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## Page: Local Plan Legal Compliance

Do you consider the Local Plan to be legally compliant Yes

## Page: Local plan Soundness

Do you consider the Local Plan to be sound Yes

## Page: Local plan additional comments

Please provide any additional comments in support of your representation I am pleased to see that Pendle have put together a comprehensive, well thought out and practical Local Plan. I am particularly pleased to see that the Upper Rough (LGS/PLP4/DM12/025) is defined as a Local Green Space in the Plan. This plot is easily accessible by residents and is very popular recreationally, with three recognised and promoted walks running across the field. It is also a very handy 'bridge' for children walking to school, reducing the distance needed to be walked on roads, improving safety, therefore. The space is also important for wildlife and especially for the Curlew, a ground-nesting bird populating the Rough at breeding time. The Curlew is a 'red-listed' bird and under threat, the Lower Rough already having been lost to housing. Many other species are resident there, too, including Barn Owls. Roe deer use the Rough to transit between other green areas. The Upper Rough is also important when considering the setting of Colne in the area overall, with long distance views of the Rough adding to the attractive scene, adding to its appeal for tourism as well as local residents. It lies outside Settlement Boundary and overlaps the Lidgett & Bents Conservation Area, adding to its appeal and protecting its character. Allowing urban sprawl onto the Rough would be very damaging to all of the above, destroying so much that local residents and visitors value so highly. This value was evidenced by the level of opposition to the development of the Lower Rough, previously passed only on appeal (in which the Inspector acknowledged both this value and the opposition). Another aspect I was pleased to see is the sensible and realistic level of new housing requirement. Previously, a much higher figure had been proposed by the local Planning Officer but this did not reflect the historic rate of increase of either population figures or employment potential. This has now been recognised with the more realistic figure entered in the Plan. I look forward to the Pendle Local Plan (Fourth Edition) being implemented as put forward here.

Do you wish to participate at the hearing sessions No

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