

The Core Strategy

The Core Strategy will have a major influence on how new development changes Pendle's towns, villages and countryside over the next 15 years. The Council's Planning Officers will use the document on a daily basis to help them decide if the planning applications they receive make a positive contribution to our vision for the future of the borough.

What's changed?

This public consultation represents a small step-back in the preparation of the Core Strategy to provide you with an opportunity to tell us what you think about recent changes to the document. Key changes include: a new housing delivery target (Policy LIV1); a new employment land requirement (Policy WRK2); the proposed allocation of two strategic development sites (Policies LIV2 and WRK3); and better alignment with the government's requirement to build zero-carbon buildings (Policies ENV2 and ENV3).

The boards in this display provide a summary of what is in the Core Strategy and highlights (in the orange boxes) the policies where key changes have been made.

Have we got things right?

Are there any issues we still need to resolve?

Do you favour a different approach?

Strategic Objectives

1. Establish a hierarchy of settlements and assist regeneration by promoting the re-use of existing buildings and Brownfield sites and directing growth to the most sustainable locations.
2. Ensure that the infrastructure is capable of supporting both new and existing development, thereby helping to create sustainable communities.
3. Promote high quality design in new developments, our streets and public spaces, to create fully accessible, attractive and safe places to live, learn, work, play and visit.
4. Respond to the causes and potential impacts of climate change through a process of prevention, mitigation and adaptation.
5. Deliver sufficient, quality housing that is both appropriate and affordable, contributing to the creation of a balanced housing market.
6. Strengthen the local economy by facilitating economic growth, particularly where it supports economic diversification and rural regeneration.
7. Increase the choice, variety and quality of the retail offer and promote uses that contribute to the creation of a well-balanced, safe and socially inclusive night-time economy in our town centres.
8. Reduce inequalities by ensuring that new community, education and health care facilities and their services are fully accessible.
9. Protect, enhance and improve access to our green open spaces, sport and recreation facilities to improve health and well-being through the promotion of more active lifestyles, encouraging a greater appreciation of the enjoyment they provide and the valuable contribution they may make to biodiversity, landscape, the local economy and carbon reduction.
10. Ensure that new development respects our natural and man-made heritage, by seeking to protect, maintain and enhance those sites and habitats which are valued for the positive contribution they make to the character of our landscape, townscape or biodiversity.
11. Deliver a safe, sustainable transport network that improves both internal and external connectivity, reduces the need to travel by car, supports long-term growth and contributes to an improved environment.