

Framework



Northlight, Brierfield

Welcome to Issue 54 of *Framework*, the newsletter that keeps you up to date with progress on the Local Plan and other planning policy matters in Pendle.

We are about to consult on the first draft of our new Local. Its policies are likely to affect all of us on a daily basis, as they will be used to guide development and growth in Pendle up to 2040.

Using the latest evidence we have identified a new annual housing requirement and reviewed the need to allocate land for other types of development. Now we would like to hear what you think about our proposals. Will they, as intended, make Pendle a better place to live, or have we missed something?

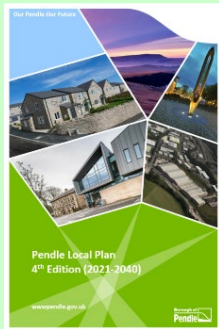
Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition

Why do we need a Local Plan?

The planning system in England is plan-led. Like all local authorities in the country we are required to prepare a Local Plan to guide development in the area.

What does the Local Plan do?

The Pendle Local Plan (4th Edition) sets out what we want new development proposals to achieve in the period up to 2040.



We use a range of strategic planning policies, development management policies and site allocations to:

- Establish the amount of land that needs to be developed for housing, employment and community use.
- Make clear where new growth and development should take place.
- Identify the features that must be included in any development.
- Offer guidance on what new development should look like.

Do planning policies matter?

The policies in the Local Plan tell anyone intending to apply for planning permission what we will expect from them. They help us decide whether an application for planning permission should be approved or refused.

Why should I get involved?

Each year the Council receives around 1,000 planning applications. Proposals range from minor alterations or extensions to a house through to the construction of a new housing estate, business park or shopping centre.

Applications for planning permission often raise objections from members of the public; so we know that many of you have an opinion on what new development should be like.

You have previously told us that you want Pendle to be ...

... a place where quality of life continues to improve; where people respect one another and their neighbourhoods and everyone aspires to reach their full potential.

... a place that is recognised locally, regionally and nationally as a great area to live, learn, work, play and visit.

Has anything changed?

Your views will help to ensure that the policies in the Local Plan are helping to meet our aspirations to create a better future for Pendle by ensuring that new development:

- Takes place in the right place at the right time.
- Helps to minimise the number of journeys to be made by car.
- Reduces the chances of increasing flood risk.

- Promotes access to green open spaces and the countryside.
- Encourages healthy lifestyles.
- Ensures a net gain for wildlife habitats and species (biodiversity).

What should I do next?

Please take a look our draft Local Plan on our website, at your local library or in the offices of your local parish or town council.

Then send us your comments by letter, email or online form before the end of the consultation period.

Consultation Period

9am Friday 23 June 2023 to
5pm Friday 18 August 2023

We will hold public drop-in sessions at venues throughout Pendle and host a series of online meetings during the consultation. Please come along and speak to us at one of these events.

We will continue to seek your approval over the next 12 to 18 months. But it is at this early stage that the future direction of planning in Pendle will be established.

If we are to prepare planning policies that truly meet your needs and expectations, we need to hear your views.

On the reverse of this newsletter, we have set out a few key questions for you to consider. We are sure you will have many more.

Some key questions

The policies in the Local Plan address a wide range of issues. Our first draft, known as the Preferred Options Report, sets out how the planning system will respond to these issues.

Location of development

Should we only direct growth to those places that are already able to accommodate new development, or should we allow development to take place elsewhere, provided that essential facilities and services can be upgraded to cope?

New homes

Households are typically getting smaller, and people are living longer. What types of homes do we need to provide? Where are they most needed? How many need to be affordable to buy or rent?

Have your say!

The climate emergency

Climate change is a global issue, but will what we are proposing help to:

- Reduce carbon emissions?
- Use energy more efficiently and generate energy from renewable sources?
- Minimise flood risk?

Health and wellbeing

Obesity, particularly amongst young children, is a key concern. To help encourage people to adopt more healthy lifestyles, should we seek to:

- Protect, enhance and improve access to green open spaces in our built-up areas?
- Resist the opening of hot food takeaways outside town centres?

Developer contributions

Recognising that developers need to make a profit, even in areas with poor economic viability, what are our priorities when seeking financial contributions from developers?

- Affordable housing?
- Highway improvements?
- Footpaths and cycleways?

Employment opportunities

We want to create an economy that is able to cope better during an economic downturn. We also want to encourage good quality jobs paying higher wages. Do we need to continue to protect existing employment sites, or should we allow vacant land and premises to be re-used for housing?



Booths, Barrowford

Vibrant town centres

The number of people shopping online is increasing. To what extent should we allow other uses into our town and village centres, so that they can continue to be the vibrant places we want to visit?

Local Green Space

Are there any green spaces close to where you live that are highly valued by the people who live or work in your community, or visit the area on a regular basis?

Tell us what you think!

Movement and connection

High-speed broadband enables us to work and shop from home. This helps to reduce the need to make short journeys by car. But are improvements to our transport network still needed, and where?

These are just some of the questions you may have.

It's not possible to write a plan that will satisfy everyone. We will need to make compromises along the way. But if our Local Plan to be the best it can be, we need to know if you agree, or disagree, with what we are suggesting.

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Document Progress

This summary is based on our [Local Development Scheme \(LDS\)](#). It 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, which is then amended to reflect the comments received.
- 3 Formal public consultation to consider the final draft of the Plan. After the consultation the unaltered Plan and any comments received are subject to independent examination. This stage does not apply to Supplementary Planning Documents.
- 4 Document formally adopted by Pendle Council.