

Framework



Welcome to Issue 55 of *Framework*, the newsletter that keeps you up to date with progress on the Local Plan and other planning policy matters in Pendle.

This year a lot of our work on the Local Plan has gone unseen. We have worked hard to present you with the first draft of our new Local Plan and now we are looking at how we need to amend the plan to address your comments and any new evidence that has become available.

Check out our website. We have introduced several new interactive maps to help present the evidence supporting the policies in our Local Plan. There will be more to follow.

Local Plan

We received 67 representations in response to our [recent public consultation on the Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition 2011-2040](#). Two were declared invalid having been submitted after the close of the consultation on 11 August 2023.

In addition, more than 100 people nominated sites for the Council to consider for designation as Local Green Space (see separate article).



Planning officers are considering the issues raised in these representations.

We are also updating our evidence on flood risk, development viability and housing need, to take account of the most up-to-date information available.

Our response to these representations and any changes we have made to the Local Plan to address the issues they raised, will be set out in our Consultation Statement.

This will be made available for public comment when we consult on the final draft of our Local Plan in 2024.

We are also updating our Local Development Scheme (LDS) and will take this to the Council's Executive committee before the end of the year.

The LDS shows how and when you can engage in the key stages of plan-making.



We will be working to the following timetable between now and the adoption of the Local Plan:

Spring 2024 – Consult on the final draft of our Local Plan and all supporting evidence.

Summer 2024 – Submit the final draft of our Local Plan, all supporting evidence and any comments we receive in response to the public consultation to the Secretary of State for independent examination

Autumn 2024 – Examination, including public hearings to consider key issues addressed by the Local Plan.

Winter 2024/25 – public consultation to consider any Main Modifications to the plan, as proposed by the Inspector(s) appointed to examine the plan.

Spring 2025 – adoption of the new Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition 2021-2040.

Local Green Space

Green space is an important and highly valued asset.

Recognising this, a specific planning policy designation called [Local Green Space](#) (LGS) was introduced to protect those areas of land that are most valued by our communities.

Green spaces come in all shapes and sizes. They include formal parks and gardens, informal grassed areas, linear footpaths, canal towpaths, sports pitches, and other landscaped areas.

Together with the buildings and other communal spaces in our towns and villages they make a significant contribution to the quality and distinctiveness of our communities.



Following the recent public consultation on the Local Plan (see separate article) We have assessed 55 potential LGS sites across Pendle.

Our initial findings are set out in the [LGS Report and Methodology](#). This was considered by the Council's Executive on 18 October 2023 and has been published on our website.

Any comments or additional evidence on these sites must be received by Pendle Council by **12:00 noon on Monday 27 November 2023**.

Online Mapping

We are constantly looking to improve how we share information with you.

Interactive online maps provide a visually interesting way of displaying information that would otherwise require a lot of written explanation.

The ability to interact with these maps allows you to quickly find out information on a wide range of issues in an accessible format.

Another benefit is that we can quickly update the information.

Some of our online maps have been available for a number of years:

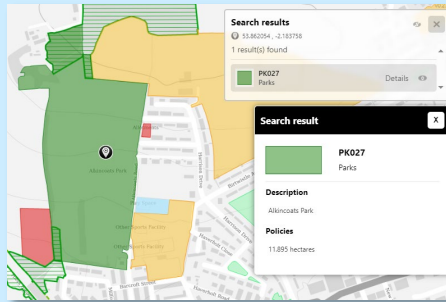
- [Policies Map for the Local Plan](#)
- [Listed Buildings](#)
- [Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation Areas](#)

We have recently launched a number of new online maps to help enhance your

browsing experience when visiting the [Pendle Council website](#).

Our new interactive maps include the [Open Space Audit 2019](#) and two showing sites that landowners have said could be developed for housing:

- [Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment \(SHLAA\)](#) (nominated sites without planning permission)
- [Sites considered for allocation in the Pendle Local Plan](#)



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Colne Neighbourhood Plan

On Thursday 20 July, 1,908 voters in Colne (14.5% of the electorate) took part in the referendum on their [Neighbourhood Plan](#).

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

Vote	Number	Percentage
Yes	1,758	92.1%
No	145	7.6%
Rejected	5	0.3%

Having been approved at referendum, all applications for planning permission within the area administered by Colne Town Council will now be considered against the policies in the [Colne Neighbourhood Development Plan](#), unless [material considerations](#) indicate otherwise.

In accordance with [the regulations](#), the plan was formally 'made' (adopted) by Pendle Council at its meeting on Thursday 28 September 2023.

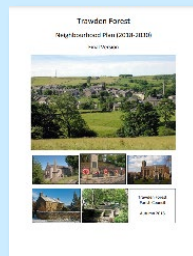
Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price, said:

"I am over the moon at such a resounding result in favour of our Plan! There were times when I thought it would never be "made" but finally, we are over the finish line."

The Colne Neighbourhood Plan introduces a new [Design Code](#), the first in the Borough, which holds new development in the town to a high standard.

Pendle now has four adopted Neighbourhood Plans:

- [Trawden Forest](#) (2018)
- [Barrowford](#) (2019)
- [Kelbrook and Sough](#) (2022)
- [Colne](#) (2023)



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	4
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.