

Mark Roberts

Pendle Core Strategy Examination

Hearing Statement Session 4

Dear Mr Dakeyne

I have a number of further comments in addition to the representations I have submitted to Pendle Borough Council's consultation process. I would be grateful if you could review and consider as part of the Examination process of the Pendle Borough Council (proposed) Core Strategy.

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Noting your comments in relation to the amount of housing proposed in the borough. The Council's use of the 2012 SNPP figures is a weak point in the assumptions that they have made, particularly in their assertion that there is a requirement for a strategic allocation of Greenfield land at Trough Laithe. I would urge you to review the latest DCLG household projections (where household projections are predicted to fall in Pendle and remain static in the adjoining Borough Burnley 2012 - 2021), released February 15, in light of the approach Pendle Borough Council have taken. These numbers simply do not underpin the requirement for a strategic allocation of a Greenfield site on this scale, particularly given that the Council have not factored in to their calculations the re-use of existing empty homes within the Borough – or within adjoining authority areas such as Burnley, where there are large scale areas of housing that could be re-used/redeveloped as sustainable brownfield sites.