

Agenda Item 14

Local Plan Response:

Following the last meeting the Council Engaged Fitzgerald Planning & Design as the council's consultant to draft the council's response. After Paula Fitzgeralds initial work on the response a meeting was held on Friday 2nd May to discuss both her and the Councils concerns. The main concern is that if the Inspector rejects the proposed annual housing figure as to low and asks Pendle to reassess the number this may mean the Local Plan has to be amended and additional sites included which will have to be consulted on, or dependant on the will of Pendle Borough Councillors the plan may be withdrawn and rewritten.

The Council submitted the following comments and requests to attend and speak.

Local Plan (4th Edition 2021 – 2040)

Written Statement from Barrowford Parish Council to IN3: Matters, issues and questions

2 separate matters have been raised by Barrowford Parish Council listed below (MATTERS 1- 4) (7/5/25)

Matter M3: Spatial Strategy

SP02 – Spatial Strategy, to be discussed Wednesday 18th June am

Inspectors Question:

Q3.1. Is the spatial strategy set out in the Plan appropriate, taking into account reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence? In particular:

- a) The settlement hierarchy of main towns, local service centres, rural service centres and rural villages.
- b) The approach to development at the different tiers of the hierarchy set out in SP02 part 1.
- c) The approach to development within settlement boundaries set out in SP02 part 2.
- d) The restrictive approach to development in the countryside outside settlement boundaries (including in the three hamlets of Bracewell, Winewall and Wycoller) set out in policy DM09.

Statement 1 being raised by the Parish Council: requesting clarification of a term in the main policy text.

Policy SP02: Spatial Strategy with the table, it would seem sensible to define or have some supporting policy text for '*with new development serving a **localised catchment***'. Localised catchment could be open to interpretation in applying the policy to Local Service Centres which Barrowford is in and further clarification is sought from the Council.

Policy wording to be found on page 33 of the draft Publication within table SP02a under the second column 'role' of 2. Local Service Centres.

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SP03 Distribution of development, to be discussed Wednesday 18th June am

Inspectors Questions:

Q3.3. Is policy SP03 in the submitted Plan justified and will it provide a clear and unambiguous framework for the preparation and determination of planning applications and preparation and examination of neighbourhood plans? If not, would the Council's proposed main modification to the reasoned justification make the policy sound?

Statement 2 issue being raised by the Parish Council: requesting that the M65 urban corridor is broken down further to Nelson, Colne, Barrowford.

Whilst there is no disagreement with the percentages of development in the three spatial areas, given that the M65 urban area is to take approximately 70% of net delivery, it would seem sensible if this could be broken down further otherwise there could be a disproportionate amount of development in one particular area.

Page 74 of the AMR breaks the spatial distribution down into towns, can this therefore be set with the policy text?

Extract: Current AMR monitoring period

285 net dwellings were completed in the 2022/23 monitoring period. This is slightly below the annual housing requirement set through Policy LIV1. Trough Laithe is under construction with 68 dwellings complete. In terms of the geographical distribution of new dwellings, the M65 Corridor had the highest number of completions in 2022/23 with a total of 220 new dwellings, with 86 of these in Nelson and 85 in Colne. The West Craven Towns saw 30 dwellings. In Rural Pendle 33 dwellings were completed.

Hello Yvonne,

Please accept this email as confirmation that a representative from Barrowford Parish Council will attend the sessions:

M3, Wednesday 18th June, policies SP02 and SP03

M5 (DM 23 affordable housing) on Tuesday 8th July. Please note a statement for M5 will follow in the next 2 weeks.

Please find attached 2 statements which are within the same document, one in word and pdf.

Kind Regards

Paula