

Dear Sir / Madam,

Regulation 19 Public Consultation on the Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition

Thank you for inviting National Highways to comment on the above consultation.

We welcome the Borough's objective within the Local Plan to deliver a safe, sustainable transport network that improves connectivity, promotes walking and cycling and reduces the need to travel by car.

As a statutory consultee in the planning system, National Highways has a regulatory duty to cooperate.

Consequently, National Highways are obliged to give consideration to all proposals received and to provide appropriate, timely and substantive responses.

National Highways desire to be a proactive planning partner goes beyond this statutory role but follows the spirit of the Licence which states that National Highways should: "*support local and national economic growth and regeneration*".

National Highways is charged with operating, managing capacity, maintaining, and improving England's motorways and major A roads, which form the Strategic Road Network (SRN). In this instance the M65 runs west to east across Lancashire between Preston and Colne and provides onwards connectivity to the wider SRN and journey opportunities to the north of England, the Midlands, the east and southern England via the M6, M61 and the M66.

The extent of the National Highways management of the M65 extends from Junction 1 to Junction 10 at Burnley, with Lancashire County Council assuming responsibility for the remaining junctions and carriageway. The primary junctions which would experience a direct impact as a consequence of the Local Plan development and policies within the Borough of Pendle would be Junctions 14, 13 and 12, which are therefore outside of the SRN.

Having read through the updated/ amended version of the Local Plan, National Highways has no specific comments regard any of the amendments proposed but would welcome a continued dialogue with Pendle Council as the Local Plan goes through the next stage.

We look forward to working with you and please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any more information or clarification.

For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation, please send your correspondence to planningnw@highwaysengland.co.uk.

Kind Regards

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