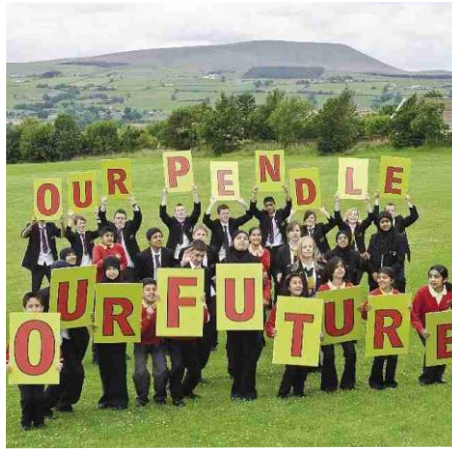


# Colne Neighbourhood Development Plan



## Referendum Information Statement

(including information  
for voters)

June 2023



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## 1. The Referendum

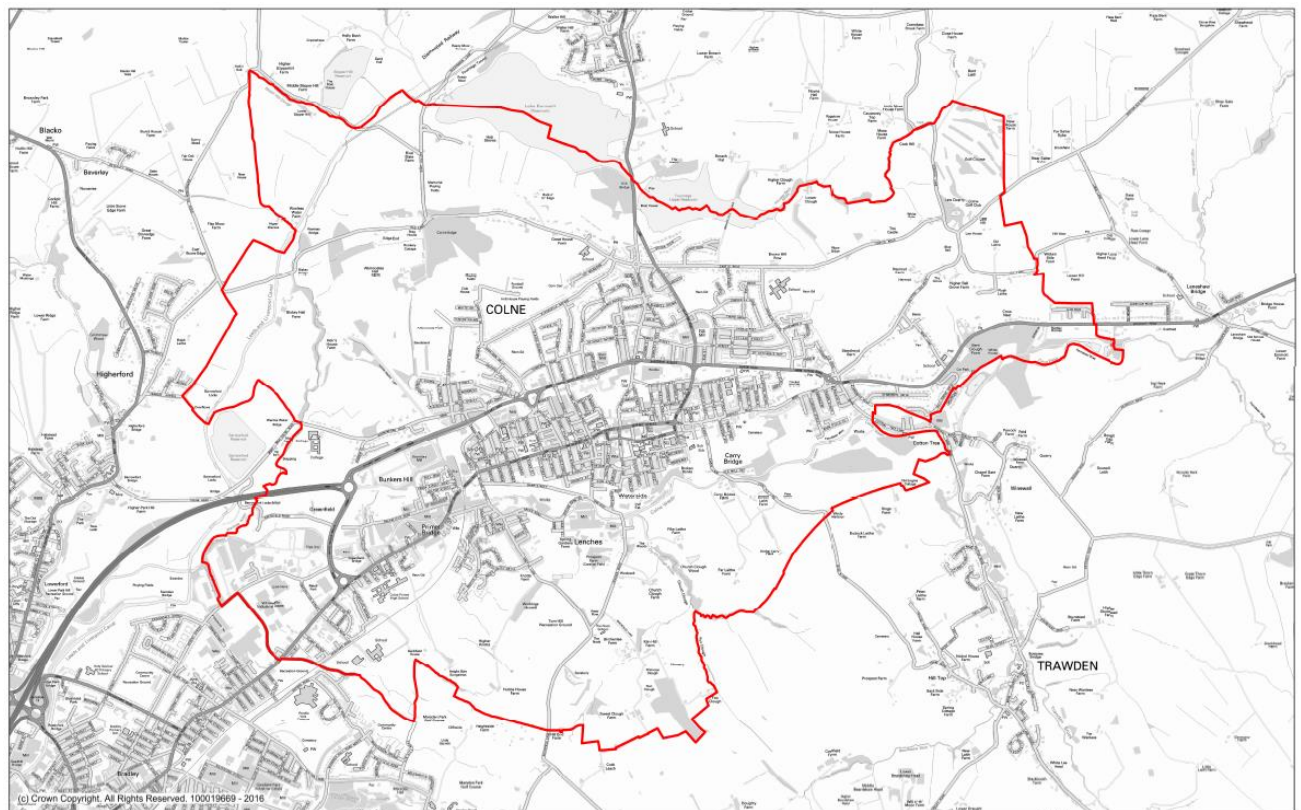
1.1 A referendum on the Colne Neighbourhood Development Plan will be held on **Thursday 20 July 2023**.

1.2 The question to be asked in the referendum is:

**Do you want Pendle Borough Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Colne to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?**

1.3 The referendum area (see below) is the same as:

- The neighbourhood area, which was designated by Pendle Council on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016; and
- The town parish of Colne.



Colne Neighbourhood Area - Proposed Boundary



1.4 The ballot paper for the referendum will ask you to vote “Yes” or No”.

1.5 You should vote by putting a cross (X) in either the “Yes” box, or the “No” box on your ballot paper. Your vote will not be counted if you put a cross in more than one box.

- 1.6 If more people vote **"YES"** in the referendum:
- The Colne Neighbourhood Development Plan **will** become part of the Development Plan for the borough.
  - Pendle Council **will** use the Colne Neighbourhood Development Plan to help determine applications for planning permission within the neighbourhood area.
- 1.7 If more people vote **"NO"** in the referendum:
- The Colne Neighbourhood Development Plan **will not** become part of the Development Plan for the borough.
  - Pendle Council **will not** use the Colne Neighbourhood Development Plan to help determine applications for planning permission within the neighbourhood area.

## 2. Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the Colne Neighbourhood Development Plan?

- 2.1 Neighbourhood planning provides local communities with the opportunity to influence development in their area through the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. This document sets out where new development should go and how it might look.
- 2.2 Colne Town Council has prepared a Neighbourhood Plan for the town parish of Colne.
- 2.3 The Colne Neighbourhood Development Plan will become part of the Development Plan for Pendle if a positive referendum result is returned.

### What is the Development Plan?

- 2.4 The Development Plan is a set of documents that set out the policies and proposals for the development and use of land within a particular area. In England the Development Plan is used by the local planning authority to help determine applications for planning permission.

### Who can vote?

- 2.5 You can vote in the referendum if:
- you are 18 years of age or over on 20 July 2023;
  - you live in the town parish of Colne; and
  - you are registered to vote in local government elections.
- 2.6 If you are not registered to vote, you won't be able to vote in the referendum. You can register to vote online at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>
- 2.7 If you don't have access to the internet please contact Electoral Services on 01282 661662 or 01282 661919 to request an application form.
- 2.8 You must register by **Tuesday 4 July 2023** to be eligible to vote in the referendum on the Colne Neighbourhood Development Plan.

## How can I vote?

2.9 There are three ways of voting:

### 1. In Person

- On **Thursday 20 July 2023** at your local polling station(s):
  - Christ Church, Keighley Road, Colne, BB8 7AA
  - Park High School, Venables Avenue, Colne, BB8 7DP
  - Colne Town Hall, Albert Road, Colne, BB8 0AQ
  - North Valley Community Centre, Birtwistle Avenue, Colne, BB8 9RR
  - Pendle Leisure Centre, Crown Way, Colne, BB8 9NP
  - Peter Birtwistle Community Centre, 14 Keighley Road, Colne, BB8 0JL
  - Byron Road Community Centre, Byron Road, Colne, BB8 0BQ
  - Holy Trinity Church Hall, Tatton Street, Colne, BB8 8JE
  - New Life Christian Centre, West Street, Colne, BB8 0HP
- You will receive a poll card confirming your polling station for this referendum.
- Polling stations are open from 7:00am to 10:00pm.
- You will need to bring your photo ID with you in order to vote.
- If you do not possess a valid photo ID you can apply to your local Electoral Registration Office for a free Voter Authority Certificate. Completed applications must reach us before **5pm Wednesday 12 July 2023**.
- If you do not receive your ballot paper by 10:00pm on the day of the referendum you won't be able to vote.

### 2. By Post

- If you are already registered to vote by post, you will receive a poll card confirming this.
- If you are not registered to vote by post, you will need to complete an application form.
- Application forms are available on the Council's website, or by contacting Electoral Services, using the details below:
  - Website: [www.pendle.gov.uk/postalvote](http://www.pendle.gov.uk/postalvote)
  - Post: Electoral Services, Town Hall, Market Street, Nelson, Lancashire, BB9 7LG
  - Telephone: 01282 661662 / 01282 661919
  - Email: [elections@pendle.gov.uk](mailto:elections@pendle.gov.uk)
- Your completed application form must be received by Electoral Services no later than **5pm on Wednesday 5 July 2023**
- You should receive your postal vote approximately 10 days before polling day. If it doesn't arrive in time you can request a replacement up to **5pm on Thursday 20 July 2023** by phoning Electoral Services using the telephone number above.

### 3. By Proxy

- If you already have a proxy vote, you will receive a poll card confirming this.
- If you are unable to attend the polling station on polling day, it may be possible to allow somebody that you trust to vote on your behalf. This person is called a "proxy" and you must tell them how you intend to vote.
- You can only apply for a proxy vote under specific circumstances, including:
  - being away on polling day (e.g. holiday or educational course);

- having a medical issue or disability; or
- not being able to vote in person because of work or military service
- When you apply to vote by proxy you must say why you are unable to vote in person.
- Application forms are available on the Council’s website, or by contacting Electoral Services, using the details below:
  - Online: [www.pendle.gov.uk/proxyvote](http://www.pendle.gov.uk/proxyvote)
  - Post: Electoral Services, Town Hall, Market Street, Nelson, Lancashire, BB9 7LG
  - Telephone: 01282 661662 / 01282 661919
  - Email [elections@pendle.gov.uk](mailto:elections@pendle.gov.uk)
- Your completed application form must be received by Electoral Services no later than **5pm on Wednesday 12 July 2023**.
- The person acting as the proxy must bring their photo ID in order to vote on your behalf.

### 3. Referendum expenses

- 3.1 As part of the referendum process individuals or bodies may choose to campaign for either a ‘Yes’ or a ‘No’ vote.
- 3.2 Section 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012 specifies a limit on the amount that can be spent on campaigning for the referendum. This limit is set out below:
- The referendum expenses limit that will apply to this referendum is **£3,141.39** – based on the calculation £2,362 plus 5.9p for each entry in the relevant register of electors.
  - The number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum, by reference to which this limit has been calculated, is **13,210**.
- 3.3 The Referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.
- 3.4 For further information about the referendum and how to vote, please contact Electoral Services at Pendle Council:
- Email: [elections@pendle.gov.uk](mailto:elections@pendle.gov.uk)
  - Telephone: 01282 661662 or 01282 661919

### 4. Specified documents

- 4.1 The documents listed below are available to view ahead of the referendum:
- The Colne Neighbourhood Development Plan.
  - The report of the Independent Examiner.
  - A summary of the representations submitted to the Independent Examiner.
  - A statement by the local planning authority (Pendle Council) stating that the draft plan is considered to meet the basic conditions and relevant legislation (the “Decision Statement”).
  - This statement, providing general information about neighbourhood planning and the public referendum (the “Information Statement”).

4.2 These documents can be inspected at the following venues during their normal opening hours:

- Colne Town Hall, Albert Road, Colne, BB8 0AQ
- Colne Library, Market Street, Colne, BB8 0AP
- Number One Market Street, Nelson, BB9 7LJ

4.3 You can also view or download copies of these documents on the Pendle Council website at [https://www.pendle.gov.uk/info/20072/planning\\_policies/588/colne\\_neighbourhood\\_plan](https://www.pendle.gov.uk/info/20072/planning_policies/588/colne_neighbourhood_plan)

## 5. Further Information

5.1 Further information on neighbourhood planning in Pendle can be found on the Pendle Council website at [www.pendle.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans](http://www.pendle.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans) or by contacting the Planning Policy team:

- Email: [planningpolicy@pendle.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@pendle.gov.uk)
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