

Pendle Core Strategy Examination

Pendle Borough Council

Hearing Statement

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Matter – Implementation, Monitoring and Flexibility

1. Will the CS provide a robust policy basis for determination of applications and not become outdated?

- 1.1 The Core Strategy provides a set of robust policies which will allow the decision maker to determine planning applications in line with the principles of sustainable development. The policies are founded on a robust and credible evidence base and incorporate mechanisms to allow them to be updated or reviewed. The monitoring framework at the end of each policy has been developed to include trigger points to ensure that policies are being adequately implemented. The monitoring process will allow the Council to identify any potential areas where a review of the plan is required or where the stated contingencies need to be used.

2. Is the Monitoring Framework, including the indicators and targets/triggers, SMART?

- 2.1 The monitoring framework has been developed in line with the SMART procedure. The indicators, targets and triggers are specific, referring to particular aspects of the policy.
- 2.2 They are measurable as they require the use of data that can be collected and quantified from well-established datasets.
- 2.3 They are achievable and realistic being established from a consideration of the evidence including looking at past trends and future projections.
- 2.4 The triggers are set at different intervals and are time-bound to enable time-series data to be used to establish whether any management action needs to be taken.
- 2.5 This approach should ensure that the implementation and delivery of the Core Strategy is successful. Where monitoring shows that certain elements are off-course management action can be taken to rectify or modify the approach. This may include a full or partial review of the plan.