

Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition 2021-2040

Adoption Statement

In accordance with:

- The Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
- The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012 (Regs. 26 & 35)
- The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (Reg. 16)

Date of Adoption

Notice is given that Pendle Borough Council, at its meeting on Thursday 18th December 2025, resolved to adopt the *Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition 2021-2040* (Development Plan Document) and policies map ("the Plan"), in accordance with the above regulations.

Mr William Fieldhouse BA (Hons) MA MRTPI, of the Planning Inspectorate, was appointed by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to conduct an independent examination of the Plan. The Hearing Sessions for the Examination took place over nine days in June and July 2025.

The Inspector's Report was published on 20th November 2025 and concluded that the Plan submitted by Pendle Council was sound and legally compliant, subject to the Inspector's recommended Main Modifications. The adopted version of the Plan incorporates these modifications.

In accordance with the Regulation 26 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, a copy of this Adoption Statement has been sent to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Subject Matter and Area Covered

The Plan is a key component of the statutory Development Plan for the Borough of Pendle. It replaces policies in the following documents, as detailed in Appendix 11 of the Plan.

- Replacement Pendle Local Plan (2006)
- Bradley Area Action Plan
- Pendle Core Strategy (2015)

The Plan outlines the spatial vision for development and growth in Pendle up to 2040. It provides an overarching framework for the promotion of sustainable development centred on 11 plan objectives, 14 strategic policies, 45 development management policies and 2 site allocation policies identifying 23 housing sites and 3 employment sites to give certainty to the public and development industry about the location of development and to help promote development activity early in the plan period.

Modifications

Pursuant of section 23 (3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Plan includes the modifications recommended by the Inspector who carried out the independent examination of the Plan (“Main Modifications”) and any minor changes associated with typographical errors etc. (“Additional Modifications”).

The full list of modifications to the Plan can be found in the ‘*Schedule of Main Modifications*’ published as an Appendix to the Inspector’s Report and the ‘*Schedule of Additional Modifications*’ published by the Council alongside the Inspector’s Report. These schedules are available on the Council website, Number One Market Street, Nelson and the main libraries in Nelson, Colne and Barnoldswick (see below).

Legal Challenge

Any person aggrieved by the adoption of the Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition 2021-2040 may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the grounds that:

- (i) The Plan is not within the powers conferred by Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
- (ii) A procedural requirement of the Act or its associated Regulations has not been complied with.

Any such application must be made promptly and, in any event, not later than six (6) weeks after the date on which the Local Plan was adopted – i.e. on or before **Thursday 29th January 2026**.

Availability of Documents

This adoption statement, the Plan and Sustainability Appraisal Report are available to view or download on the Pendle Council website at:

 www.pendle.gov.uk/lpexamination

Reference copies are also available at the following locations during their normal hours of opening:

Location	Venue, address and opening times (via link)
Barnoldswick	<u>Public Library</u> , Fernlea Avenue, Barnoldswick, BB18 5DW
Colne	<u>Public Library</u> , Market Street, Colne, BB8 0AP
Nelson	<u>Number One Market Street</u> , Market Street, Nelson, BB9 7LJ ¹ <u>Public Library</u> , Market Square, Nelson, BB9 7PU

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