

Framework



Welcome to the 32nd edition of Framework, the newsletter that keeps you up to date on the Local Plan and emerging planning policy here in Pendle.

On the 19th December 2014, following several rounds of public consultation and refinement of the evidence base, Pendle Council formally submitted its Core Strategy to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for independent Examination.

This edition of Framework focuses on the Examination and where you can find out more. Whilst there is some overlap with the content of the previous edition of Framework, we thought it would be useful for you to have everything you needed to help understand and access information on the Examination in a single document.

The Examination

The Examination of the Core Strategy commenced on the date it was submitted to the Secretary of State.

Guidance and information relating to the examination process can be found on the **Planning Inspectorate** website.

The Inspector

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has appointed Mr. Mark Dakeyne BA(Hons) MRTPI of the Planning Inspectorate to conduct an Examination to determine whether the Core Strategy is legally compliant and sound.

The Programme Officer

Pendle Council has appointed Mr. Derek Thomas as the Programme Officer for the Examination.

His role is to deal with all administrative, procedural and programming matters relating to the Examination, and works solely to the direction of the Inspector. All correspondence relating to the Examination should be directed to:

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The Hearing Sessions

The Public Hearing Sessions for the Examination will formally open on Tuesday 14th April 2015 at 9:30am.

Subsequent sessions will normally commence at 9:30am each day, and will be held at the following venues on the dates shown:

Venues	Days and Dates			
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
Wilson Room Town Hall Nelson	-	14 APR	15 APR	16 APR
The Play Room ACE Centre Nelson	27 APR	28 APR	29 APR	-

There will be a morning and afternoon session on each day.

The programme setting-out the matters to be discussed at each session will be published in due course.

The Examination page on the Council's website will be updated regularly, with copies of

any correspondence, new information and relevant documents.

Please keep checking the website for the latest information, by using the following link.

• www.pendle.gov.uk/examination



Submission Documents

The Core Strategy (Pre-Submission Report) – the version submitted for Examination – and the supporting documents are available to view and download from the Council's website:

www.pendle.gov.uk/corestrategy



Copies of these documents are also available to view, during normal opening hours, at the locations listed below.

- **Principal Planning Office**
Number One Market Street, Nelson, BB9 7LJ
T: 01282 661661
Open: Monday to Friday 08:45-16:00
- **Nelson Library**
Market Square, Nelson, BB9 7PU
T: 01282 692511
- **Colne Library**
Market Street, Colne, BB8 0AP
T: 01282 871155
- **Barnoldswick Library**
Fernlea Avenue, Barnoldswick, BB18 5DW
T: 01282 812147
Open: Monday to Saturday, please check opening times with the library before visiting.

Opportunity to Speak

The Hearing Sessions provide an opportunity for the Inspector to clarify and / or seek additional information on any issues relating to the 'soundness' of the Core Strategy.

The Inspector has already written to each person who submitted a formal written representation in response to the recent public consultation on the Pre-Submission Draft to:

- ask if they wish to speak at a Hearing Session.
- inform them about the preliminary matters and issues he has identified.

The matters and issues will form the basis of the Hearing Sessions. They can be viewed on the **Examination** webpage (Document I/005), under the heading Key Examination Documents.

Members of the public are not allowed to speak at a Hearing Session, but can attend and observe the proceedings.

Document Library

The Council will maintain two important lists of documents throughout the course of the Examination.

1. The **Core Documents List** contains details of the strategies, action plans etc. that have been referred to by the Council in the preparation of the Core Strategy.
2. The **Examination Documents List** includes copies of any correspondence, hearing statements or reports prepared during the examination period.

Links to both lists can be found on the **Examination** webpage.

Wherever possible, both lists include a link to a website where an electronic copy of the document can be viewed.

Hard copies of all documents are available to view via the Programme Officer, who has an office in the reception area at Nelson Town Hall.

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The ACE Centre

Preparations for the General Election in May mean that the second week of Hearing Sessions for the Core Strategy Examination will be held in The Play Room at the ACE Centre in Nelson.

The ACE Centre is one of the regions newest destinations for arts, culture and enterprise. Operated and managed by Pendle Leisure Trust, it provides a high quality venue for corporate events and functions.



Facilities include a recording studio, cinema, drama studio, exhibition space for local artists and serviced office accommodation. And the Courtyard Bar & Bistro offers the opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal or quick snack in relaxed and friendly surroundings.

Right to Build

The Government is committed to increasing housing supply and helping more people to own a home of their own. Custom and self-build housing can play a crucial role in helping to secure greater diversity in the housing market, as well as helping to deliver the homes people want.

The Right to Build seeks to improve the availability of suitable, serviced plots of land for custom build. Local authorities will be required to open, promote and maintain a register for prospective builders so they can assess demand and at the same time look at sites in their ownership to see if they are suitable to be released for custom build housing.

Pendle has been named as one of eleven national vanguards to test how **Right to Build** might work in practice. It will not be a free-for-all. Those looking to build will still need to go through the normal planning application process. But it will open up the opportunity to self-build beyond those with "grand designs" so more people can realise their self-build ambitions.

For further information, or to register your interest in the scheme, please see the Council's **website**.

Document Progress

This summary is based on our Local Development Scheme. It shows you which stage we have reached in preparing each of the documents to be included in the Pendle Local Plan.

Document type / title	Stage			
Local Plan Documents				
Core Strategy			3	
Site Allocations & Development Policies	1			
Bradley Area Action Plan				4
Supplementary Planning Documents				
Conservation Area Design Guidance				4
Design Principles				4
Open Countryside & AONB				
Brierfield Canal Corridor				4
Brierfield Railway Street Area				4

- 1 **Regulation 18**
A period of ongoing informal consultation seeking to identify the key issues to be addressed and consider all reasonable alternatives for dealing with these issues.
- 2 **Regulation 19 (12 SPD)**
Publication stage – a formal six-week public consultation to consider what the Council believes to be the 'final' version of its document.
- 3 **Regulations 22 and 24 (not SPDs)**
Independent examination (Regulation 24) of the document submitted to the Secretary of State (Regulation 22).
- 4 **Regulation 26 (14 SPD)**
Document adopted.