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1. What is the Local Development Scheme?

- 1.1 The [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004](#) introduced the need for local planning authorities, such as Pendle Borough Council (the Council), to prepare and maintain a [Local Development Scheme](#) ["LDS"].
- 1.2 The LDS is the Council's three-year project plan for preparing new planning policy documents. It is the starting point for the local community and any other interested parties looking to find out more about these documents.
- 1.3 The LDS sets out details for each [Development Plan Document](#) ["DPD"] in Pendle and a timetable for its production. Although no longer required to do so, it continues to provide details of any [Supplementary Planning Documents](#) ["SPDs"]. SPDs provide additional detail and guidance to help use policies in a DPD.
- 1.4 The Council prepared its first LDS in 2005 and has issued subsequent updates effective from the dates shown below:
1. Pendle Local Development Scheme (2004-2009) 27th January 2005
 2. First Revision (2005-2011) 22nd September 2005
 3. Second Revision (2005-2011) 10th April 2007
 4. Third Revision (2008-2014) 31st December 2008
 5. Fourth Revision 22nd November 2012
 6. Fifth Revision 19th June 2014
 7. Sixth Revision 17th October 2021
 8. Seventh Revision (2024-2027) 17th March 2022
 9. Eighth Revision 12th March 2024
 10. Eighth Revision Addendum..... 27th September 2024
- 1.5 Following Council resolution on 9 December 2021¹ the seventh revision of the LDS was prepared to confirm the initial timetable of the Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition and other SPDs. The Eighth Revision of the LDS and its subsequent addendum updated this timetable as the Local Plan Fourth Edition was advanced through the stages of plan preparation. It is hoped that the Local Plan Fourth Edition will be adopted in December 2025.
- 1.6 This Ninth Revision of the LDS has been prepared in response to Written Ministerial Statement (WMS) [HCWS308](#) published in December 2024 and follows the publication of the updated National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in December 2024. Transitional arrangements for plan making set out in Annex 1 of the NPPF mean there is a need for the Council to commence the preparation of a New Local Plan during 2025.
- 1.7 A glossary, explaining any planning terms or acronyms used in this document, is included at Appendix 6.

¹ [Agenda, Reports and Minutes – Council 9 December 2021](#)

2. Why do we need planning policy?

Introduction

- 2.1 Planning helps to shape the places where people live and work. Good planning makes sure that the right type of development takes place in the right location and at the right time.
- 2.2 The planning system in England is plan-led. It has undergone significant change in recent years. The government publication [Plain English guide to the Planning System](#) (January 2015) provides an overview of how the planning system in England works.
- 2.3 The policies in these plans are used to guide decisions on applications for planning permission. They help to ensure that these decisions are rational and consistent.
- 2.4 The key elements of the current system are set out below.

National Planning Policy and Guidance

Legislation

- 2.5 Government legislation sets out the purpose and content of Local Plans. This information is set out in various Acts of Parliament and Statutory Instruments:
 - [The Town and Country Planning Act 1990](#)
 - [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004](#)
 - [Planning Act 2008](#)
 - [Localism Act 2011](#)
 - [Housing and Planning Act 2016](#)
 - [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023](#)
- 2.6 The Government also issues legally binding Regulations. These outline the detailed requirements to support the duties set out in these Acts. Those influencing the preparation and content of Local Plans are:
 - [The Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#)
- 2.7 Further Regulations supporting the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 are anticipated in 2025.

National Planning Policy Framework [“NPPF”]

- 2.8 The [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF) is a key part of the government’s reforms to make the planning system less complex and more accessible. Introduced in March 2012, it has been updated in July 2018, February 2019, July 2021, September 2023, December 2023 and most recently in December 2024.
- 2.9 The NPPF sets out the government’s planning policies for England. It also explains how they should be applied. In short, the NPPF makes clear what the government expects from new development.

- 2.10 In Chapter 3 the NPPF outlines the government's expectations for plan-making:
- Local Plans are central to the planning system in England;
 - There should be “a presumption in favour of sustainable development” and any planning applications that promote sustainable development, should normally be permitted; and
 - The purpose of planning is to help achieve sustainable development, but not at any cost.

- 2.11 The NPPF does not include policies for nationally significant infrastructure projects [“NSIPs”]. These are determined by the Secretary of State.

Planning Practice Guidance [“PPG”]

- 2.12 The Government launched its streamlined [planning practice guidance](#) on 6 March 2014. This online resource is kept under constant review and updated as necessary. The user-friendly format provides simplicity and clarity in the planning system. The aim is to increase community involvement and give power back to local communities.

- 2.13 PPG provides further detail on how to apply the planning policies in the NPPF. The [guidance on plan-making](#) makes clear that the Local Plan must:
- Be positively prepared in cooperation with the local community, key stakeholders and other interested parties;
 - Set out broad locations and specific allocations of land for different purposes;
 - Highlight areas where particular opportunities or considerations apply (e.g. protected areas within the natural and historic environment);
 - Establish criteria-based policies to be taken into account by officers when considering planning applications for new development; and
 - Illustrate the geographical application of policies in the plan on the Policies Map.

Local Planning Policy

The Development Plan

- 2.14 The Development Plan is a suite of statutory planning documents. Together they set out the policies, proposals and site-specific allocations that are used to guide the nature and location of development in an area. They help to ensure that the decisions taken by planning officers responsible for deciding whether to grant or refuse planning permission are both rational and consistent.
- 2.15 The Development Plan for Pendle includes:
- The Pendle Local Plan;
 - The Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan; and
 - Any Area Action Plans or Neighbourhood Plans that have been ‘made’
- 2.16 Documents that will form part of the Development Plan are referred to as [Development Plan Documents](#) [“DPDs”]. The policies in a DPD can be used to determine planning applications from the date they are first published. The NPPF (paragraph 48) sets out the weight you

should give to these policies in decision taking. As a “rule of thumb” the more advanced a plan is, the greater the weight you must give to the policies within it.

The Local Plan

- 2.17 The Local Plan, as its name suggests, is the key local component of the Development Plan. It establishes a vision for the future of the borough and the strategic objectives and policies to:
- Provide a positive response to our future growth and development needs
 - Establish a framework for the preparation of neighbourhood plans
- 2.18 Once the Local Plan has been adopted by the Council, it becomes part of the Development Plan for the borough. It indicates where and when future growth and development in the borough will occur. The policies and site allocations provide the starting point when considering whether applications for planning permission should be approved.

Area Action Plans

- 2.19 Area Action Plans are typically prepared for specific areas of regeneration need. As a DPD the policies within them form part of the statutory development plan once they are adopted.

Neighbourhood Plans

- 2.20 The Localism Act 2011 enabled Parish and Town Councils to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for their area. This gives local communities an opportunity to influence development in their area. Legislation governing the production and content these plans is in the following documents.
- [Localism Act 2011](#)
 - [The Neighbourhood Planning \(General\) Regulations 2012.](#)
 - [The Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017](#)
- 2.21 Neighbourhood Plans must:
- Have regard to national planning policy;
 - Be in general conformity with strategic policies in the development plan for the local area (i.e. the core strategy)
 - Be compatible with EU obligations and human rights requirements.
- 2.22 If successful at referendum, Neighbourhood Plans become part of the Development Plan. Their policies are then used to determine planning applications. Details about where developers must consider policies in a Neighbourhood Plan are on our website:
- www.pendle.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans

Supplementary Planning Documents

- 2.23 [Supplementary Planning Documents](#) [“SPDs”] add further detail to the policies in the Local Plan. They use a mix of text, illustrations and practical examples to expand on how the parent policy should be interpreted. They can be used to provide further guidance for development on specific sites, or on particular issues. SPDs often take the form of design guides, area development briefs and master plans or deal with a specific issue or topic.

- 2.24 Local authorities must involve the community in the preparation of an SPD. They do not form part of the Development Plan, so they are not subject to independent examination. They are a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

Supporting Documents

- 2.25 UK regulations require a number of other documents to be prepared alongside the Local Plan. These help to inform its preparation. The key ‘supporting documents’ are:
- **Scoping Report** – Sets out the process used to determine whether the policies and proposals under consideration make a positive contribution to sustainable development.
 - **Sustainability Appraisal [“SA”]** – Considers the economic, social and environmental impacts of the policies and proposals within a plan. It evaluates these against all reasonable alternatives. Where required to do so the law, the SA Report applies the Directive on Strategic Environmental Assessment [“SEA”]. This is a method for systematically identifying and evaluating the impacts that a plan is likely to have on the environment. As part of a full sustainability appraisal this helps to ensure that the policies in the plan reflect sustainable development principles.
 - **Habitats Regulations Assessment [“HRA”]** – Regulation 61 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) requires an Appropriate Assessment to be carried out for any plan or project which, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, is likely to have a *significant effect* on a European Site. European sites are defined by Regulation 10 of the Habitats Regulations and include sites designated as Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) or classified as Special Protection Areas (SPAs). The assessment will determine whether the plan would adversely affect the integrity of a designated European Site in terms of its nature conservation objectives.
 - **Consultation Statement** – Reflects the Government's desire to strengthen stakeholder and community involvement in planning. It describes how the local community, and organisations with an interest in the area, have helped to prepare new planning policy. Regulations require the statement to be submitted to the Secretary of State alongside the Local Plan (Regulation 22). For SPDs the statement is made available for public inspection during the formal public participation stage (Regulation 12). To aid transparency and provide accountability, Pendle Council publishes a statement following each formal public consultation. This allows consultees to see how their comments help to shape successive versions of the plan.

Process Documents

- 2.26 The Council must be clear and accountable for the plans it makes and the decisions it takes. Legislation requires us to prepare an LDS and the following documents:
- **[Statement of Community Involvement](#) [“SCI”]** – Sets out how the Council will involve the public and other key stakeholders when preparing new planning policy; and taking decisions on planning applications
 - **[Authority Monitoring Report](#) [“AMR”]** – To be prepared and published as soon as practical after the close of the monitoring year on 31st March. The AMR records progress against the timetable set out in the LDS. It also looks at the usage and effectiveness of existing planning policies, using a set of agreed indicators. In addition, the annual Five-Year Housing Land Supply Position Statement, provides a detailed update on the available supply of housing land in the borough.

3. Planning policy in Pendle

Introduction

- 3.1 The publication of the NPPF in March 2012 had significant implications for the planning system in England. But it made clear that any documents (and the policies within them) prepared before its publication do not have to be considered out-of-date; noting that:

“due weight should be given to relevant policies in existing plans according to their degree of consistency with this framework (the closer the policies in the plan to the policies in the Framework, the greater the weight that may be given)”.

- 3.2 This continues to be recognised in the latest revision of the NPPF at paragraph 232 (Annex 1).
- 3.3 A chart illustrating the timetable for the production of new planning policy documents in Pendle, is included at Appendix 1.
- 3.4 Detailed information on individual documents can be found in the profiles in Appendices 2-4. Figure 3.1 at the end of this chapter illustrates the geographical coverage for each of these documents.

Development Plan Documents

- 3.5 Planning officers decide whether to approve or refuse applications for planning permission. Policies in the Development Plan help them to make rational and consistent decisions.
- 3.6 The Development Plan is a set of statutory documents,² which set out the policies, proposals and site-specific allocations used to guide the nature and location of development. The local plan, area action plans and neighbourhood plans are all considered to be Development Plan Documents [“DPDs”] (Table 3.1).

Table 3.1: The Development Plan for Pendle, March 2025

Document	DPDs	Details of adoption
Pendle Local Plan	Saved Policies from the Replacement Pendle Local Plan 2001-2016³	Adopted on 18 May 2006
	Bradley Area Action Plan	Adopted on 30 June 2011
	Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy	Adopted on 17 December 2015
Neighbourhood Plans	Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan	Successful at Referendum on 14 November 2018 Formally ‘made’ at Council on 26 March 2019
	Barrowford Neighbourhood Plan	Successful at Referendum on 7 November 2018 Formally ‘made’ at Council on 17 December 2019

² Statutory in this context refers to written law introduced by the national government.

³ The saved policies are listed in Appendix C of the [Core Strategy](#).

Document	DPDs	Details of adoption
	Kelbrook and Sough Neighbourhood Plan	Successful at Referendum on 27 October 2022. Formally 'made' at Council on 8 December 2022.
	Colne Neighbourhood Plan	Successful at Referendum on 20 July 2023. Formally 'made' at Council on 28 September 2023
Joint Minerals & Waste Local Plan	Core Strategy Part One & Part Two	Adopted in February 2009
	Site Allocation & Development Management Policies Part One & Part Two	Adopted in September 2013

3.7 Table 3.2 confirms the timescales of emerging documents intended to become part of the Development Plan for Pendle.

Table 3.2: Development Plan Documents in preparation/planned, March 2025

Document	DPDs	Current or next stage
Pendle Local Plan	Local Plan Fourth Edition	Regulation 22 Submission (January 2025)
Pendle Local Plan	Local Plan Fifth Edition	Scoping (October 2025)
Joint Minerals & Waste Local Plan (Lancashire County Council)	Review of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Local Plan and Core Strategy	Draft (Summer 2025)

3.8 DPDs are prepared in cooperation with the local community and subject to formal public consultation (see Chapter 4). Following their submission to the Secretary of State they are tested by an independent Inspector or Examiner.

3.9 A DPD comes into force once it has been formally adopted by the Council (or immediately after a positive referendum result in the case of a Neighbourhood Plan). All DPDs are subject to annual monitoring to ensure that the policies within them are working as intended.

3.10 For Local Plans a sustainability appraisal, which addresses the legal requirement for strategic environmental assessment, runs in tandem with this process and is also examined.

Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition

3.11 The Local Plan Fourth Edition ["LP4"] will set out the development needs of Pendle and how these are to be met over the plan period to 2040. It will guide what development will look like, what type of development will be permitted where, and what responses are expected of development proposals to material planning issues. On adoption, LP4 will replace the Pendle Core Strategy, Bradley Area Action Plan, and any saved policies from the Pendle Replacement

Local Plan. In addition, any existing ‘made’ neighbourhood plans may need to be reviewed to ensure that they are consistent with the strategic planning policies in LP4.

Pendle Local Plan Fifth Edition

- 3.12 LP4 has been prepared in accordance with the policies of the NPPF published in December 2024. It was submitted for examination in accordance with the transitional arrangements set out in Annex 1 of the December 2024 version of the NPPF.
- 3.13 The transitional arrangements confirm the expectation, that where a Local Plan has been submitted for examination (Regulation 22) before the 12 March 2025, and meets less than 80% of Local Housing Need (as defined by mandatory housing targets), the local planning authority must begin work on a new Local Plan to address the shortfall in housing provision as soon as the relevant provisions are brought into force in 2025.
- 3.14 The scope and plan period for the Pendle Local Plan Fifth Edition [“LP5”] has yet to be defined and is subject to future consultation. LP5 will however be prepared in accordance with the policies of the December 2024 version of the NPPF, as amended. The estimated timescales and stages of preparation for LP5 are outlined in Appendix 1.

Joint Lancashire Minerals & Waste Local Plan

- 3.15 The [Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan](#) [“JLMWLP”] is a two part document, which addresses planning for minerals extraction and the handling of waste. It covers the areas administered by the Councils of Lancashire, Blackpool and Blackburn-with-Darwen and is prepared by Lancashire County Council.
1. The **JLMWLP Core Strategy** (2009) sets out the long-term spatial vision for the area. It establishes the spatial objectives and policies required to deliver that vision.
 2. Policies in the **JLMWLP Site Allocations and Development Control Policies DPD** (2013) identify specific locations for minerals and waste development. It also includes a series of criteria-based policies which ensure that all development within the area meets the spatial vision and spatial objectives set out in the Core Strategy.
- 3.16 The Council understands that both documents are in the process of being replaced by Lancashire County Council. The County Council has indicated a consultation on draft proposals for these documents is likely to take place in Summer 2025.

Neighbourhood Plans

- 3.17 Four Neighbourhood Areas have been formally designated and prepared in Pendle. These are:
- [Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan](#) (made 26 February 2019)
 - [Barrowford Neighbourhood Plan](#) (made 17 December 2019)
 - [Kelbrook and Sough Neighbourhood Plan](#) (made 8 December 2022)
 - [Colne Neighbourhood Plan](#) (made 28 September 2023)

Policies Map

- 3.18 The Policies Map (previously known as the Proposals Map) represents the spatial expression of the policy designations and site allocations in the Local Plan. It displays these on an Ordnance Survey map base.

- 3.19 [The online version of the Policies Map](#) also includes policy designations and site allocations from other adopted DPDs covering all or part of the borough (e.g. area action plans and neighbourhood plans).
- 3.20 The policies map will be overhauled as a result of the process to prepare a new local plan.

Supplementary Planning Documents

- 3.21 Supplementary Planning Documents [“SPD”] do not form part of the Development Plan. They provide additional guidance to assist with the implementation of policies in a DPD.
- 3.22 To the extent that they are compliant with the NPPF, they remain in force until such time that the 'parent' policy they are associated with is replaced or deleted.⁴ At that time any planning guidance to be retained will need to be revised as necessary and consulted upon.
- 3.23 To date four SPDs have been prepared and adopted by Pendle Council. Two helped to support the implementation of the HMR programme in Pendle. The others provide guidance on achieving good quality design in new development:
- Brierfield Canal Corridor Housing Brief SPD..... 27 October 2005
 - Conservation Area Design and Development Guidance SPD..... 14 August 2008
 - Design Principles SPD 10 December 2009
 - Brierfield Railway Street Area SPD 9 December 2010
- 3.24 The performance of these SPDs is reviewed annually in the Authority Monitoring Report [“AMR”].
- 3.25 Table 3.4 provides details of these SPDs, together with earlier Supplementary Planning Guidance [“SPG”] prepared by Pendle Council, which is still considered to be current.

Table 3.4: Supplementary Planning Documents

Document Title	Policy Link ¹	Current Status	Proposed Action
Development in the Open Countryside SPG (September 2002)	Policy 1 Development in the Open Countryside	Saved until parent policy is replaced	REPLACE Development in the Open Countryside and Forest of Bowland National Landscape SPD
Forest of Bowland AONB SPG (December 2003)	Policy 2 Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Saved until parent policy is replaced	REPLACE Development in the Open Countryside and Forest of Bowland National Landscape SPD

⁴ The 'parent' policies for an SPD are in the Replacement Pendle Local Plan 2001-2016 (2006), Bradley Area Action Plan DPD (2011) or Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy (2015).

Document Title	Policy Link ¹	Current Status	Proposed Action
Brierfield Canal Corridor Housing Brief SPD (October 2005)	Policy LIV1 Housing Provision and Delivery	Saved until parent policy is replaced, or development is completed	REMOVE When development is completed.
Pendle Conservation Area Design and Development Guidance SPD (August 2008)	Policy 10 Areas of Special Architectural or Historic Interest	Saved until parent policy is replaced	PARTIALLY UPDATE Likely through the update to the Design Principles SPD.
Design Principles SPD (December 2009)	Policy 13 Quality and design of new development	Saved until parent policy is replaced	UPDATE Update existing document. Consider the need for and role of Design Code(s) for part or all of the borough as part of this process.
Railway Street Neighbourhood SPD (December 2010)	Policy LIV1 Housing Provision and Delivery	Saved until parent policy is replaced, or development is completed	REMOVE When development is completed.

¹ Replacement Pendle Local Plan 2001-2016 (Pendle Council, May 2006)

- 3.26 After 26 November 2008, [section 180 of the Planning Act 2008](#) removed the need for the LDS to include details of any proposed SPDs. It also removed the automatic requirement to carry out and report on a sustainability appraisal of the proposals in an SPD (see impact assessment below).
- 3.27 As the existing and proposed SPDs form an important part of the planning policy framework for Pendle, and are few in number, we continue to include their details in the LDS for transparency.
- 3.28 Should any additional SPDs be considered necessary, these will be identified in the AMR and future revisions of the LDS. They will also be made available on the Council's website at www.pendle.gov.uk/spd

At the time of writing it is proposed to prepare the following SPDs:

- Open countryside and the Forest of Bowland National Landscape;
- Climate Change and Energy;
- Pendle Mills Design Code; and
- Design Principles SPD update and/or Pendle Borough Design Code

- 3.29 These SPDs will provide valuable guidance to developers and decision makers in key topic areas as to how specific policies within the Local Plan should be implemented. These documents will increase the responsiveness of proposals to key objectives of the Local Plan and deliver enhancements to the efficiency of the decision making process.

Impact Assessment

- 3.30 The policies in DPDs and SPDs will have environmental, economic and social impacts. It is important to consider the “likely significant effects” that any proposals may have. These should also be considered in combination with the potential impacts from other plans and strategies covering all or part of the borough.
- 3.31 Where a detailed screening process has found it necessary, a Sustainability Appraisal [“SA”], Habitat Regulations Assessment [“HRA”] and Equality Impact Assessment [“EqIA”] accompany each DPD and SPD. The impacts on health are considered through the SA process.

Sustainability Appraisal

- 3.32 As the local planning authority, the Council must consider if a plan is likely to have any significant environmental effects. It must consult the ‘consultation bodies’ before making any determination.⁵
- 3.33 Where it is agreed that a plan is unlikely to have any significant environmental effects, a statement must be prepared setting out the reasons for this determination.⁶
- 3.34 The Council must carry out a Sustainability Appraisal [“SA”] for all DPDs. This requirement is set out in The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and associated regulations. The SA process considers the environmental, social and economic impacts of the proposed plan.
- 3.35 The Pendle SA Toolkit (2017) indicates the required format of the SA Report. The toolkit was prepared for the Council by consultant’s Wood plc. It accords with the latest government guidelines and addresses the EU Directive on Strategic Environmental Assessment [“SEA”], as appropriate.
- 3.36 A technical report, identifying baseline information for the SA was produced as part of the scoping consultation on the Local Plan Fourth Edition. A more detailed report has also been prepared at the Preferred Options stage. This evaluates all the realistic alternatives that have been considered. It provides reasons for their acceptance, or rejection. The SA has subsequently been updated to reflect the publication version of the Local Plan Fourth Edition before being submitted for its independent examination.

Habitat Regulations Assessment

- 3.37 The Habitat Regulations Assessment [“HRA”] Screening Report determines whether the plan proposals, either alone or in combination with other proposals, may affect a European site. This is a site where species or habitats are protected under the European Union (EU) Habitats Directive. The screening report must be sent to Natural England for scrutiny.

⁵ The consultation bodies are Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency.

⁶ Regulation 9 of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.38 EqIA is a tool to help local authorities. It considers whether their policies or the way they carry out their functions do what is intended and for everybody. EqIA helps to meet the requirements of the equality duties and identifies active steps to promote equality.
- 3.39 EqIA involves systematically assessing the likely (or actual) effects of policies on people. It looks at disability, gender and racial equality. If required, it can also look at wider equality areas.
- 3.40 A wide range of potential impacts are considered when preparing planning policy. The in-house Service Impact Assessment pro-forma is used to ensure consistency. This looks at equality, diversity, cohesion, health, community safety, sustainability and resources.

Health Impact Assessment

- 3.41 Health Impact Assessments [“HIA”] are not a legal requirement. They do not generally involve new research or generate original scientific knowledge.
- 3.42 The procedure is like that used in other forms of impact assessment. The aim is to apply existing knowledge and evidence about health impacts, to specific social and community contexts. It provides evidence-based recommendations that inform decision-making. This approach helps to maximise the positive health impacts of policies, programs or projects. It also helps to minimise any negative impacts. In doing so it improves community health and well-being.
- 3.43 There is extensive cross-over with both the SA and EqIA processes. The potential impacts on health arising from policies in the Local Plan are addressed in the SA Report. Specifically sustainability objective H2. On this basis the Council does not propose to publish a separate HIA for any DPDs or SPDs that it produces.

Evidence Base

- 3.44 The NPPF requires Local Plans to be prepared positively, in a way that is aspirational but deliverable (paragraph 16). They should be based on adequate, relevant and up-to-date evidence. This should be focussed and proportionate, taking account of relevant market signals (paragraph 32).
- 3.45 The Council is under a duty to cooperate with neighbouring authorities and others to plan for strategic matters that cross administrative boundaries. They must show evidence, in the form of a statement of common ground, of effective and on-going engagement to this effect (paragraphs 25 and 28).
- 3.46 To comply with this requirement and help reduce costs the Council has, wherever possible, sought to produce a joint evidence base with one or more neighbouring authorities.
- 3.47 The documents listed in Table 3.5 provide proportionate evidence on the economic, environmental and social characteristics and prospects of the area. They are kept as up-to-date as possible, through a continuous process of review, or replacement.

Table 3.5: Evidence Base Documents

Document	Publisher	Date
Housing		
Pendle Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment	Pendle Council	May 2008
	Pendle Council	September 2014
	Pendle Council	March 2019
	Pendle Council	May 2023
	Pendle Council	September 2024
Lancashire Sub-Regional Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation and Related Services Assessment	The Salford Housing and Urban Studies Unit of the University of Salford	May 2007
Burnley & Pendle Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment	The Salford Housing and Urban Studies Unit of the University of Salford	August 2012
Pendle Housing and Economic Needs Assessment (HEDNA)	Iceni Projects	March 2023
Housing Needs Review	Iceni Projects	May 2024
Employment		
Pendle Housing and Economic Needs Assessment (HEDNA) – including Employment Land Review	Iceni Projects	March 2023
Strategic Employment Land Site Allocation Report Parts 1 and 2	Pendle Council	September 2014
Lomeshaye Development Brief	Pendle Council	July 2018
Pendle Retail and Leisure Capacity Study	Lichfields	March 2023
Retail Occupancy Report	Pendle Council	September 2023
Environment		
Pendle Biodiversity Audit	Pendle Council	September 2010
Pendle Green Infrastructure Strategy	LUC	July 2019
Pendle Green Belt Assessment	DLP Planning	August 2017
Pendle Open Space Audit	Pendle Council	November 2008
	Pendle Council	March 2019
Pendle Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	Entec	October 2006
	JBA Consulting	November 2021
Pendle Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	JBA Consulting	September 2024
South Pennine Renewable & Low Carbon Energy Study	Maslen Environmental	December 2010
Miscellaneous		
Pendle Development Viability Study	Colliers International / Aspinall Verdi	September 2014
	Lambert Smith Hampton	February 2020

Document	Publisher	Date
	Aspinall Verdi	September 2024
Pendle Sustainable Settlements Study	Pendle Council	November 2008
Pendle Sustainable Settlements Review	Pendle Council	May 2024
Pendle Infrastructure Delivery Plan	Pendle Council	September 2024
Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy and Action Plan	Knight, Kavanagh and Page	August 2024
Pendle Indoor Sports Review	Pendle Council	November 2017

- 3.48 The Authority Monitoring Report [“AMR”] is an important part of the evidence base. It monitors the effectiveness of existing planning policy. It reports performance against key indicators, such as the availability of housing land; the take-up of employment land, new open space provision etc., for the period 1 April to 31 March.
- 3.49 Additional information for the evidence base is collected in a number of ways. This includes regular meetings and ongoing dialogue with neighbouring authorities, key stakeholders (e.g. infrastructure providers) and other interested parties. This helps to meet the Council’s obligations under the duty to cooperate on strategic cross boundary issues and is reported in the AMR.

4. How is new planning policy prepared?

Introduction

- 4.1 The purpose of all planning policy documents is to help deliver the aspirations of the local community and deliver improvements to our quality of life.
- 4.2 To achieve this the vision and priority goals, first articulated in *'Our Pendle Our Future: Pendle's Sustainable Community Strategy'* (June 2008), continue to guide the content of the Local Plan.
- 4.3 The Local Plan is also informed by the strategies and action plans published by other departments of the Council (e.g. housing, economic development, environmental health etc.) and external organisations active in the borough (e.g. United Utilities, National Health Service, Network Rail etc.). Spatial planning is the term used to describe the process of integrating these objectives with land-use planning.
- 4.4 The Local Plan sets out the strategic planning policies to guide future development and growth in the borough. It is prepared by the Council in its capacity as the local planning authority. The Local Plan Fourth Edition consists of a single document which:
- Establishes a vision for the future of the area and includes a set of strategic objectives and policies to help deliver this vision.
 - Sets out strategic policy, including the amount and location of new development.
 - Allocates specific sites for new development.
 - Updates development management policies which will be used to inform decisions made on submitted planning applications.
 - Sets out performance, monitoring and review measures of new policies.
- 4.5 The planning policies in any area action plans or neighbourhood plans that are produced must be in general conformity with the strategic planning policies in the Local Plan.

Engagement and Consultation

- 4.6 Early and meaningful engagement with the local community – residents, businesses, charitable organisations etc. – is the basis of effective collaboration in plan-making.
- 4.7 The Council's [Statement of Community Involvement](#) ["SCI"] provides detailed information about how the Council will engage and consult with the local community and other interested parties throughout the preparation of new planning policy documents. An update to the current SCI will be undertaken as part of the plan making process associated with the development of a New Local Plan for Pendle.
- 4.8 The techniques we employ to engage with members of the community range from tried and tested methods (e.g. direct mail and public exhibitions) to new and more innovative approaches (e.g. citizen panel forums, online interactive surveys and social media campaigns).
- 4.9 For transparency all consultation materials are available to view or download from the Council's website. They are also made available at local libraries, council offices and other venues used by the local community throughout the borough.

Duty to Cooperate and Cross Boundary Engagement

- 4.10 The statutory⁷ duty to cooperate requires plan-making authorities to engage and work jointly with each other, and other public bodies, when preparing policies that address strategic cross boundary issues. To ensure that they have adequate opportunity to comment on the emerging direction of the plan the Council must fully engage with those bodies prescribed for the purposes of [section 33A\(1\)\(c\) of the Localism Act 2011](#) under the Duty to Cooperate.
- 4.11 To comply with the duty, Pendle Council has an established programme of formal meetings with the neighbouring authorities. This includes specific cross boundary interaction and engagement with officers at Burnley and North Yorkshire Councils. These are the two authorities with whom Pendle has the greatest level of cross boundary interaction. Consultation with other neighbouring authorities is also carried out through a combination of pre-existing mechanisms (e.g. Lancashire Development Plan Officer Group, leadership and executive meetings); one-off meetings and events; and correspondence by email or letter.
- 4.12 For matters where there is a significant shared interest (e.g. planning to meet the needs of the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities) forums are held or evidence is prepared in partnership with neighbouring authorities and other interested parties (e.g. government agencies and infrastructure providers).
- 4.13 To demonstrate effective and on-going joint working between strategic policy-making authorities and relevant bodies and meet the tests of soundness, the National Planning Policy Framework requires the preparation of one or more statement(s) of common ground [“SoCG”], which is updated throughout the plan-making process. A SoCG is a written record of the progress made during the process of planning for strategic cross-boundary matters. It documents where effective co-operation is and is not happening that has taken place throughout the plan-making process and is a way of demonstrating at examination that the objectives of the plan are deliverable over the plan period. Statements of Common Ground have been prepared by the Council as part of the plan making process.

Document Preparation

- 4.14 The key stages in plan preparation are currently set out in [The Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#). These are summarised below:
- Plan Preparation (Regulation 18)
 - Publication (Regulation 19)
 - Submission to the Secretary of State (Regulation 22)
 - Independent Examination (Regulations 23 to 25)
 - Adoption (Regulation 26)
- 4.15 These stages are reflected in the individual document profiles (Chapter 5) and the LDS Timetable (Appendix 1).
- 4.16 The [NPPF](#) considers the plan-making process in Chapter 3 (paragraphs 15-37 inclusive). Further detail is provided in the [PPG on Plan-making](#).

⁷ Statutory means that it is required by law.

Consulting the statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal

- 4.17 As noted in Chapter 2, the process of Sustainability Appraisal (SA) plays an important role in plan-making. It is used to identify the likely environmental, social or economic impacts of the plan or a particular policy within it. Where necessary it helps in the evaluation of alternative approaches.
- 4.18 Before proceeding with a full SA Report, it is important to:
1. Set out the scope of the appraisal process – The proposed methodology should include:
 - An assessment of other plans and programmes relevant to the plan;
 - The collection of baseline information;
 - The identification of social, environmental and economic issues; and
 - The development of a range of objectives and suitable indicators which can be used as a framework for the SA.
 2. Engage with the three statutory bodies – Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency – to ensure consensus on the scope of the SA.

Plan Preparation (Regulation 18)

- 4.19 This stage establishes the basis for continuous participation in plan-making. Meaningful engagement with the local community, public sector partners and private businesses helps to deliver confidence in the chosen strategy.
- 4.20 The starting point for all policy documents is a process of **informal engagement**. This typically involves a mix of discussions with key stakeholders; desk-based analysis of published data; and the preparation of new documents for the evidence base that will underpin the plan.⁸ Collectively these sources of information help to identify the key issues to be addressed by the emerging plan and possible options for dealing with them.
- 4.21 The Council is now in a position to evaluate all possible options. It will carefully consider all of the comments received and carry out further assessment of the available evidence. This will help to identify the most realistic options. These will be taken forward for further evaluation as part of the plan-making process. Each ‘reasonable alternative’ will be subject to a full sustainability appraisal, which is a key element in this stage of the process.
- 4.22 Where it remains evident that more than one policy approach may be acceptable, further public engagement will help to determine the Council’s **preferred options**.
- 4.23 Considering the views put forward in response to the formal six-week issues and options and/or preferred options consultations typically takes between five and nine months. The actual length of time is dependent on the level of response and the complexity of the plan.

⁸ Options are considered to be reasonable where they are (1) Not in conflict with national or regional planning policy. (2) Not adversely affected by, or adversely affect a known constraint (i.e. flood zone, contaminated land etc.) and help to address a key issue that has been identified and is supported by the available evidence.

Publication (Regulation 19)

- 4.24 The Publication Report represents what the Council considers to be the final version of the Plan. It sets-out what is considered to be the most appropriate strategy for addressing both local needs and the principles of sustainable development.
- 4.25 Before it can be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination, the Council must allow a minimum of six-weeks for interested parties to submit their comments on this version of the plan.
- 4.26 This consultation is not concerned with suggesting further amendments to the overall strategy or individual policies. Its purpose is to determine whether the Council has met all legal requirements in the production of the plan and whether it is considered to be 'sound' (see Paragraph 36, National Planning Policy Framework). To be sound the plan must be:
- **Positively prepared** – providing a strategy which, as a minimum, seeks to meet the area's objectively assessed needs; and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring areas is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development
 - **Justified** – an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence
 - **Effective** – deliverable over the plan period, and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground
 - **Consistent with national policy** – enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in this Framework and other statements of national planning policy, where relevant.
- 4.27 In effect the Publication stage is part of the process for testing the soundness of the plan.
- 4.28 At this stage any significant concerns may require the Council to revise and consult once again on the Publication Report (Regulation 19). If new options need to be considered it may even be necessary to go-back a stage further (Regulation 18). Both scenarios will have a consequential knock-on effect on the timetable for examination of the plan.
- 4.29 Any relatively minor concerns can be addressed through proposed changes to the document prior to submission. Ideally these should be discussed in advance with the Planning Inspectorate or set-out in a Schedule of Proposed Changes submitted for consideration by the Inspector appointed to carry out the examination of the plan.

Submission (Regulation 22)

- 4.30 As soon as practicable after the close of the consultation on the Publication Report, the Council will submit the plan and all supporting documents to the Secretary of State. The examination process starts on the date of submission.
- 4.31 Before the plan can be submitted, the Council must produce a summary of the main issues raised by the representations it received in response to the public consultation on the Publication Report (Regulation 22 (c) (iii)).

- 4.32 Only those representations submitted in response to this consultation will be considered by the Inspector during the examination process. These comments will be used by the Inspector to draw-up a series of questions relating to the overall soundness of the plan.

Independent Examination (Regulations 23 and 24)

- 4.33 Where the subject matter addressed by the plan is relatively straightforward the Inspector, may choose to deal with the whole examination by written representations (subject to the right to be heard). However, it is more likely that one or more hearing sessions will need to be held. The key stages in the examination process are set-out below:
- **Pre-hearing Meeting** – A meeting, arranged by the Planning Inspector, to set out the procedures involved at the formal and informal hearing sessions.
 - **Hearing Sessions** – An appointed Inspector will consider issues of soundness at the hearing sessions. Anyone who submitted a representation against the soundness of the plan at the Publication stage can exercise their right to be heard.
 - **Inspector's Report** – Following the examination period the Inspector will issue a report on the soundness of the plan. Should the plan be found to be sound, or capable of being so with some modification, the local planning authority can progress to adoption.
- 4.34 The Inspector will normally circulate a Guidance Note at an early stage of the examination process. The issuing of this note usually eliminates the need for a Pre-Hearing Meeting. Its purpose is to outline the procedures to be followed in the examination and in preparation for any hearing sessions.
- 4.35 Where requested to do so by the local planning authority, the Inspector's Report will make recommendations on the 'Main Modifications' necessary to make a plan sound. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires the Inspectors Report to be explicit that the plan as submitted (i.e. without these Main Modifications) should not be adopted and outlines the reasons why.
- 4.36 There is no requirement for the Council to adopt the plan following the examination. But if it chooses to do so the Main Modifications must be made, to meet the statutory (legal) requirements.

Adoption (Regulation 26)

- 4.37 Adoption will require a formal resolution at a meeting of the Council.

Judicial Review

- 4.38 Any person may issue a formal challenge if they do not think that the plan meets the conditions of the relevant legislation.
- 4.39 Applications must be made to the High Court within six weeks of the date of the authority advertising that the development plan document has been adopted. You should get legal advice before starting this process.

Further Information

- 4.40 Further information can be found in the ninth edition of the Planning Inspectorate document [Procedure Guide for Local Plan Examinations](#).

5. Project management in plan-making

Introduction

- 5.1 This chapter considers three important elements in the preparation of new plans and policy. It considers the availability of staff and financial resources, the assessment of risk and the need for ongoing monitoring and review.

Resources

- 5.2 Since the LDS was first published in 2005, there have been considerable changes in the number of staff working on planning policy matters in Pendle.
- 5.3 In 2005 the team comprised of four planning officers – 1 x manager, 1 x principal officer and 2 x senior officers – supported by a planning technician. All were employed on a full time basis. Three additional officers were then appointed to help prepare up to four Area Action Plans in support of the Housing Market Renewal [“HMR”] pathfinder.
- 5.4 The withdrawal of funding for the HMR pathfinder in 2011 and local government austerity measures have seen significant reductions in the numbers of staff available to work on planning policy matters (Table 5.1).

Table 5.1: Staff resources (full-time equivalent jobs) Time Spent on Supporting Plan Production

Members of Staff	2005	2007	2014	2025
Assistant Director: Planning, Building Control & Regulatory Services	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.15
Planning Policy Manager ¹	0.50	0.60	-	-
Principal Planning Officer (Policy)	0.50	0.75	0.75	0.75
Senior Planning Officer (Policy)	0.50	0.60	0.75	0.75
Planning Officer ³	-	-	-	-
Planning Technician	0.40	0.40	0.24	0.50
Senior Planning Officer (Policy) ¹	0.50	0.60	-	-
Principal Planning Officer (Built Heritage) ²	0.10	0.07	0.07	-
Senior Planning Officer (Built Heritage) ¹	0.10	0.10	-	-
Principal Planning Officer (Environment)	0.10	0.10	0.15	0.05
Manager / Principal Planning Officer (DM)	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Principal Planning Officer (HMR) ¹	0.50	0.50	-	-
Development Officer (HMR) ¹	0.50	0.50	-	-
Development Officer (HMR) ¹	0.50	0.50	-	-
Full-time equivalent jobs (FTEs)	4.40	4.92	2.16	2.30

1 This post has been made redundant.

2 This post has been made redundant and work is currently outsourced to Growth Lancashire.

3 This full-time post was funded from 2018 to 2021 and devoted approximately 30% of its time to plan preparation.

- 5.5 The number of full-time officers in the Planning Policy team reduced from four to two, with the loss of the Planning Policy Manager (2010) and Senior Planning Officer (2014). The Planning Technician is once again working full time. The Principal Conservation Officer retired in 2021 and has not been replaced, with work outsourced to Growth Lancashire on a contractual agreement. The Principal Environment Officer post is now part time.
- 5.6 The individual responsibilities of staff within Planning, Building Control and Licensing who allocate all or part of their regular hours to work on the Local Plan are set out in Table 5.2.

Table 5.2: Staff responsibilities

Position	Areas of work on planning policy
Planning, Building Control & Licensing Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of Planning Policy and Conservation. • Oversee Local Plan preparation – project and staff management. • Oversee preparation of the evidence base. • Ensure compliance with the statutory Duty to Cooperate. • Support parish and town councils with the preparation of their neighbourhood plans. • Review and update the LDS. • Manage budgets.
Principal Planning Officer (Policy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead on the preparation of DPDs (including the Local Plan), SPDs and evidence base documents. • Prepare or oversee the commissioning of documents for the evidence base. • Oversee and manage any externally contracted work programmes. • Identify and initiate opportunities for joint working. • Ensure compliance with the statutory Duty to Cooperate. • Support parish and town councils with the preparation of their neighbourhood plans. • Prepare documents concerned with matters of process (e.g. SCI, Sustainability Appraisal, Equality Impact Assessment etc.) and ensure compliance with their requirements throughout the plan making process. • Liaise with other Council departments and key stakeholders, to ensure clear and consistent linkages with their action plans and strategies. • Coordinate work on the Habitat Regulations Assessment (Appropriate Assessment) for Local Plan and any other plans and policies.
Senior Planning Officer (Policy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in the preparation of DPDs and lead on the preparation of SPDs. • Lead on the Sustainability Appraisal of Local Plan policies • Contribute ideas for policy development. • Policy writing. • Support parish and town councils with the preparation of their neighbourhood plans. • Write documents for the evidence base. • Gather baseline information for the evidence base, monitoring

Position	Areas of work on planning policy
	(AMR, SHLAA etc.). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out survey and GIS work. • Organise and participate in community engagement events. • Manage the annual monitoring process • Assist with Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) and Strategic Environmental assessment (SEA)
Planning Technician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather baseline information. • Carry out annual monitoring site visits and data collection. • GIS mapping. • Manage representations during public consultations.
Principal Conservation Officer Principal Environment Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help to prepare policies addressing conservation of our built heritage, the natural environment and design. • Assist with Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

5.7 As a consequence there has been an increased need to identify and implement opportunities for collaborative working.

5.8 Monitoring the occupancy of premises in town centres and protected employment areas is now done in cooperation with staff in Economic Development. The increased utilisation of staff from other Council departments and partner organisations will continue to play a key role in policy development and monitoring going forward (Table 5.3).

Table 5.3: Input from other Council departments

Position	Areas of work on planning policy
Development Management – Principal Development Management Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant input on Local Plan Policies • Significant input into topic based SPDs and Design Briefs
Building Control – Building Control Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in monitoring of housing completions (building completion certificates issued)
Council Tax – Council tax Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in monitoring of housing completions (new council tax records)
Housing & Regeneration – Housing Needs Manager – Senior Regeneration Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry-out monitoring of unauthorised gypsy and traveller encampments • Maintain Self-build and Custom-build Housing Register
Economic Development – Economic Development Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry-out survey work, help to maintain and update evidence base for Town and Local Shopping Centres and Protected Employment Areas.

Position	Areas of work on planning policy
Environmental Health – Housing Needs Manager – Waste and Recycling Coordinator – Environmental Health Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring of long-term empty homes (Housing Flow Reconciliation) Assist in monitoring housing completions (blue bin registrations) Reporting of emissions data for the Windsor Street Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)

Monitoring and Review

- 5.9 The plan, monitor and manage approach emphasises the importance of reviewing existing policy, to ensure that it is still performing as originally intended. It also helps to identify any potential gaps that may require the preparation of a new DPD or SPD.
- 5.10 The Council produces the Authority Monitoring Report [“AMR”] as soon as practical following the close of the monitoring year on 31 March. The AMR provides details on the delivery of new planning policy, against the timetable included in the LDS. It also measures the effectiveness of existing planning policies against a set of agreed indicators. This helps to identify if the revision or replacement of a policy or document is required.

Risk Assessment

- 5.11 The following table considers a series of issues that could potentially affect the delivery of the Pendle Local Plan. Wherever possible measures have been highlighted that would help to overcome or minimise the effects of the problems these may cause.

Table 5.4: Assessment of potential risks and possible mitigation

Risk	Impact	Mitigation Measures
Programme slippage	Key milestones in the Pendle LDS cannot be met and the Local Plan will not be delivered within the predicted timescales. Could potentially affect the levels of funding awarded to Pendle Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pendle Council has taken a realistic view of Local Plan delivery and will not start work on key documents until it is possible to complete them within a reasonable timeframe. Annual monitoring in the AMR and regular reviews of the LDS will be used to help manage this process. Early and meaningful engagement in the plan-making process should help to minimise the volume of representations received. The need for further Project Management training will be considered, as necessary.
Changes to national planning policy or	Need to revise documents currently in preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council has no control over this matter, and it is difficult to mitigate against. Significant changes are normally

Risk	Impact	Mitigation Measures
planning law		preceded by a public consultation.
Staff resources	<p>Lack of sufficient staff resources to bring forward documents in accordance with the LDS timetable.</p> <p>This could potentially affect the levels of funding awarded to Pendle Council.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The allocation of responsibilities across the Planning Policy team will help to ensure consistency in the absence of a member of staff. • If necessary, and where funding permits, the use of external consultants will be considered. • Should key members of staff be absent for a prolonged period of time, it may be necessary to re-assess the priorities within the section or department – i.e. make use of ‘surplus’ resources from other sections within Planning & Building Control (e.g. should Development Management be low on applications) – or seek the appointment of a trainee or modern apprentice. • Pendle Council offers excellent staff retention packages, including flexitime and the opportunity for home working.
Inability to recruit	<p>Lack of sufficient staff resources to bring forward documents in accordance with the LDS timetable.</p> <p>This could potentially affect the levels of funding awarded to Pendle Council.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The allocation of responsibilities across the Planning Policy team will help to ensure consistency in the absence of a member of staff. • If necessary, and where funding permits, the use of external consultants may be considered, on a temporary basis. • Should key members of staff leave and not be replaced, or be absent for a prolonged period of time, it may be necessary to re-assess the priorities within the section or department – i.e. make use of ‘surplus’ resources from other sections within Planning & Building Control (e.g. should Development Management be low on applications) – or seek a temporary secondment. • Pendle Council is willing to fund geography graduates to enable them to obtain a recognised planning qualification when necessary. • Pendle Council offers excellent staff retention packages, including flexitime and the opportunity for home working.

Risk	Impact	Mitigation Measures
Capacity of Planning Inspectorate	<p>Inability to meet deadlines for examination.</p> <p>This will result in delays to the adoption of DPDs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is largely out of the Council’s control, but Pendle Council will liaise closely with the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on this issue.
Capacity of statutory consultees and other agencies to engage in the plan making process	<p>Risk of potential slippage or failure to meet Duty to Cooperate requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early consultation with key stakeholders to advise them and other interested parties about the programme timescales and opportunities to engage and provide for formal comments • Highlight potential impacts on other strategies and programmes
Political delay	<p>Deferring decision making.</p> <p>This could result in delays to the adoption of DPDs and SPDs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected Members are involved at an early stage in the preparation process. • A cross-party Steering Group has been set-up to help resolve any issues and secure political ‘buy-in’ ahead of committee decisions. • Approval of the Full Council is required for all new planning policy, but meets on a quarterly basis, potentially delaying the preparation process. Requests to hold a special meeting of the Full Council can be pursued with the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council.
Limited availability of committee dates at certain times of the year	<p>Delays decision making.</p> <p>Could result in delays to the LDS programme.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When reviewing the LDS, ensure that committee dates are available when key milestones need to be achieved. • Target dates should, wherever possible, avoid election time (late March – early May) when Committee meetings are unlikely to be held.
DPDs found unsound	<p>A key component of the Local Plan is not delivered.</p> <p>Wasted staff and financial resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make use of the PAS Self-Assessment Toolkit to ensure that all necessary steps have been taken and are fully documented. • Liaise with PINS ahead of Publication of a DPD.
Lack of in-house skills	<p>Inability to prepare a comprehensive and robust evidence base.</p> <p>Those studies produced may be inappropriate and contribute to a potential delay in the preparation of the evidence base.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget is available for staff training. • Where in-house expertise is not available, external consultants may be employed to provide technical support and/or produce key pieces of work for the evidence base.

6. Conclusions

Summary

- 6.1 This Local Development Scheme [“LDS”] provides details of the work to be carried out by the Council and its partners, in order to produce a sound Local Plan for the borough.
- 6.2 The LDS provides clear information for councillors, members of the local community and other interested parties (key stakeholders) about the process and timescales to be followed. In particular it highlights when they can expect to be consulted or asked to actively participate in the preparation of new planning policy documents.
- 6.3 The Localism Act, 2011 makes it clear that where there is any slippage from the agreed timetable, the Council should provide real time public information on progress. The Council will do this by publishing up-to-date information on the Council website; in the Framework newsletter and via local media.

Further information

- 6.4 The Council’s website is a valuable source of information on planning policy. It is also used to engage with the local community via online surveys.
- 6.5 All Local Plan documents, including those that form part of the evidence base, can be viewed or downloaded from the Council’s website via the planning policy portal at:
- www.pendle.gov.uk/planning
- 6.6 Regular updates on progress are provided in our RTPI award winning newsletter Framework. This is emailed to all contacts on our database with a valid email address. Copies are also sent to local libraries and council offices throughout Pendle. Recent issues can be viewed or downloaded at:
- www.pendle.gov.uk/framework
- 6.7 The Council’s planning policy is currently set out in a number of development plan documents. An interactive version of the Local Plan is available at:
- www.pendle.gov.uk/localplan
- 6.8 For more detailed advice or assistance, please contact a member of the Planning Policy team using the contact details below:
- Pendle Council
Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services
Town Hall
Market Street
Nelson
BB9 7LG
- Email: planningpolicy@pendle.gov.uk
- Telephone: 01282 661330

Appendix 1 – LDS Timetable

Pendle Local Development Scheme Ninth Revision

Appendix 1: Pendle LDS Timetable

Name and Type of Document	Status	2025												2026												2027												2028												2029											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
A Local Plan/ Development Plan Documents (DPDs)																																																													
1 Pendle Local Plan (Fourth Edition)	IN PREPARATION	[Timeline with milestones: Evidence gathering, Report to Council, Consultation]																																																											
2 Pendle Local Plan (Fifth Edition)	NOT STARTED													[Timeline with milestones: Evidence gathering, Report to Council, Consultation]																																															
B Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)																																																													
1 Design Principles	NOT STARTED													[Timeline with milestones: Evidence gathering, Report to Council, Consultation]																																															
2 Climate Change and Energy	NOT STARTED																									[Timeline with milestones: Evidence gathering, Report to Council, Consultation]																																			
3 Conservation Area Design and Development Guidance	ADOPTED: 14th August 2008																																																												
4 Textile Mills Design Code	IN PREPARATION	[Timeline with milestones: Evidence gathering, Report to Council, Consultation]																																																											
6 Development in the Open Countryside and National Landscape	NOT STARTED																																					[Timeline with milestones: Evidence gathering, Report to Council, Consultation]																							
C Supporting Documents																																																													
1 Statement of Community Involvement (4th Revision)	NOT STARTED	[Timeline with milestones: Evidence gathering, Report to Council, Consultation]																																																											

- NOTES:**
- [1] Where stages have been completed prior to January 2025, the milestones are not shown in this timetable.
 - [2] In line with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, an amended Policies Map will be submitted with each DPD.

KEY:

Development Plan Documents


- Consult statutory bodies on the scope of the Plan and Sustainability Appraisal
- Evidence gathering / document preparation / admin
- ★ Report to Council
- Consultation of representations
Regulation 18 - Local Plan Preparation
- Issues / Preferred Options consultation (optional)
- Regulation 19 - Publication of the Local Plan
- Regulation 22 - Submission to the Secretary of State
- Pre-hearing meeting
- Regulation 24 - Independent Examination
- Regulation 25 - Publication of the Recommendations
- ★ Regulation 26 - Adoption of the Local Plan

Supplementary Planning Documents and SCI


- Consult statutory bodies on the scope of the SA
- Evidence gathering / document preparation / admin
- ★ Report to Council
- Regulation 12 - Publication of SPD
- Regulation 13 - Consideration of Representations
- ★ Regulation 14 - Adoption of SPD

Appendix 2 – DPDs in preparation

Pendle Local Plan (Fourth Edition)		
Status	Development Plan Document [DPD]	
Scope	Sets-out strategic policy including defining development needs and how this need will be met. Site specific allocations for different types of development. Identifies areas where development will be resisted or required to meet higher standards of design. Establishes a suite of detailed policies for development management.	
Chain of Conformity	National Planning Policy Framework (December 2023)	
Geographical Coverage	Borough-wide	
Production Timetable & Key Milestones	Consult statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal	June – July 2022
	Commence document preparation	April 2022
	Preferred Options consultation	June – August 2023
	Local Green Space Site Appraisal Consultation	October – November 2023
	Publication consultation (Regulation 19)	October – December 2024
	Submission to the Secretary of State	February 2025
	Hearing Sessions	May 2025
	Receipt of Inspector’s Report	October 2025
	Adoption	December 2025
Lead Officer	Principal Planning Officer (Policy)	
Management	Assistant Director: Planning, Building Control & Regulatory Services Manager Pendle Council Management Team	
Political Management	Lead member for planning Draft documents for public consultation reported to Executive and/or Council. Council resolution required for adoption.	
External Resources	Squire Patton Boggs is engaged to provide legal advice.	
Council Resources	The Local Plan budget is ring-fenced.	
Community Engagement	Engagement with stakeholders and members of the community takes place in accordance with the requirements set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Council’s Statement of Community Involvement .	


 Estimated dates; stage not yet complete.

New Local Plan (Fifth Edition)		
Status	Development Plan Document [DPD]	
Scope	Sets-out strategic policy including defining development needs and how this need will be met. Site specific allocations for different types of development. Identifies areas where development will be resisted or required to meet higher standards of design. Establishes a suite of detailed policies for development management where appropriate.	
Chain of Conformity	National Planning Policy Framework (December 2024 or successor)	
Geographical Coverage	Borough-wide	
Production Timetable & Key Milestones	Consult statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal	September 2025
	Commence document preparation	June 2025
	Issues and Options consultation	February - March 2026
	Preferred Options consultation	January – February 2027
	Publication consultation (Regulation 19)	November – December 2027
	Submission to the Secretary of State	March 2028
	Hearing Sessions	May 2028
	Receipt of Inspector’s Report	November 2028
	Adoption	December 2028
Lead Officer	Principal Planning Officer (Policy)	
Management	Assistant Director: Planning, Building Control & Regulatory Services Manager Pendle Council Management Team	
Political Management	Lead member for planning Draft documents for public consultation reported to Executive and/or Council. Council resolution required for adoption.	
External Resources	Squire Patton Boggs is engaged to provide legal advice.	
Council Resources	The Local Plan budget is ring-fenced.	
Community Engagement	Engagement with stakeholders and members of the community takes place in accordance with the requirements set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Council’s Statement of Community Involvement . Regulations may be subject to change.	


 Estimated dates; stage not yet complete.

Appendix 3 – SPDs in preparation


Development in the Open Countryside and Forest of Bowland National Landscape		
Status	Supplementary Planning Document [SPD]	
Scope	Provide detailed design guidance for new development in the open countryside or the Forest of Bowland National Landscape.	
Chain of Conformity	NPPF Local Plan Fourth Review or successor.	
Geographical Coverage	Borough-wide and site specific to the area designated as part of the Forest of Bowland National Landscape	
Production Timetable & Key Milestones	Consultation on the SPD objectives	November 2028
	Commence document preparation	August 2028
	Consultation on draft SPD	May - June 2029
	Consider representations	July - August 2029
	Adoption	September 2029
Lead Officer	Principal Planning Officer (Policy)	
Management	Assistant Director: Planning, Building Control & Regulatory Services Manager Pendle Council Management Team	
Political Management	Lead member for planning Draft documents for public consultation reported to Executive and/or Council. Council resolution required for adoption.	
External Resources	Squire Patton Boggs is engaged to provide legal advice.	
Council Resources	The Local Plan budget is ring-fenced.	
Community Engagement	Engagement with stakeholders and members of the community takes place in accordance with the requirements set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement . Regulations may be subject to change.	

 Estimated dates; stage not yet complete.


Pendle Design Principles Review and/or Design Code		
Status	Supplementary Planning Document [SPD]	
Scope	Provide detailed design guidance / requirements (as a design code) for developments coming forward within Pendle	
Chain of Conformity	NPPF Local Plan Fourth Review or successor.	
Geographical Coverage	Borough wide / TBC	
Production Timetable & Key Milestones	Consultation on the SPD objectives	July 2026
	Commence document preparation	April 2026
	Formal consultation on draft	January - February 2027
	Consider representations	March – April 2027
	Adoption	May 2027
Lead Officer	Principal Planning Officer (Policy)	
Management	Assistant Director: Planning, Building Control & Regulatory Services Manager Pendle Council Management Team	
Political Management	Lead member for planning Draft documents for public consultation reported to Executive and/or Council. Council resolution required for adoption.	
External Resources	Squire Patton Boggs is engaged to provide legal advice.	
Council Resources	The Local Plan budget is ring-fenced.	
Community Engagement	Engagement with stakeholders and members of the community takes place in accordance with the requirements set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement . Regulations may be subject to change.	

 Estimated dates; stage not yet complete.

Climate Change and Energy		
Status	Supplementary Planning Document [SPD]	
Scope	Provide detailed guidance to ensure that new development is resilient to the effects of climate change and makes an effective contribution to the Council's aims to secure a net zero economy by 2050.	
Chain of Conformity	NPPF Local Plan Fourth Review or successor.	
Geographical Coverage	Borough-wide	
Production Timetable & Key Milestones	Consultation on the SPD objectives	September 2027
	Commence document preparation	June 2027
	Consultation on draft SPD	March - April 2028
	Consider representations	May – June 2028
	Adoption	July 2028
Lead Officer	Principal Planning Officer (Policy)	
Management	Assistant Director: Planning, Building Control & Regulatory Services Manager Pendle Council Management Team	
Political Management	Lead member for planning Draft documents for public consultation reported to Executive and/or Council. Council resolution required for adoption.	
External Resources	Squire Patton Boggs is engaged to provide legal advice.	
Council Resources	The Local Plan budget is ring-fenced.	
Community Engagement	Engagement with stakeholders and members of the community takes place in accordance with the requirements set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement . Regulations may be subject to change.	

 Estimated dates; stage not yet complete.

Pendle Mills Design Code (in partnership with Historic England)		
Status	Supplementary Planning Document [SPD]	
Scope	Provide detailed guidance to help applicants conserve and enhance Pendle’s industrial legacy sites.	
Chain of Conformity	NPPF Pendle Local Plan Fourth Revision	
Geographical Coverage	Borough-wide Mill Sites	
Production Timetable & Key Milestones	Commence document preparation	May 2024
	Consultation on draft SPD	August - September 2025
	Consider representations	October – November 2025
	Adoption	December 2025
Lead Officer	Principal Planning Officer (Policy)	
Management	Assistant Director: Planning, Building Control & Regulatory Services Manager Pendle Council Management Team Historic England Management Team	
Political Management	Lead member for planning Draft documents for public consultation reported to Executive and/or Council. Council resolution required for adoption.	
External Resources	Squire Patton Boggs is engaged to provide legal advice.	
Council Resources	The Local Plan budget is ring-fenced.	
Community Engagement	Engagement with stakeholders and members of the community takes place in accordance with the requirements set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Council’s Statement of Community Involvement .	

 Estimated dates; stage not yet complete.

Appendix 4 – Adopted DPDs

Bradley Area Action Plan		
Status	Development Plan Document [DPD]	
Scope	To provide a statutory basis for regeneration activity in that part of the Bradley ward in Nelson, which forms part of the ELEVATE Housing Market Renewal (HMR) Pathfinder Intervention Area.	
Chain of Conformity	Core Strategy Policy LIV1 – Housing Provision and Delivery	
Geographical Coverage	Bradley area of Nelson (as defined on the Proposals Map)	
Production Timetable & Key Milestones	Consult statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal	February 2006
	Commence document preparation	
	Pre-submission consultation	18 February 2008 – 31 st March 2008
	Publication consultation	6 th August 2010 – 20 th September 2010
	Submission to the Secretary of State	December 2010
	Pre-Hearing Meeting	None - guidance note issued by the Inspector
	Hearing Sessions	15 th March 2011
	Receipt of Inspector's Report	26 th May 2011
	Adoption	30 th June 2011
Lead Officer	HMR Principal Planner	
Management	Principal Planning Officer (Policy), Planning & Building Control Manager and the Council's Management Team	
Political Management	HMR Member Steering Group and the Executive Members for Planning and Housing. All documents reported to the Council's Executive and/or Full Council. Full Council resolution required for submission and adoption.	
External Resources	Consultants lead on preparation of the Masterplan (Pre-submission consultation). Cobbetts LLP was engaged to provide legal advice.	
Council Resources	HMR budget. HMR Principal Planner post established to lead on publication and submission.	
Community Engagement	DPD followed the Transitional Provision of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2008. Engagement with stakeholders and members of the community took place in accordance with the requirements set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2008, the Council's Statement of Community Involvement and the requirements of the ELEVATE programme.	

Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy		
Status	Development Plan Document [DPD]	
Scope	Sets-out a vision for the future of Pendle. Establishes strategic (development) objectives, together with a spatial strategy and core planning policies to guide future development. Identifies strategic site allocations for housing and employment.	
Chain of Conformity	National Planning Policy Framework	
Geographical Coverage	Borough-wide	
Production Timetable & Key Milestones	Consult statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal	October 2006
	Commence document preparation	July 2007
	Issues and Options consultation	4 th July – 18 th August 2008
	Preferred Options consultation	28 th October – 12 th December 2011
	Publication consultation (1)	19 th October – 3 rd December 2012
	Further Options consultation	10 th January – 21 st February 2014
	Publication consultation (2)	10 th October 2014 – 24 th November 2014
	Submission to the Secretary of State	19 th December 2014
	Pre-Hearing Meeting	None
	Hearing Sessions	14 th – 28 th April 2015
	Receipt of Inspector’s Report	26 th October 2015
	Adoption	17 th December 2015
	Review	Carried out in December 2020 Document now being replaced by the preparation of the Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition.
Lead Officer	Principal Planning Officer (Policy)	
Management	Planning & Building Control Manager and Council’s Management Team	
Political Management	Member Steering Group comprising the leaders of the Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrats (one of whom will be The Leader of the Council) and the Executive Member for Planning. All documents reported to the Council’s Executive and/or Full Council. Full Council resolution required for each formal public consultation and for submission and adoption.	
External Resources	Eversheds LLP, Cobbetts LLP and Squire Patton Boggs were engaged to provide legal advice.	
Council Resources	The Local Plan budget is ring-fenced.	

Community Engagement	Engagement with stakeholders and members of the community took place in accordance with the requirements set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.
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Appendix 5 – Adopted SPDs

Brierfield Canal Corridor Housing Brief		
Status	Supplementary Planning Document [SPD]	
Scope	To provide a basis for regeneration activity in an area of Brierfield forming part of the ELEVATE Housing Market Renewal (HMR) Pathfinder Intervention Area.	
Chain of Conformity	Core Strategy Policy LIV1 – Housing Provision and Delivery	
Geographical Coverage	Area of Brierfield off Clitheroe Road (as defined on Map 1 in the SPD)	
Production Timetable & Key Milestones	Commence document preparation	July 2003
	Preparation of ADF Planning Brief	July 2003 – March 2004
	Consideration of Issues and Options	April – October 2004
	Consultation on draft Masterplan	17 th January – 28 th February 2005
	Consult statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal	June 2005
	Consultation on draft SPD	1 st July – 29 th July 2005
	Consider representations	August – September 2005
	Adoption	27 th October 2005
Lead Officer	HMR Senior Regeneration Officer	
Management	Planning Policy Manager, Development Control Manager, Planning & Building Control Manager and the Council’s Management Team.	
Political Management	HMR Member Steering Group and the Executive Members for Planning and Housing. Draft documents for public consultation reported to the Council’s Executive and/or Full Council. Full Council resolution required for adoption.	
External Resources	Consultants (GVA Grimley) led on the preparation of a Masterplan for the Brierfield Area Development Framework.	
Council Resources	HMR budget. HMR Regeneration team lead on the preparation of the SPD.	
Community Engagement	Engagement with stakeholders and members of the community took place in accordance with the requirements set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004, the Council’s Statement of Community Involvement and the requirements of the ELEVATE programme. Please note: Much of the preparatory work leading up to the publication of the draft SPD pre-dated the introduction of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act (September 2004) and the requirements for sustainability appraisal.	

Conservation Area Design and Development Guidance		
Status	Supplementary Planning Document [SPD]	
Scope	Detailed policy advice on design and new development within the Conservation Areas of Pendle.	
Chain of Conformity	Replacement Pendle Local Plan 2001-2016 – Policy 10	
Geographical Coverage	Borough-wide, within the boundaries of the designated Conservation Areas.	
Production Timetable & Key Milestones	Consult statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal	October 2006
	Consultation on the SPD objectives	21 st May – 15 th June 2007
	Commence document preparation	July 2007
	Consultation on draft SPD	18 th January – 29 th February 2008
	Consider representations	March – July 2008
	Adoption	14 th August 2008
Lead Officer	Principal Planning Officer (Built Heritage)	
Management	Planning Policy Manager, Development Control Manager, Planning & Building Control Manager and the Council's Management Team.	
Political Management	Executive Member for Planning Draft documents for public consultation reported to the Council's Executive and/or Full Council. Full Council resolution required for adoption.	
External Resources	None	
Council Resources	The Local Plan budget is ring-fenced.	
Community Engagement	Engagement with stakeholders and members of the community took place in accordance with the requirements set out in The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.	

Design Principles		
Status	Supplementary Planning Document [SPD]	
Scope	To provide guidance on the types of householder developments, shop-fronts and advertisements likely to be acceptable to the local planning authority; together with advice on the planning and design of domestic extensions.	
Chain of Conformity	Replacement Pendle Local Plan 2001-2016 – Policy 13	
Geographical Coverage	Borough-wide	
Production Timetable & Key Milestones	Consult statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal	3 rd October – 20 th October 2006
	Consultation on the SPD objectives	21 st May – 15 th June 2007
	Commence document preparation	June 2007
	Consultation on draft SPD	27 th February – 14 th April 2009
	Consider representations	May – November 2009
	Adoption	10 th December 2009
Lead Officer	Development Control Manager	
Management	Principal Planning Officer (Policy), Planning & Building Control Manager and the Council's Management Team.	
Political Management	Executive Member for Planning Draft documents for public consultation reported to the Council's Executive and/or Full Council. Full Council resolution required for adoption.	
External Resources	None	
Council Resources	The Local Plan budget is ring-fenced.	
Community Engagement	Engagement with stakeholders and members of the community took place in accordance with the requirements set out in The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004; The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amended) Regulations 2008 and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.	

Railway Street Neighbourhood (Brierfield)		
Status	Supplementary Planning Document [SPD]	
Scope	To provide a basis for regeneration activity in an area of Brierfield forming part of the ELEVATE Housing Market Renewal (HMR) Pathfinder Intervention Area.	
Chain of Conformity	Core Strategy Policy LIV1 – Housing Provision and Delivery	
Geographical Coverage	Area of Brierfield immediately east of the railway line (as defined on the map on the inside cover of the SPD)	
Production Timetable & Key Milestones	Commence document preparation	August 2003
	Preparation of ADF Planning Brief	August 2003 – March 2004
	Consideration of Issues and Options	7 th October 2006 – 10 th December 2008
	Consultation on draft Masterplan	11 th May – 25 th May 2007
	Consult statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal	May 2007
	Consultation on draft SPD	20 th August – 1 st October 2010
	Consider representations	October – November 2010
	Adoption	9 th December 2010
Lead Officer	HMR Senior Regeneration Officer and HMR Principal Planner	
Management	Planning Policy Manager, Development Control Manager, Planning & Building Control Manager and the Council's Management Team.	
Political Management	HMR Member Steering Group and the Executive Members for Planning and Housing. Draft documents for public consultation reported to the Council's Executive and/or Full Council. Full Council resolution required for adoption.	
External Resources	Consultants (URBED) led on the preparation of a Masterplan for the Railway Street Area Development Framework.	
Council Resources	HMR budget. HMR Regeneration team lead on the preparation of the SPD.	
Community Engagement	Engagement with stakeholders and members of the community took place in accordance with the requirements set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004, The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amended) Regulations 2008, the Council's Statement of Community Involvement and the requirements of the ELEVATE programme. Please note: Much of the preparatory work leading up to the publication of the draft SPD pre-dated the introduction of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act (September 2004) and the requirements for sustainability appraisal.	

Appendix 6 – Glossary

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Term / Common abbreviation		Brief Description Bold Text = A term also addressed within the glossary
Authority Monitoring Report	AMR	Previously known as the Annual monitoring Report. This document is published as soon as practicable after the end of the monitoring period (31 March). It sets out how the Council's planning policies have been used and whether they have achieved the milestones set out in the Local Development Scheme .
Appropriate Assessment	AA	A requirement, under the European Habitats Directive. Its purpose is to assess the potential impact emerging planning policies may have – either alone, or in combination with other projects or plans – on the structure, function or conservation objectives for a European (Natura 2000 ⁹) Site.
Area Action Plan	AAP	A Development Plan Document that provides the planning framework for a specific location subject to conservation, or regeneration. A key feature is its focus on implementation.
Biodiversity Net Gain	BNG	Introduced by the Environment Act 2021, this is a mandatory requirement for all qualifying development proposals to provide at least a 10% benefit for biodiversity when measured against the pre-development condition of a site. The statutory Biodiversity Metric must be used to confirm the pre-development biodiversity value of existing habitat features. Consideration of how these features are affected by the development proposals informs what additional provision is needed to replace their loss or degradation and to provide a minimum 10% net gain. BNG is applicable to all major development proposals from 12 February 2024, and qualifying small scale proposals from 2 April 2024.
Consultation Statement	-	Demonstrates how a document has been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, as amended. The statement set outs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • which bodies and persons were invited to make representations under Regulation 25 (Regulation 26 for the Statement of Community Involvement); • how these bodies and persons were invited to make such representations; • a summary of the main issues raised by those representations; and • how those main issues have been addressed in the LDD.
Core Strategy	-	The key document in the new Pendle Local Plan. It establishes the strategic framework for planning in Pendle. Specifically it sets out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a spatial vision and strategic objectives; • a spatial strategy; • core policies; and

⁹ Natura 2000 Sites include Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) designated for species and habitats and Special Protected Area (SPAs) designated for birds. On land these are usually part of existing Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs).

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a framework for monitoring and implementation. <p>The Core Strategy must be kept up to date and all other planning policy documents in the borough must be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the plan.</p>
Development Management		<p>The introduction of ‘development management’ sought to change the culture of planning away from ‘development control’. It is customer-focussed, positive, proactive and inclusive. Great emphasis is placed on landowners, developers or their agents seeking pre-application advice before submitting a planning application.</p> <p>Development management policies are set out in a suite of Development Plan Documents, including the Local Plan. They help to ensure that the vision and strategic objectives for the future of the area are achieved.</p>
Development Plan	-	<p>The Development Plans consists of a small number of statutory planning documents. These Development Plan Documents contain the policies and site specific allocations used to guide the nature and location of development in the borough.</p>
Development Plan Document	DPD	<p>These are statutory planning documents, which contain the key policies used to control development in the Borough.</p> <p>A Policies Map (previously known as a Proposals Map), which illustrates the spatial extent of these policies, must also be prepared and maintained to accompany all DPDs.</p> <p>DPDs form part of the Development Plan and are, therefore, a primary consideration in decisions on a planning application, unless material considerations indicate otherwise. As such they are subject to rigorous consultation procedures, sustainability appraisal and independent examination. DPDs can only be adopted once the inspector appointed by the Government to oversee the examination has issued his/her binding report.</p>
Duty to Cooperate	DtC	<p>A legal requirement on local planning authorities to engage with other relevant authorities and bodies constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis for strategic planning matters. The guidance was withdrawn in September 2018 and the Duty itself is to be repealed and replaced by a more flexible alignment test.</p>
Evidence Base	-	<p>The body of information and data prepared or commissioned by a local planning authority to help justify the soundness of the policy approach set out in the Local Plan.</p>
Front Loading	-	<p>The term used to reflect that public input and consensus will be sought at the earliest opportunity in the production of the Local Plan and other planning policy documents.</p>
General Consultation Bodies	-	<p>The Regulations require local planning authorities to consult such of the ‘general consultation bodies’ as they consider appropriate, in the preparation of documents that will form part of the Local Plan. General consultation bodies include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit any part of the authority’s area Bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the authority’s area.

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		<p>c. Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the authority's area.</p> <p>d. Bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the authority's area.</p> <p>e. Bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the authority's area.</p> <p>Also refer to: Specific consultation bodies</p>
Green Infrastructure	-	<p>The term used to describe natural and managed areas of 'green' land lying both in, and between, our towns and villages, that together make up a network of inter-connected, high quality, multi-functional open spaces and the corridors that link them, which provide multiple social, economic and environmental benefits for both people and wildlife.</p> <p>Also refer to: Infrastructure</p>
Housing Market Renewal	HMR	<p>A Government programme that ran from April 2002 to March 2011. It sought to coordinate public sector intervention to help sustain areas where housing market failure was evident – i.e. low demand and high levels of abandonment.</p>
Infrastructure	-	<p>Collective term for the basic services necessary for development to take place i.e. transport, electricity, sewerage, water, education, health and community facilities.</p> <p>Also refer to: Green infrastructure</p>
Local Development Scheme	LDS	<p>Sets out the timetable to produce the Local Plan and other planning policy documents.</p>
Local Housing Need	LHN	<p>The number of homes identified as being needed through the application of the standard method set out in national planning practice guidance.</p>
Local Plan	-	<p>Document setting out detailed proposals concerning the use of land in an area. The Plan consists of a Written Statement and accompanying Policies Map. The Plan provides the basis for the determination of planning applications and to help co-ordinate new development.</p>
Local Transport Plan	LTP	<p>A bidding document to help secure funding for local transport projects. Lancashire County Council is responsible for preparing the Lancashire Transport Plan.</p>
National Planning Policy Framework	NPPF	<p>The National Planning Policy Framework was first published by the Department of Communities and Local Government on 27th March 2012, consolidating information previously contained in a large number of individual Planning Policy Statements (PPS) or Planning Policy Guidance Notes (PPG).</p>
Neighbourhood Development Plan	-	<p>Introduced by the Localism Act 2011, they enable local communities to shape development in their areas through the production of a Neighbourhood Development Plan (often abbreviated to Neighbourhood Plan). When made (adopted) they become part of the Development Plan and are used in the determination of planning applications.</p> <p>In Pendle, which is fully parished, their preparation must be led by a Parish or Town Council.</p>

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		Bold Text = A term also addressed within the glossary
Planning Practice Guidance	PPG	Launched on 6 March 2014, this is a web-based resource that brings together detailed information on various topics. It is important to note that the guidance should not be seen as representing Government policy. This is set out in the National Planning Policy Framework .
Policies Map	-	A map of the borough, using an Ordnance Survey base to illustrate the spatial implications of the policies and proposals contained in the Local Plan and other Development Plan Documents. The map defines sites where particular developments or land uses are favoured, or those areas that are protected from development. Detailed inset maps are used where additional clarity is required.
The Regulations	-	Refers to The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, as amended, which govern all matters relating to the preparation of Local Plan documents.
Site Allocations	-	The allocation of land for particular uses within a Development Plan Document .
Soundness	-	For a document to be considered sound it must be legally compliant (i.e. prepared in accordance with The Regulations) positively prepared, justified, effective and compliant with national policy. Documents must be founded on adequate, up-to-date and relevant evidence and represent the most appropriate strategy when considered against the reasonable alternatives.
Spatial planning	-	Spatial planning refers to the methods used by the public sector to influence the distribution of people and activities in a particular area. It goes beyond traditional land use planning, in that it brings together and integrates policies for the development and use of land with other policies and programmes which influence the nature of places and how they function. This will include policies which can impact on land use by influencing the demands on, or needs for, development, but which are not capable of being delivered solely or mainly through the granting or refusal of planning permission and which may be implemented by other means.
Specific Consultation Bodies		The Regulations require local planning authorities to consult each of the 'specific consultation bodies', to the extent that they consider that the proposed subject matter affects the body, in the preparation of documents that will form part of the Local Plan . The list of specific consultation bodies is identified in the regulations. It includes organisations such as major government departments, infrastructure providers neighbouring local authorities and parish councils both within and adjoining the borough boundary. Also refer to: General consultation bodies
Stakeholder	-	The term used to describe any organisation or individual that has a direct interest in, or is affected by, the actions or

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		decisions of another individual or organisation.
Statement of Community Involvement	SCI	Sets out how a local planning authority (e.g. Pendle Council) intends to consult the public and selected organisations in the preparation, alteration and continuing review of the Local Plan , other planning policy documents and Development Management decisions. It explains how people and organisations can get involved in the preparation of new planning policy and how they will be consulted on planning applications. The SCI is no longer subject to independent examination but is still part of a comprehensive approach to engagement.
Strategic Environmental Assessment	SEA	A legally enforced procedure required by EU Directive 42/2001/EC. It aims to introduce a systematic assessment of the environmental effects of strategic planning and land use decisions. In England the SEA requirements have been incorporated into the Sustainability Appraisal process.
Statutory	-	Required by law (statute), usually through an Act of Parliament.
Sub-regional	-	The term used to describe any subdivision of a region, larger than a district authority. For example Lancashire and East Lancashire are both regarded as sub-regions within the North West of England.
Supplementary Planning Document	SPD	Cover a thematic or site specific issue. They provide additional information and guidance that expands on a ‘parent’ policy in a Development Plan Document . They do not form part of the statutory Development Plan and cannot be used to allocate land or introduce new planning policies (Development Plan Document). Although SPDs go through public consultation procedures and sustainability appraisal , they are not subject to independent examination.
Sustainability Appraisal	SA	The process of assessing the policies and site allocations in a Development Plan Document , for their global, national and local implications on social, economic and environmental objectives. Also refer to: Strategic Environmental Assessment
Sustainable Development	-	Various definitions of sustainable development have been put forward over the years, but that most often used is the Brundtland definition: enabling development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Planning seeks to promote sustainable development by helping to achieve a balance between economic growth, social advancement and environmental conservation.

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