

# PENDLE CORE STRATEGY EXAMINATION

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## **Agenda - Session 3**

**14.00 Tuesday 14 April 2015**

**The Wilson Room, Nelson Town Hall**

**Matter - The Environment, Design and Energy**

The purpose of this session is to consider whether the policies of the CS on the built and natural environments and design are justified and will be effective.

Policies ENV1 to ENV7 deal with a range of environmental and design issues whilst there are separate policies on the design of homes, places of work and public places.

### **Issues**

1. Will the policies of the Plan be effective in protecting the natural and built environment?  
Does Policy ENV1 provide sufficient distinction between different levels of designation (paragraph 113 of the Framework refers)?  
How is paragraph 113 of the Framework and the reference to criteria based policies for development affecting wildlife, geo-diversity and landscape reflected in the Plan?  
Is the reference to harm to heritage assets within Policy ENV2 too restrictive?
2. Have biodiversity and green infrastructure considerations been fully taken into account in preparing the Plan, including cross boundary wildlife sites and networks?
3. Does Policy ENV2 sufficiently promote and reinforce local distinctiveness such as that arising from the Leeds-Liverpool Canal?
4. Are the requirements for sustainable design within the policies of the Plan such as Policy ENV2 too prescriptive and likely to affect the viability of new development?  
Are there any implications for the wording of Policy ENV2 from the Government's announcement about possible exemptions for small builders from low carbon/zero carbon requirements?
5. Is the strong encouragement for the use of Building for Life standards justified?
6. Is the plan sufficiently clear on what is expected from developers in terms of sustainable design/construction measures?  
Are any such measures consistent with the Government's zero carbon buildings policy and nationally described standards?  
Are any modifications required to the Plan in the light of the Government's recent review of Housing Standards and the possibility of adopting optional

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Building Regulations through local plan policies if evidenced clearly?

## **Main Evidence Base**

CD/08/06 – Pendle Biodiversity Audit

CD/08/17 – Forest of Bowland AONB Management Plan

CD/08/20 – Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Study

CD/10/01 – North West Best Practice Design Guide

## **Suggested Modifications**

A number of changes are proposed to the text and policies in response to representations from English Heritage, particularly to the Spatial Vision, Chapter 8 and Policies ENV1 and ENV 2. Modifications are also suggested to Policies ENV 1, ENV 2, ENV3 and ENV7 to make them more concise, reflect national policy and improve clarity.

## **Participants**

PBC (*statement HS3/001*)

Jane Wood, Friends of the Earth (FOE) (*representation 619588*)

Pam Smith (*representation 868476*)

John and Alison Plackett (*representation 868022*)

Martyn Coy, Canal and River Trust (*representation 867015*)

Michael Courcier, Barton Wilmore (for Junction Property Limited) (*statement HS3/002 and representation 818046*)

Matthew Good, HBF (*representation 755915*)

John Lamb, Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside (*statement HS3/003 and representation 327387*)