



Notice of Submission

Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition 2021-2040

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

Section 20(3)

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012
Regulation 22 Parts 3 (b) and (c)

Introduction

Pendle Borough Council has prepared a new Local Plan for the borough. If it is formally adopted it will become part of the statutory Development Plan for Pendle helping to guide development and growth in the borough up to 2040.

Document title:	Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition 2021-2040 ["the Local Plan"]
Subject matter:	<p>The Local Plan sets out the vision, spatial objectives, development strategy, site specific allocations and development management policies that will provide the framework for development, growth and investment in the Borough of Pendle up to 2040.</p> <p>All future planning documents, and the policies within them, should be in general conformity with the Local Plan, helping to deliver its vision and principles.</p>
Area covered:	Borough of Pendle

Submission

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with the above regulations, Pendle Borough Council submitted the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent Examination on Tuesday 18 February 2025.

Examination

The examination process is now under the control of the Planning Inspectorate, who have appointed Inspector Mr William Fieldhouse BA (Hons) MA MRTPI to oversee the examination of the Local Plan.

The examination is a continuous process running from the date of submission through to receipt of the Inspector's Report.

The Local Plan is to be examined under the Transitional Arrangements set out in Annex 1 of the [National Planning Policy Framework \(NPPF\) published in December 2024](#) and will be tested against the preceding version of the [NPPF published in December 2023](#).

The Inspector will consider whether the Local Plan meets the tests of soundness, as defined in the NPPF and the relevant legislative requirements.

The Inspector will review representations previously made on the document and will consider local evidence.

The examination process may involve hearing sessions. Anyone who submitted a representation on the Local Plan in response to the Regulation 19 public consultation will, if the Inspector deems it appropriate, be offered the opportunity to attend a hearing session. They will be notified about the process to be followed by the Programme Officer.

(a) Programme Officer

A Programme Officer has been appointed by Pendle Borough Council to deal with all administrative, procedural and programming matters associated with the Examination. The Programme Officer is impartial working to the direction of the Inspector. They are not a Council officer and have not been involved in the preparation of the Local Plan.

All correspondence for the Inspector should be sent via the Programme Officer, whose contact details are as follows:

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(b) Examination website

The Examination website is hosted by the Programme Officer and contains details of all the documentation and arrangements for the examination process.

- <https://programmeofficers.co.uk/pendle>

(c) Availability of Documents

The Local Plan and supporting documents (listed below) are available to view at Number One Market Street, Nelson BB9 7LJ during normal opening hours. They can also be viewed or download from the Examination website:

1. Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition – Publication (Regulation 19) version
2. Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition – Policies Map (Regulation 19) (online only)
3. Schedule of Proposed Minor Modifications
4. Sustainability Appraisal – Non-Technical Summary, Main Report and appendices including site scoring framework
5. Consultation Statement (Regulation 18)
6. Consultation Statement (Regulation 19 and Regulation 22 (1) (c) (v))
7. Duly made representations received in response to the Regulation 19 public consultation (pursuant to Regulation 20).
8. Supporting documents which, in the opinion of the local planning authority, are relevant to the preparation of the Local Plan. These documents are:
 - Habitat Regulations Assessment (2024)
 - Equalities Impact Assessment (2024)
 - Local Development Scheme (2024)
 - Duty to Cooperate Statement (2024)
 - Statements of Common Ground (2025)
9. Letter to the Secretary of State (notification of submission)
10. Note of Planning Inspectorate (PINS) Advisory Visit

All documents in the Examination Library, including the evidence base, can be viewed or downloaded from the Examination website at: <https://programmeofficers.co.uk/pendle>

Printed copies of documents can be made available for inspection at Number One Market Street, Nelson BB9 7LJ via the Programme Officer. A reasonable charge for printing and postage may be made.