



Mr. N. Watson,  
Planning Manager,  
Pendle Borough Council,  
Nelson Town Hall,  
Market Street,  
Nelson BB9 7LG

7<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Mr. Watson,

### **Area Designation and Intention to Prepare a Neighbourhood Plan**

I write on behalf of Colne Town Council to register the Council's intention to prepare a Colne Town Neighbourhood Plan. This is in line with the Government's new approach to planning, which aims to give local people more say about how their area is developed.

Colne Town Council forms a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Localism Act of 2011. The Council is a qualifying body in regards to the making of this Area Designation application.

Attached is a boundary map of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan area for Colne which corresponds to the Parish boundary.

As part of the preparation discussions held at Town Council meetings and its working party, calling on input and assistance from the Lidgett & Beyond Charity and with the intention to engage with similar groups from North Valley and Waterside, we have identified several key areas of focus for our Neighbourhood Plan which are relevant to the area as a whole and to specific parts of the area, many of which flow down from and support Pendle's Core Strategy. These include:

- Sustainable housing developments in appropriate locations, mindful of the settlement hierarchy, but sensitively designed and built, with enhanced infrastructure and the ability to be offered for sale at affordable prices for local people
- Preserving and enhancing our Conservation Areas, our heritage assets, landscapes and rural/semi-rural character
- Promoting our local and rural economies and community resources
- Promoting recreation, leisure and wellbeing initiatives to be attractive to residents and visitors

I look forward to receiving your acknowledgment of receipt of this letter and to progressing the Area Designation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'S E Cockburn-Price'.

Sarah Cockburn-Price  
Chairman of Colne Town Council