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Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition Preferred Options Consultation

What's happening?

The <u>Council's Executive on Thursday 25 May 2023</u>, approved the first draft of a new Local Plan for public consultation.

The closing date for receipt of comments is **5.00pm on Friday 18 August 2023**.

Where can I see the consultation documents?

View the <u>Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition Consultation documents</u> and <u>other</u> <u>evidence base documents already adopted by Pendle Council.</u>

Copies of the draft Local Plan will also be available to view at the following locations during their normal opening hours:

- Number One, Market Street, Nelson BB9 7LJ
- Nelson Library, Market Square, Nelson BB9 7PU
- Colne Library, Market Street, Colne BB8 0AP
- Barnoldswick Library, Fernlea Avenue, Barnoldswick BB18 5DW
- Brierfield Library, Colne Road, Brierfield BB9 5HW
- Barrowford Library, Ann Street, Barrowford BB9 8QH
- Earby Library, Earby Community Centre, New Road, Earby BB18 6XA

A copy of the Local Plan should also be available at the office of your local parish or town council.

You can request a paper copy of the consultation documents in exceptional circumstances, but there will be a charge for printing and postage. To request a copy email planningpolicy@pendle.gov.uk

Consultation Events

We will be hosting a series of in-person and online events during the consultation period to give anyone interested in the Local Plan the opportunity to find out more about our proposals. Please visit one of our drop-in sessions, where you can view our proposals and speak to a planning officer who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Venues and dates to be confirmed

A number of online events will be hosted on Microsoft Teams. These will feature an area specific presentation on the Local Plan followed by a question-and-answer session.

Places are limited and restricted to one place per person across all events. Please book in advance if you would like to attend by contacting planningpolicy@pendle.gov.uk

Dates and times to be confirmed

You can keep up to date about what is happening on social media by following Pendle Council on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> or <u>Instagram</u>.

Following the public consultation we will publish a Consultation Statement. This will provide a summary of all the comments we have received and list any changes we have made to the Local Plan to address this feedback.

How can I comment?

The consultation runs for eight weeks from:

9:00am Friday, 23 June 2023 to 5:00pm Friday, 18 August 2023

Comments received outside the consultation period may not be considered.

Please comment using our **online representation form**.

A Microsoft Word version of the consultation form is also available to download.

You can respond by email or letter. Be clear about which part of the Local Plan (or supporting document) you are commenting on and try to suggest wording that would overcome any objections you may have.

- Email: planningpolicy@pendle.gov.uk
- Address: Pendle Council, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services, Town Hall, Market Street, Nelson BB9 7LG

Local Green Space Nominations

As part of this consultation we are also accepting nominations for sites that are:

- ➤ demonstrably special to a local community in terms of their beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of wildlife
- > accessible to members of the local community
- > local in character, but do not form an extensive tract of land.

To nominate a site as Local Green Space please complete the online representation form below, or download and return the word version of this form to planningpolicy@pendle.gov.uk or Pendle Council, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services, Town Hall, Market Street, Nelson BB9 7LG.

Local Green Space Nomination Form (online version)

Local Green Space Nomination Form (Word version)

Site nominations will be accepted until 5pm on Friday 18 August 2023.

What happens next?

The <u>Local Development Scheme (LDS)</u> sets out the timetable for the plan-making process. We hope to:

- Feedback on our assessment of all nominated sites and those shortlisted for designation as Local Green Space (Autumn 2023).
- Consult on the final draft of the Local Plan (Spring 2024).
- Submit the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination (Summer 2024).
- Adopt the Pendle Local Plan 4th Edition (Autumn/Winter 2024).



Public Consultation Pendle Local Plan 4th Edition 2021-2040

The policies in our Local Plan will guide development and growth in Pendle up to 2040. They tell applicants what we expect from new development and help the Council to decide whether to approve, or refuse, applications for planning permission.

The Local Plan and all supporting documents are available to view on the Pendle Council website, and at the following locations during their normal opening hours:

- Number One Market Street, Nelson, BB9 7LJ
- Public libraries in Barnoldswick, Barrowford, Brierfield, Colne, Earby and Nelson
- Parish and Town Council offices

Please tell us if our strategy balances the need to provide more homes and employment opportunities with the need to protect the environment.

Send your comments to:



Planning Policy, Pendle Borough Council, Town Hall, Market Street, Nelson BB9 7LG



planningpolicy@pendle.gov.uk

For further information:



www.pendle.gov.uk/localplan



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Closing date is 5pm on Friday 18 August 2023



PLANNING OUR FUTURE

Have your say on future developments in Pendle!

We're preparing a new Local Plan for Pendle and would like to hear from you.

Find out what it means for you by joining us at one of our information sessions either online or in person.

Visit our website to view the draft Local Plan, view the documents and comment.

A new local plan for Pendle

Drop-in area events

Monday 3 July

1-4pm - Rainhall Centre, Barnoldswick

Tuesday 4 July

9am-12noon - Brierfield Community Centre 1-4pm - Earby Community Centre and Library

Thursday 6 July

9am-12noon - Holmefield House, Barrowford 1-4pm - Colne Market Hall

Friday 7 July

9am-12noon - Yates Room, Nelson Town Hall

Monday 10 July

9am-12noon - Rainhall Centre, Barnoldswick 1-4pm - Holmefield House, Barrowford

Wednesday 12 July

9am-12noon - Colne Market Hall 1-4pm - Yates Room, Nelson Town Hall

Thursday 13 July

1-4pm - Brierfield Community Centre

Friday 14 July

9am-12noon - Earby Community Centre and Library

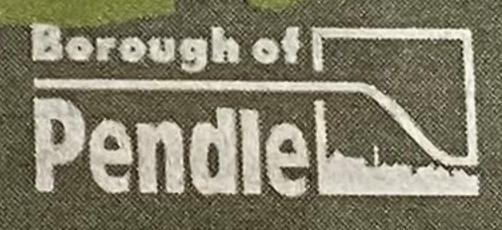
Online MS Teams meetings

7.30pm-9pm

Monday 10 July - M65 Corridor Urban
Tuesday 11 July - West Craven
Wednesday 12 July - M65 Corridor Rural
Monday 17 July - West Craven
Tuesday 18 July - M65 Corridor Rural
Wednesday 19 July - M65 Corridor Urban

Register your interest to join us online by emailing planningpolicy@pendle.gov.uk

www.pendle.gov.uk/LPconsultation







Welcome to Issue 54 of Framework, the newsletter that keeps you up to date with progress on the Local Plan and other planning policy matters in Pendle.

We are about to consult on the first draft of our new Local. Its policies are likely to affect all of us on a daily basis, as they will be used to guide development and growth in Pendle up to 2040.

Using the latest evidence we have identified a new annual housing requirement and reviewed the need to allocate land for other types of development. Now we would like to hear what you think about our proposals. Will they, as intended, make Pendle a better place to live, or have we missed something?

Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition

Why do we need a Local Plan?

The planning system in England is plan-led. Like all local authorities in the country we are required to prepare a Local Plan to guide development in the area.

What does the Local Plan do?

The Pendle Local Plan (4th Edition) sets out what we want new development proposals to achieve in the period up to 2040.



We use a range of strategic planning policies, development management policies and site allocations to:

- Establish the amount of land that needs to be developed for housing, employment and community use.
- Make clear where new growth and development should take place.
- Identify the features that must be included in any development.
- Offer guidance on what new development should look like.

Do planning policies matter?

The policies in the Local Plan tell anyone intending to apply for planning permission what we will expect from them. They help us decide whether an application for planning permission should be approved or refused.

Why should I get involved?

Each year the Council receives around 1,000 planning applications. Proposals range from minor alterations or extensions to a house through to the construction of a new housing estate, business park or shopping centre.

Applications for planning permission often raise objections from members of the public; so we know that many of you have an opinion on what new development should be like.

You have previously told us that you want Pendle to be ...

- ... a place where quality of life continues to improve; where people respect one another and their neighbourhoods and everyone aspires to reach their full potential.
- ... a place that is recognised locally, regionally and nationally as a great area to live, learn, work, play and visit.

Has anything changed?

Your views will help to ensure that the policies in the Local Plan are helping to meet our aspirations to create a better future for Pendle by ensuring that new development:

- Takes place in the right place at the right time.
- Helps to minimise the number of journeys to be made by car.
- Reduces the chances of increasing flood risk.

- Promotes access to green open spaces and the countryside.
- Encourages healthy lifestyles.
- Ensures a net gain for wildlife habitats and species (biodiversity).

What should I do next?

Please take a look our draft Local Plan on our website, at your local library or in the offices of your local parish or town council.

Then send us your comments by letter, email or online form before the end of the consultation period.

Consultation Period

9am Friday 23 June 2023 to 5pm Friday 18 August 2023

We will hold public drop-in sessions at venues throughout Pendle and host a series of online meetings during the consultation. Please come along and speak to us at one of these events.

We will continue to seek your approval over the next 12 to 18 months. But it is at this early stage that the future direction of planning in Pendle will be established.

If we are to prepare planning policies that truly meet your needs and expectations, we need to hear your views.

On the reverse of this newsletter, we have set out a few key questions for you to consider. We are sure you will have many more.







Some key questions

The policies in the Local Plan address a wide range of issues. Our first draft, known as the Preferred Options Report, sets out how the planning system will respond to these issues.

Location of development

Should we only direct growth to those places that are already able to accommodate new development, or should we allow development to take place elsewhere, provided that essential facilities and services can be upgraded to cope?

New homes

Households are typically getting smaller, and people are living longer. What types of homes do we need to provide? Where are they most needed? How many need to be affordable to buy or rent?

Have your say!

The climate emergency

Climate change is a global issue, but will what we are proposing help to:

- · Reduce carbon emissions?
- Use energy more efficiently and generate energy from renewable sources?
- · Minimise flood risk?

Health and wellbeing

Obesity, particularly amongst young children, is a key concern. To help encourage people to adopt more healthy lifestyles, should we seek to:

- Protect, enhance and improve access to green open spaces in our built-up areas?
- Resist the opening of hot food takeaways outside town centres?

Developer contributions

Recognising that developers need to make a profit, even in areas with poor economic viability, what are our priorities when seeking financial contributions from developers?

- Affordable housing?
- Highway improvements?
- Footpaths and cycleways?

Employment opportunities

We want to create an economy that is able to cope better during an economic downturn. We also want to encourage good quality jobs paying higher wages. Do we need to continue to protect existing employment sites, or should we allow vacant land and premises to be re-used for housing?



Vibrant town centres

The number of people shopping online is increasing. To what extent should we allow other uses into our town and village centres, so that they can continue to be the vibrant places we want to visit?

Local Green Space

Are there any green spaces close to where you live that are highly valued by the people who live or work in your community, or visit the area on a regular basis?

Tell us what you think!

Movement and connection

High-speed broadband enables us to work and shop from home. This helps to reduce the need to make short journeys by car. But are improvements to our transport network still needed, and where?

These are just some of the questions you may have.

It's not possible to write a plan that will satisfy everyone. We will need to make compromises along the way. But if our Local Plan to be the best it can be, we need to know if you agree, or disagree, with what we are suggesting.

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Document Progress

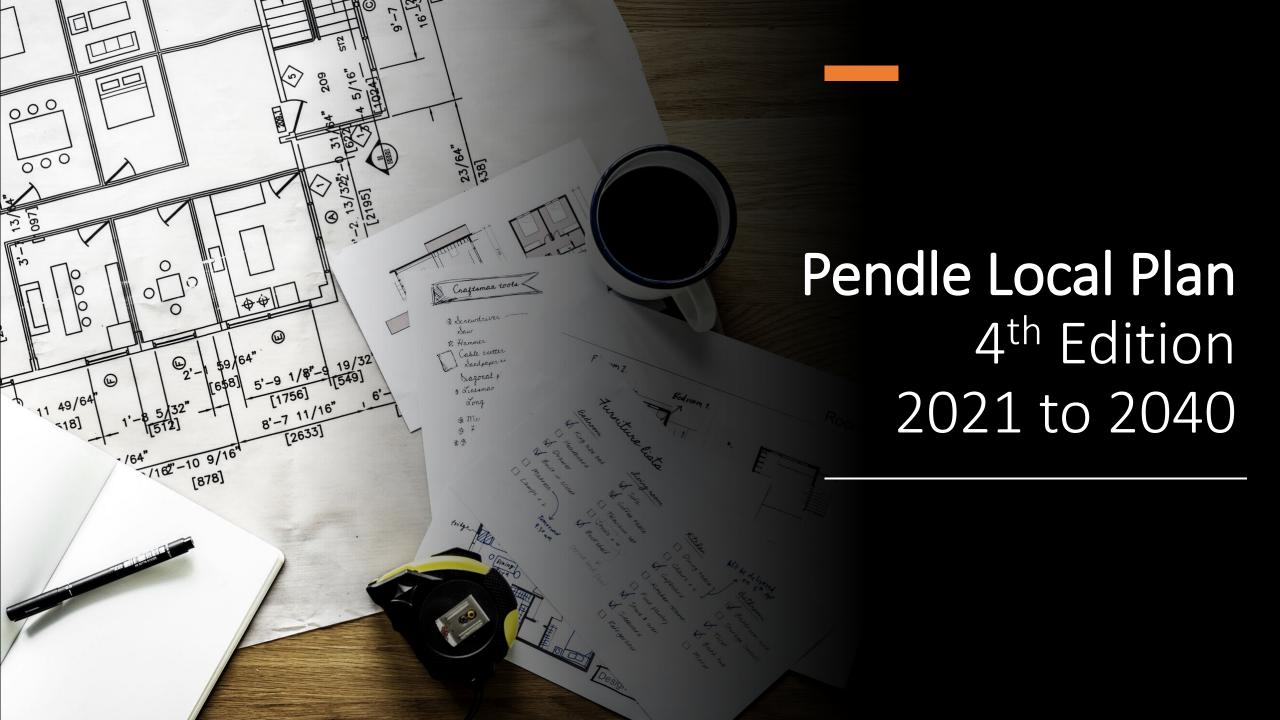
This summary is based on our Local Development Scheme (LDS). It shows the stage we have reached in preparing new planning policy documents.

Development Plan Documents					
Bradley Area Action Plan					
Core Strategy					
Pendle Local Plan: Fourth Edition					
Neighbourhood Plans					
Trawden Forest					
Barrowford					
Kelbrook and Sough					
Colne					
Supplementary Planning Documents					
Conservation Area Design Guidance					
Design Principles					
Open Countryside & AONB					
Brierfield Canal Corridor					
Brierfield Railway Street Neighbourhood					
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- Plan preparation and evidence gathering. Includes informal discussion with key stakeholders and other interested parties.
- Formal public consultation to consider the first draft of the Plan, which is then amended to reflect the comments received.
- Formal public consultation to consider the final draft of the Plan. After the consultation the unaltered Plan and any comments received are subject to independent examination. This stage does not apply to Supplementary Planning Documents.
- Document formally adopted by Pendle Council.

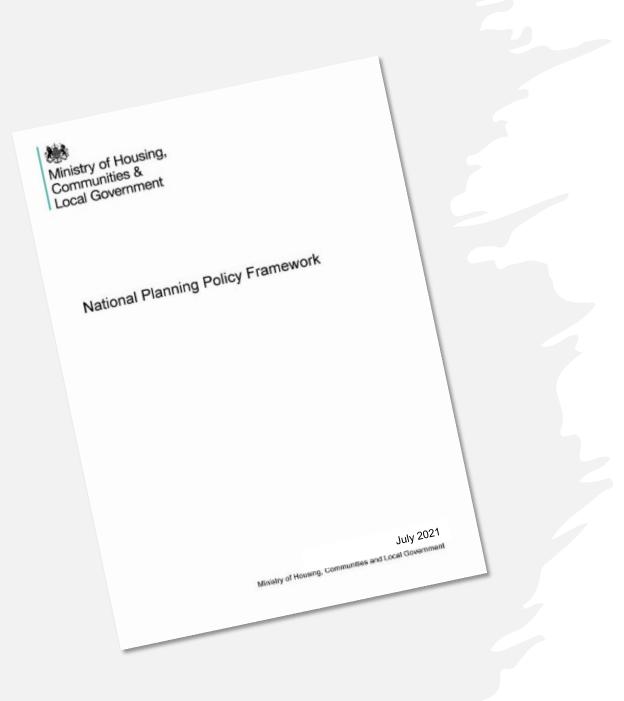








What is the Local Plan?



In England the planning system is plan-led

The Government requires all local authorities to prepare a Local Plan for their area.

Decisions on planning applications are made in accordance with the Local Plan unless other matters (known as "material considerations") need to be taken into account.

The Local Plan must be in general conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which is published by the Government.



The Pendle Local Plan considers our development needs up to 2040

It sets out:

- A vision for what we want Pendle to be like in 2040.
- How much development is needed for housing, employment and other uses.
- Where growth will take place and what new development should look like.
- Promotes good design to help:
 - address the climate emergency
 - enhance our quality of life
 - improve our health and wellbeing
 - provide a net gain for wildlife habitats and species (biodiversity)

The Local Plan also helps to:

- Protect the best of our natural and historic environment, so it can be enjoyed by future generations.
- Promote the recycling of urban land to prevent encroachment into the Green Belt, which helps to ensure that our towns and villages do not merge into one another.
- Prioritises the re-use of previously developed land (Brownfield sites) to help minimise the amount of construction on the fields at the edge of our towns and villages (Greenfield sites).





The policies in the Local Plan:

- Are used by our planning officers, to help them decide whether to approve, or refuse, applications for planning permission.
- Provide applicants with information about the design features we expect to see in new developments – for example, making sure that traditional features are retained on buildings in our conservation areas.



Why do we want to hear your views?



This is your Local Plan

We want it to:

- Improve the future for all our residents, and those who visit or work in Pendle.
- Deliver the type of development you want to see, in the right place and at the right time.
- It will not be possible to have everything we want. We will need to make compromises along the way.
- Your views will help us to deliver a Local Plan that is well-placed to meet your needs and expectations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Have your say

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Find out more

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