

Dear Sir or Madam

I would like to add the following points to the consultation on the fourth edition of the Pendle Local Plan specifically with reference to the Upper Rough being designated as a local green space:

I would support this designation, without reservation, for the following reasons. Numbered for ease of reference:

1. Long range views: the Upper Rough plays a key role in the local landscape. Not only does it enable key short and long range views of the conservation area through to the hills beyond, but when viewed from the Trawden hills and other local view points the Upper Rough is clearly visible and holds an important place on the framing of Colne in its locality. Any development on this land would prove to be a 'blot on the landscape' of Pendle.
2. The Upper Rough therefore plays a key role in the setting of Colne and the Lidgett and Bents Conservation area in the local landscape. Thus it prevents urban sprawl and preserves the characteristic green fields of Colne for future generations.
3. Most importantly, it is also a crucial recreational facility, used daily by tens of walkers and hosting three featured walks, including the East Colne Way. As we know, this facility, therefore, is vital for the mental and physical health of local people.
4. And most importantly, the Upper Rough is host to the red listed curlew, lap wings, bats and other birds and insects proving vital for our local ecology. Curlews are faithful to their nest and forage sites, were this land lost then the curlews having used this area for generations would not find alternative nesting and foraging sites.

I hope this proves useful and adds to the support for the proposed Local Plan.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Alison Birkinshaw

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing with an initial response to the proposed fourth edition of the Pendle Local Plan.

I am largely in support of the proposals as set out in the documents, particularly the proposal that the Lidgett Triangle, the Upper Rough and Lenches are to be designated as 'green spaces'. This is, I believe, an accurate description of their function in the locality and their importance to the the local community and for local biodiversity.

I was disappointed that little mention was made of the area's importance in providing nesting grounds and wider habitat for the red listed curlew and other important bird species, such as the lapwing. I believe there should be greater emphasis in the local plan on the area's contribution to biodiversity, although I do recognise that reference is made to the importance of safeguarding the environment on a number of levels.

It is likely that I will wish to add to my letter of support for these proposals, but please accept this email as part of your consultation in the interim.

Yours faithfully

Dr Alison Birkinshaw