indicate otherwise.

- [Trawden Forest \(2019\)](#)
- [Barrowford \(2020\)](#)
- [Kelbrook & Sough \(2022\)](#)

There is now just one neighbourhood plan being prepared in Pendle.

Colne Neighbourhood Plan

The [Colne Neighbourhood Plan](#) has been drawn-up on behalf of their community by [Colne Town Council](#).

They submitted the final draft of their Plan to us on 8 August 2022. A six week public consultation between 2 September and 17 October 2022 allowed people to comment on:

- Changes made to the plan since the public consultation on the previous draft
- Whether the 'plan proposals' met the [Basic Conditions](#).

A total of 104 formal representations were received.

The independent examiner appointed to carry out the examination of the plan, Mr Andrew Ashcroft BA (Hons) M.A. DMS MRTPI will now be sent the following information.

- The Submission draft Colne Neighbourhood Plan
- All supporting documents
- All of the formal representations (comments) received in response to the public consultation, held in accordance with Regulation 16.

Following a preliminary assessment of the documents supplied, the formal examination period should start in December. Further [information on neighbourhood planning](#) can be found on the Pendle Council website.

Housing Update

Our annual monitoring shows that 285 new homes were provided in 2021/22.

Of the 285 new units completed:

- 193 were new build
- 92 were barn conversions or other changes of use
- 6 provided affordable housing
- 18 were custom or self-build

The total is less than our current annual housing requirement (298), but more than the minimum level of housing need established by the government's [Standard Method](#) calculation (140).

Over the last six years the delivery of new homes has averaged 241 per year.

Year	Units	Year	Units
2016/17	169	2019/20	204
2017/18	310	2020/21	342
2018/19	140	2021/22	285

To support the delivery of new homes the [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF) requires Council's to have enough [deliverable](#) sites to provide five years' worth of housing.

In Pendle this requirement is measured against the figure generated by the [Standard Method](#) (140) plus a buffer of 5% to ensure choice and competition in the housing market. This gives a final figure of 147.

[Our updated 5-year Housing Land Supply \(5YHLS\) Statement](#) shows that Pendle meets the NPPF requirement, with sufficient sites available to deliver 5.61 years' worth of housing.

The Climate Emergency

The science of climate change is well established:

- Human activities are the main cause
- Rising concentrations of greenhouse gases in the earth's atmosphere are directly linked to an increase in the average global temperature since the Industrial Revolution.
- The most abundant greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide (CO₂), is largely the product of burning fossil fuels.
- Methane, the main component of natural gas, is responsible for more than 25% of current warming.

On 19 July 2019, the Council declared a **climate emergency**. To address this declaration the Local Plan uses a range of complimentary interventions to:

- Direct new development to locations which minimise the number of journeys that need to be made by car – i.e. they are accessible by public transport, walking and cycling
- Promote energy efficient buildings, which also help to reduce fuel poverty.
- Encourage new developments to provide infrastructure that will:

- Generate energy from on-site renewables –e.g. ground source heat pumps, solar panels, wind turbines etc.
- Facilitate the charging of hybrid and electric vehicles
- Create, and connect with, safe routes for walking and cycling

It also requires new development to be resilient and help mitigate the effects of climate change by:

- Encouraging site layouts that help to manage internal heat gain
- Addressing urban cooling through a wide range of measures, including tree planting
- Reducing surface water flooding, by promoting **greywater recycling** and the use of **pervious surfaces** and **sustainable drainage systems** (SuDS) in outdoor areas, to help slow the flow of water into rivers following heavy rainfall

Of course, new legislation, changes to national planning policy, emerging technologies and changing behaviours will require our approach to be kept under review.

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No Place Like Home

Here are some of the new homes delivered in 2021/22.



Keld, M65 Junction 13



Spenn Brook Mill



Boulsworth View, Colne

Keep In Touch

We use our contacts database to let you know about upcoming public consultations and other planning policy matters in Pendle.

It is not used for any other purpose or shared with outside organisations.

The **Data Protection Act 2018** controls how we use your personal information. To comply with Act we need your permission to keep your personal details on file.



In early November we sent out consent forms to all our contacts.

If you want to remain on our database, you should complete and return this form by **Monday 19 December 2022**.

Without your written consent we must remove your contact details from our database, unless you represent an organisation that we are required to consult.

Document Progress

This summary, based on our **Local Development Scheme (LDS)**, shows the stage we have reached in preparing new planning policy documents.

Development Plan Documents	
Bradley Area Action Plan	4
Core Strategy	4
Pendle Local Plan: Fourth Edition	1
Neighbourhood Plans	
Trawden Forest	4
Barrowford	4
Kelbrook and Sough	4
Colne	3
Supplementary Planning Documents	
Conservation Area Design Guidance	4
Design Principles	4
Open Countryside & AONB	-
Brierfield Canal Corridor	4
Brierfield Railway Street Neighbourhood	4

- 1 Plan preparation and evidence gathering. Includes informal discussion with key stakeholders and other interested parties.
- 2 Formal public consultation to consider the first draft of the Plan. This is then amended to reflect the comments received.
- 3 Formal public consultation to consider the final draft of the Plan. The Plan is not amended before it is sent for independent examination. The Inspector or Examiner will consider both the Plan and any comments submitted at this stage. (Does not apply to SPDs).
- 4 Document formally adopted by Pendle Council.