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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition 2021-2040 –Submission for Examination in Public**

In accordance with the resolution of Council at the meeting held on 19 December 2024, and Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, I am pleased to submit to the Secretary of State, for examination, the Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition 2021-2040 ("the Local Plan").

Accompanying the Local Plan are the supporting documents and copies of the representations submitted in response to the statutory public consultation held in accordance with Regulation 19.

### **The Local Plan**

The Local Plan has been prepared in conformity with the policies of the December 2023 version of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and is submitted for examination in accordance with the transitional arrangements set out in Annex A of the NPPF published on 12 December 2024, as amended. It contains a suite of strategic planning policies, detailed development management policies, and allocates sufficient land to fully meet the borough's identified development needs up to 2040.

A draft policies map has been prepared showing how the policies of the Local Plan will be implemented across the borough.

On adoption the Local Plan will replace the policies of the Replacement Pendle Local Plan (2006), the Bradley Area Action Plan (2011) and the Pendle Core Strategy (2015). It will sit alongside four 'made' Neighbourhood Plans and the Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Plan (prepared by Lancashire County Council and the unitary authorities for Blackburn-with-Darwen and Blackpool).

## Submission Documents

A file transfer has been provided to you containing the Local Plan and the supporting documents relevant its production including:

1. Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition –Publication (Regulation 19) version
2. Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition –Policies Map (Regulation 19) (online only)
3. Sustainability Appraisal –Non-Technical Summary, Main Report and appendices including site scoring framework
4. Consultation Statement (Regulation 18)
5. Consultation Statement (Regulation 19 and Regulation 22 (1) (c) (v))
6. Duly made representations received in response to the Regulation 19 public consultation (pursuant to Regulation 20).
7. 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 (5 in total)
8. Letter to the Secretary of State (notification of submission)
9. Note of Planning Inspectorate (PINS) Advisory Visit

The Submission Documents are accompanied by a note issued by the PINS Inspector who conducted an Advisory Meeting with planning officers on 1 November 2024.

This submission has been made electronically but hard copies of all submission documents can be made available on request.

## Notice of Submission

In accordance with Regulation 22 (3):

- (a) The submission documents will be made available for public inspection as soon as possible after the date of submission.
- (b) Statutory consultees, the general consultation bodies and anyone submitting a representation in response to a public consultation on the Local Plan has been advised of the submission and where and when the submission documents are available for inspection.
- (c) The Council has issued a formal written notification of submission to those persons who requested to be notified of the submission of the local plan. A public notice has been published in the local press, and the submission has been advertised on the Council's website and through its social media channels.

## **Core Documents**

The Core Documents have informed the plan-making process or help to show how the Local Plan has been prepared in accordance with legal and procedural requirements.

The Submission and Core Documents List accompanying this submission, provides each document with a unique reference. If agreed, this list will form the basis of the Examination Library (see below).

## **Statements of Common Ground**

A Statement of Compliance has been prepared to show how the Council has addressed the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate. This statement is accompanied by five Statements of Common Ground (SoCG), one for each of local planning authorities sharing a boundary with Pendle. The SoCG are currently with the neighbouring authorities for signing. These documents will be made available to the Examination once they have been signed and returned to the Council.

## **Regulation 19 Representations**

Full un-redacted copies of the 138 duly made representations and 4 late submissions, received in response to the public consultation on the pre-submission (Publication Draft) of the Local Plan, also form part of the submission. The Regulation 19 Consultation Statement identifies the main issues raised in these representations.

At the request of PINS the Council has also provided a verbatim summary of the individual comments within these representations and provided an initial response to the matters that have been raised. These are detailed in Appendices 4 and 5 of the Consultation Statement.

The Council will enter into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the Planning Inspectorate. This includes a data sharing agreement confirming that Pendle Council is able to lawfully process personal data held in relation to representations. Redacted copies of these representations will be made publicly available.

## **Programme Officer**

The Council has appointed Yvonne Parker (Programme Officer Services Limited) as Programme Officer for the Examination of the Local Plan. Yvonne is independent of the Council and is an experienced Programme Officer, having previously worked on the Replacement Pendle Local Plan 2001-2016 (2006) and more recently Places for Everyone the joint Local Plan for Greater Manchester (2024). Yvonne's contact details are set out below:

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## **Examination Website and Library**

An Examination webpage has been prepared and is hosted on the Pendle Council website. The URL for this website is:

[www.pendle.gov.uk/LPExamination](http://www.pendle.gov.uk/LPExamination).

The Council will work with the appointed Inspector and Programme Officer to amend and update the webpage as necessary throughout the period of the Examination.

Under the direction of the appointed Inspector and Programme Officer the Council will maintain and update the Examination webpage and the Examination library throughout the duration of the Examination.

### **Schedule of Minor Modifications**

The Council has prepared a list of minor modifications to the Local Plan following consideration of the matters raised through the publication consultation. These modifications do not materially alter the policy approach that was consulted upon in accordance with Regulation 19.

### **Main Modifications**

the Council has submitted what it considers to be a sound plan. However, the Council requests that the appointed Inspector(s) recommend any Main Modifications they consider to be necessary. These modifications will be made available for further public consultation in accordance with the directions of the Inspector.

### **Hearing Sessions**

The proposed venue for the Examination hearings is the Wilson Room at Nelson Town Hall. This room meets all accessibility requirements and has been used previously for Local Plan examinations. We confirm that separate office facilities and on-site parking are available for the Inspectors sole use during the hearing sessions.

The purchase order for PINS is PBC001405 (copy attached).

If you have any queries, or experience any problems in accessing the submitted material, please contact me using the contact details at the top of this letter, or the planning policy email, which is:

- [planningpolicy@pendle.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@pendle.gov.uk).

We look forward to working with PINS to deliver a smooth and efficient examination. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely



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