



In August 2006, when we published the first issue of **Framework**, none of us realised how much planning would change over the next 15 years. We hope that in the fifty issues we have issued since then, we have helped to bring these changes to your attention and explained how they have influenced plan-making in Pendle.

In this issue we focus on one of the most significant of these changes. Instead of submitting the Pendle Local Plan Part 2 for independent examination, we will review the spatial strategy and strategic objectives set out in the Core Strategy, adopted in 2015, and prepare a new single Local Plan for Pendle.

There's also news on neighbourhood plans, heritage and housing.

What now for the Pendle Local Plan?

Background

As regular readers will know, the Council has been preparing a new two-part Local Plan to guide future development and growth in Pendle.

The [Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy](#) was adopted on 17 December 2015. The strategic planning policies in this document established how much new development was required in Pendle up to 2030 and set-out where it should be delivered.

Public Consultation

Last year we consulted on the [Pendle Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations and Development Policies](#).

Having considered the comments received in response to this public consultation and amended the draft plan, as appropriate, we had intended to submit our revised final draft to the Secretary of State for independent examination this year.



At [Council on 9 December 2021](#), the decision was taken not to proceed with the submission of the revised Local

Plan Part 2, due to concerns that it did not reflect the impact that Brexit and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic have had for businesses, future economic growth and the level of housing need in the borough.

What Happens Next?

The Council is now reviewing the evidence base for the Local Plan.

Where necessary, we will commission new studies to take account of the likely effects that Brexit and the COVID-19 pandemic will have for our local economy and future housing growth.

An in-depth review of housing in the borough will allow us to set a new annual housing requirement, which will help to meet our housing needs and the Government's pledge to build 300,000 new homes each year.

Together with £30m secured from the Government's Town Deal and Levelling Up fund, this new approach should help to reduce our need to develop on Greenfield land in the future.

New Government guidance on Biodiversity Net Gain and Climate Change will be used to update the strategic planning policies in the Core Strategy and refine relevant policies from the Local Plan Part 2.

We will pull all these changes together in a new single Local Plan. Details of the review process and our projected timetable will be made available in a future update of the Council's [Local Development Scheme](#) (LDS).

Kelbrook and Sough Neighbourhood Plan

Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council submitted its Neighbourhood Plan to Pendle Council on Friday 18 February 2022.

Pendle Council considers that The Plan meets the necessary legal requirements.

Before it can be considered by an independent examiner, you are invited to comment on The Plan during a statutory consultation period, which will run for seven weeks from **Friday 4 March to Monday 25 April 2022**.

The Plan can be viewed on the [Pendle Council website](#), the [Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council website](#), or at the following locations, during their normal opening hours:

- Kelbrook & Sough Village Hall, Dotcliffe Road, Kelbrook BB18 6TQ
- Earby Library, Community Centre, New Road, Earby, Barnoldswick BB18 6XA
- Barnoldswick Library, Fern Lea Avenue, Barnoldswick BB18 5DW
- Number One Market Street, Market Street, Nelson BB9 7LJ

Representations should be submitted, in writing, to:

- Email: LDF@pendle.gov.uk
- Letter: Pendle Borough Council, Planning, Economic Development & Regulatory Services, Town Hall, Market Street, Nelson, BB9 7LG.

Please indicate if you would like to be notified about the outcome of the independent examination and progress towards adoption of The Plan.

5-year housing land supply

To make sure that councils support the delivery of new homes in their area, national planning policy requires them to have enough sites ready for development to meet their housing need for the next five years.

When a council does not have a 5-year housing land supply (5YHLS) all of its policies for delivering new housing are considered to be out-of-date. Instead of planning applications being determined against local planning policy, national planning policy takes precedence.

[Our updated 5YHLS Statement](#) has been published on the Council's website.

The statement shows that when measured against the borough's local housing need figure (142 dwellings per annum) the Council can demonstrate that over seven years' worth of housing land is currently available in Pendle.

Staff changes

We have had to say goodbye to some key members of staff in recent months.

First to go was our Conservation Officer Rosemary Lyons, who retired in September after 21 years with the Council. Her extensive knowledge of our historic environment will be missed.

Matt Kennedy provided support for neighbourhood planning and helped to bring forward development on small brownfield sites. He left us in October for a new role with [CPRE, the countryside charity](#).

Our Environment Officer Lee Johnson joined the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority in November. Well known for his specialist knowledge of trees; he also provided many of the spectacular photos we have used in Framework in recent years.

We would like to offer our best wishes to all our former colleagues.

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Local heritage list

Growth Lancashire Ltd, is working in partnership with local authorities across the county to identify non-designated local heritage assets and produce the [Lancashire Local List](#).

The list will take into account the historic and architectural interest of a diverse range of buildings and structures that are important to our communities, but are not [listed](#).

These assets either on their own or as part of a group make a positive contribution to the character of an area and enhance our sense of place. They can also make a positive contribution to the local economy.

A Local List is a way of recognising their true value during the planning process. To ensure that the list truly reflects what is locally distinctive, individuals, local communities and heritage groups are all encouraged to help with its preparation.

More information is available on the [Lancashire Local List website](#). This will help to give you a greater understanding of the benefits of creating the Lancashire Local List and how it can help to promote the conservation of local heritage.

The overall aim of the project is to enhance our knowledge of the heritage assets that are already known to us, and to identify buildings, structures or sites, which you believe to be worthy of inclusion on the Lancashire Local List.

Any heritage assets to be nominated must meet at least one of the specified [criteria](#).



The Victorian Pissoir Skipton Road, Trawden

Any new information that you submit will be added to the Lancashire Historic Environment Record (HER).

But the adoption of a Local List is outside the scope of this project. Each local authority will use their own criteria to assess the nominations for their area, before drawing-up and adopting their own Local List.

Document progress

This summary, based on our [Local Development Scheme \(LDS\)](#), shows the stage reached in preparing new planning policy documents.

Development Plan Documents	
Core Strategy	4
Pendle Local Plan	1
Bradley Area Action Plan	4
Neighbourhood Plans	
Barrowford	4
Trawden Forest	4
Colne	2
Kelbrook and Sough	3
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. This is then amended to reflect the comments received.
- Formal public consultation to consider the final draft of the Plan. The Plan is not amended before it is sent for independent examination. The Inspector or Examiner will consider both the Plan and any comments submitted at this stage. (Does not apply to SPDs).
- Document formally adopted by Pendle Council.