

Framework



Booths, Barrowford

Welcome to the 36th edition of *Framework*, the newsletter that keeps you up to date on the Local Plan and emerging planning policy here in Pendle.

After 35 editions we are finally pleased to announce the adoption of our Core Strategy. But it doesn't stop there!

We have already started work on Part 2 of the new Pendle Local Plan and hope to have a draft out for public comment by the end of the year.

Our commitment to early and meaningful engagement with the local community is embodied in the Statement of Community Involvement, which we hope to adopt next month. This resolve will then be tested through a review of the Green Belt and the preparation of a new Green Infrastructure Strategy.

Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy

Adoption

Pendle Council adopted the 'Core Strategy' at its meeting on Thursday 17th December 2015.

In the six weeks following the date of adoption, anyone who felt that the process by which the decision was made was unlawful could challenge it through the courts. When the period ended on Thursday 28th January 2016 no requests for a judicial review had been lodged with the High Court.

Councillor Julie Henderson, the Executive Member with responsibility for planning, said:

"This confirms the Inspector's view that the Council has been transparent and followed a logical process in developing and adopting its Core Strategy."

"The policies in the Core Strategy allow the Council to continue to support sustainable growth in Pendle."

"It is testament to the dedication and professionalism of our officers and elected members in striving to find an appropriate balance between supporting housing and economic growth, whilst also protecting the high quality environment that residents of Pendle value so much."

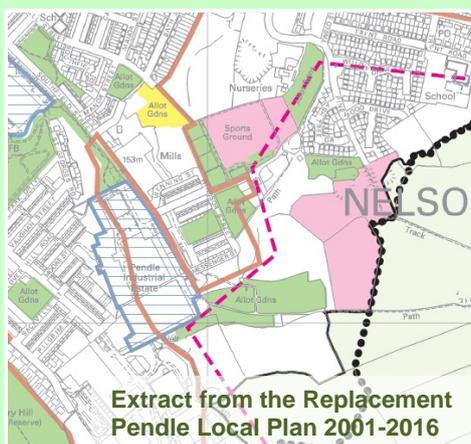
The adopted version of the **Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy** is now available to view or download from the Council's website. Reference copies are also available in Council Shops and Public Libraries throughout Pendle.

What Happens Next?

The Core Strategy is the first element in a new two-part Local Plan.

We have now started work on the preparation of **Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations & Development Policies**. Specifically this document will:

- Allocate specific sites for future development.
- Identify sensitive and highly valued areas of the Borough where development will be resisted (e.g. public open space, Biological Heritage Sites etc.), or required to meet higher standards of design in order to help conserve their quality (e.g. Conservation Areas, the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty etc.).
- Set-out detailed policies, which supplement a policy in the Core Strategy (e.g. retail development).



Extract from the Replacement Pendle Local Plan 2001-2016

Policies Replaced

The following policies in the **Replacement Pendle Local Plan 2001-2016** (adopted 18th May 2006) have been fully replaced following the adoption of the Core Strategy and will no longer be referred to in the determination of planning applications:

- Policy 5: Renewable Energy Resources (Replaced by Policy ENV3)
- Policy 6: Development & Flood Risk (Replaced by Policy ENV7)
- Policy 7: Water Resource Protection (Replaced by Policy ENV7)
- Policy 14: Trees, Woodland & Hedgerows (Replaced by Policy ENV1)
- Policy 18: Housing Market Renewal (Deleted, not replaced)
- Policy 20: Quality Housing Provision (Replaced by Policy LIV5)
- Policy 21: Provision of Open Space in New Development (Replaced by Policy LIV5)
- Policy 24: Employment in Rural Areas (Replaced by Policies WRK1, WRK2 & WRK5)
- Policy 28: Retail & Service Provision in Villages (Replaced by Policies SDP5, WRK4, SUP1)
- Policy 30: Sustainable Transport Modes (Replaced by Policy ENV4)
- Policy 36: Leeds-Liverpool Canal Corridor (Replaced by Policy WRK5)
- Policy 37: East Lancashire Regional Park (Deleted, not replaced)

All other policies remain valid, **but** only insofar as they are in compliance with the **National Planning Policy Framework** (NPPF), introduced by the Government in March 2012.

Barrowford Neighbourhood Plan

The area to be covered by the **Barrowford Neighbourhood Plan** was officially designated by the Council's Executive at its meeting on Thursday 22nd October 2015.



Pendle Heritage Centre

The Parish Council has established a Steering Group to prepare a draft plan for public consultation during 2016.

Following a successful bid for funding from **Locality** (the national network of ambitious and enterprising community-led organisations), the Parish Council has appointed Burnley-based consultancy **Kirkwells** to provide specialist advice and assistance.

East Colne & Villages Neighbourhood Area

In February the Council received a submission from Colne Town Council. In partnership with the Parish Councils in Laneshawbridge and Trawden, they propose to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for an area that covers each parish in-full and the area around Lidgett in Colne (see below). A public consultation in March / April will help the Council to decide if the proposed area should be approved.



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Other News

A quick update on what's happening elsewhere in planning policy.

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

Eight formal representations were received in response to the six week public consultation held between 6th November and 18th December 2015. These raised 25 separate issues for consideration and resulted in officers recommending a number of minor changes to the Draft SCI.

These proposed changes will go before the Council's **Executive**, on Thursday 17th March, with a recommendation to adopt the revised document.

Green Belt Assessment

This review will be the first to consider the full extent of the **Green Belt** in the borough, since it was formally designated in the Pendle Local Plan adopted in January 1999.

The Council received 12 proposals to carry out the work over the next six months. Following a rigorous assessment and interview process, the contract has been awarded to DLP Planning of Sheffield.

Green Infrastructure Strategy

Key stakeholders recently attended an inception meeting at Nelson Town Hall.

Based on the views expressed at this meeting, the Scoping Report for this new study will be revised and circulated for comment before work commences.

Key components of this work will be an update of the Open Space Audit adopted in 2008 and a new Playing Pitch Strategy.

Oak Mill, Colne



Brownfield Register

Pendle Council has secured £10,000 to fund the preparation of a new register that will grant *automatic planning permission in principle* on previously developed land identified on these registers, subject to the approval of a limited number of technical details.

The joint submission with the Council's in Hyndburn and Rossendale was one of just 36 bids to secure funding from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG).

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	4
Site Allocations & Development Policies	1
Bradley Area Action Plan	4
Supplementary Planning Documents	
Conservation Area Design Guidance	4
Design Principles	4
Open Countryside & AONB	4
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.