

# Framework



Welcome to Issue 57 of *Framework*, the newsletter that keeps you up to date with progress on the Local Plan and other planning policy matters in Pendle.

In this issue we announce the final public consultation on our new Local Plan. After this is completed the plan, all supporting documents and your comments will be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.



## Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition

### Why do we need a Local Plan?

The planning system in England is plan-led.

Like all local planning authorities in the country Pendle Borough Council is required to prepare a Local Plan to guide development in the area.

### What does the Local Plan do?

The Pendle Local Plan (Fourth Edition) sets out what we want new development to help us achieve in the period up to 2040.

It identifies:

1. A range of strategic planning policies that guide the amount and location of new development
2. Detailed development management policies, which guide the form, appearance and quality of new development
3. Site specific allocations to make clear where new growth and development should take place

Together these help to establish the amount of land we need to allocate for housing, commercial and community use.

They also help to protect valued landscapes, townscapes and wildlife habitats from inappropriate forms of development.

### Do planning policies matter?

The policies in the Local Plan tell anyone applying for planning permission what we will expect from them. They also help planning officers and councillors to decide whether an application for planning permission should be approved or refused.

Each year the Council receives almost 1,000 planning applications. Proposals range from minor alterations and extensions to a house, through to proposals for new housing, industrial units and retail floorspace.

### The story so far

Following a decision by councillors to abandon work on the Pendle Local Plan Part 2 in December 2021, the Council started work on the Pendle Local Plan (Fourth Edition) early the following year.

In Summer 2022, a Scoping Consultation sought views on the vision, objectives, and general approach of the Local Plan.

Feedback from this consultation, a Call for Development Sites and the supporting evidence helped the Council draw-up a first draft of the Local Plan for public consultation.

Known as the Preferred Options Report, this document was subject to public consultation in Summer 2023.

A series of public exhibitions helped to engage local residents and to make people aware of our proposals.

The information we gained through this consultation process helped to refine our initial proposals and arrive at the final draft, which is now being made available for public comment for the final time.

You can see how earlier comments have influenced the revised draft by reading the Consultation Statement.

### What happens next?

You are invited to submit your views on whether the revised Pendle Local Plan meets national planning tests. To do so, it must be:

- **Sound** – positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy
- **Legally** compliant – prepared in accordance with the Regulations

All comments must be received by:

- **5pm, Friday 6 December 2024**

Only people who respond to this consultation will have the opportunity to take part in the Examination.

For more information visit:

[www.pendle.gov.uk/LPpublication](http://www.pendle.gov.uk/LPpublication).



## Publication Consultation (Regulation 19)

The [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF) sets the planning policies for England. The Local Plan Fourth Edition has been prepared in conformity with the policies of the December 2023 version of this document.

The Council considers the Local Plan it has published to be sound and legally compliant.

For information on legal compliance please visit: [Plan-making - GOV.UK](#)

The tests of soundness are defined in Paragraph 35 of the NPPF. In summary the tests of soundness are:

- Positively prepared.
- Justified.
- Effective
- Consistent with national planning policy.

No further changes will be made by the Council unless required to do so by the appointed Inspector.

The Inspector(s) will only make recommendations to alter the plan based on grounds of legal compliance or soundness. The comments you submit should therefore focus on these issues.



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## How to Take Part

This is a quick run through of what you need to do:

### Where can I see the consultation documents?

All documents are available online at:  
[www.pendle.gov.uk/LPpublication](http://www.pendle.gov.uk/LPpublication)

The Local Plan and key supporting documents can be viewed in person at:

- Number One Market Street, Nelson
- All public libraries during their normal hours of opening

### How to Comment

Comments can be submitted by:

- Using our [online form](#),
- Completing and returning a copy of our [representation form](#)
- In writing by letter or email to:  
[planningpolicy@pendle.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@pendle.gov.uk)

Please be clear on which part of the Local Plan you are commenting on. Clearly set out why you are objecting and what changes are needed to address your concerns.

Please keep your comments clear, concise and specific to the matter you wish to see addressed.

### What is the deadline for comments

The closing date for the receipt of all comments is:

- 5pm, Friday 6 December 2024**

Comments received after the deadline will not be considered to be valid.

### Further information

If you have any questions about the public consultation, please get in touch with us:

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## Document Progress

This summary is based on our [Local Development Scheme \(LDS\)](#).

Development Plan Documents	
Bradley Area Action Plan	4
Core Strategy	4
Pendle Local Plan: Fourth Edition	3
Neighbourhood Plans	
Trawden Forest	4
Barrowford	4
Kelbrook and Sough	4
Colne	4
Supplementary Planning Documents	
Conservation Area Design Guidance	4
Design Principles	4
Open Countryside & AONB	-
Brierfield Canal Corridor	4
Brierfield Railway Street Neighbourhood	4

- Plan preparation and evidence gathering. Includes informal discussion with key stakeholders and other interested parties.
- Formal public consultation to consider the first draft of the Plan, which is then amended to reflect the comments received.
- Formal public consultation to consider the final draft of the Plan. After the consultation the unaltered Plan and any comments received are subject to independent examination. This stage does not apply to Supplementary Planning Documents.
- Document formally adopted by Pendle Council.