

Scrutiny Review of Town Centres

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MONITORING REPORT – OCTOBER, 2015

Councillors Marjorie Adams, Smith Benson, Tommy Cooney, Lindsay Gaskell (Leader), Ann Kerrigan and Ian Tweedie

Actions	Accepted/ Rejected	Executive Response	HAS THE ACTION BEEN <u>FULLY</u> IMPLEMENTED? (If No, please state reasons/ report any progress to date in next column)	PROGRESS (Please indicate (1) the steps you have taken, (2) what remains to be done and (3) the anticipated date of full implementation)
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5.5 In developing the new Local Plan consideration should be given to (a) the potential benefits of amending some town centre boundaries, e.g. reducing Nelson's and extending Barrowford's to include Gisburn Road as far as Newbridge.	ACCEPTED	<i>The Development Management Development Plan Document ("DPD") will be the detailed part of the Local Plan for Pendle. The DPD will allow the Council to consider what the town centre boundaries for each of our towns should be.....</i>	NO	The Core Strategy has been through its Examination in Public and the DMDPD will follow on from that.
(b) exploring any opportunities to address problems caused by Use Classes, especially, e.g.	ACCEPTED	<i>.....It will set planning policies that will determine what town centre uses are to be allowed in each of the town centres.</i>	NO	Town centre development plans are being worked on for Nelson, Colne and Brierfield and issues identified

<p>where these apply to empty premises.</p>				<p>from these will feed into planning policies for alternative uses.</p>
<p>(c) exploring the potential benefits to our town centres of introducing our own permitted development rights.</p>	<p>ACCEPTED</p>	<p><i>Uses that are seen by the Council to be acceptable will lead to discussions on whether the introduction of Local Development Orders would be appropriate to automatically grant consent between uses. The Government following the Heseltine Review, are looking at ways to speed up the process of introducing such orders. The Planning Manager will bring a report forward at the appropriate time.</i></p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>The Planning & Building Control Manager indicates that there has been no national progress on speeding up the introduction of LDOs. There are however a national suite of permitted rights to use empty properties for different uses excluding takeaways.</p>