

Agenda - Session 8
12.00 Thursday 16 April 2015
The Wilson Room, Nelson Town Hall
Matter - Retail

The purpose of this session is to consider whether the approach of the CS to the retail hierarchy and shopping provision is sound.

Policy SDP5 refers to major retail development being located in the main town centres of Nelson, Colne and Barnoldswick. There is no reference to the specific capacity of existing centres to accommodate new town centre development. The Council indicates that existing commitments have satisfied the need for convenience goods floorspace but that there is a small amount of capacity for comparison goods from 2023 onwards (see C/004).

Issues

1. Is the Plan clear as to the position of centres in the retail hierarchy?
In this respect should Policy SDP5 be more explicit as to the definition of the hierarchy of centres (for example in the form of a table)?
Are Brierfield, Barrowford and Earby correctly defined as Local Shopping Centres (rather than District Centres)?
2. Is the Plan clear in indicating the up to date capacity for convenience and comparison goods floorspace in its area, taking into account recent commitments?
3. Is the Plan clear as to the capacity for floorspace in each centre in the retail hierarchy to facilitate the management and growth of the centres?
4. Does Policy WRK4 provide a clear policy for the consideration of proposals for main town centre uses which cannot be accommodated in or adjacent to town centres?
Is the policy unduly restrictive? For example should there be greater flexibility in allowing non-retail uses in Primary Shopping Areas and Primary and Secondary Frontages to enhance vitality and viability?
5. Does the CS plan positively for the future of Nelson Town Centre to encourage economic activity and arrest its decline?
How is an improvement in the retail offer in Nelson Town Centre to be achieved (paragraph 11.88 refers)?

Main Evidence Base

CD/06/01 – Pendle Retail Capacity Study
CD/06/02 – Pendle Retail Capacity Update

C/004 – Council response to Inspector's Further Questions

Suggested Modifications

The text of paragraph 11.94 has been updated and paragraph 11.93 deleted to reflect recent retail commitments (MM032 and MM033).

Participants

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