

FOREWORD

This is the Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan, PNDP for short which has been consulted upon with the public during three consultation rounds and examined by an Independent Planning Inspector.

The PNDP has been prepared by Penrith Town Council and, when finally approved by you, the people of Penrith, the PNDP will become part of the development plan for Eden District. This means that the PNDP will then be used to help decide upon planning applications that are considered by the local planning authority's Planning Committee.

The PNDP is made up of a set of planning policies and proposals. These are set out in this document and on an accompanying Policies Map.

The policies and proposals in this draft of the PNDP have been put together to help us achieve our Vision for Penrith in 2032 which is that:

BY 2032, PENRITH WILL BE A SUCCESSFUL, VIBRANT MARKET TOWN PROVIDING A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR QUALITY OF LIFE, ATTRACTING INVESTMENT AND TOURISM WHILST ENHANCING THE BEST OF ITS BUILT AND NATURAL CHARACTER.

The PNDP includes policies on:

- Sustainability, or meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs, which is a theme connecting all the policies.
- Influencing the type of development in our Conservation Areas so that such development is of high quality and suitable in terms of character and appearance.
- Design and how we make new development more energy efficient, less damaging to the environment and more encouraging of healthy lifestyles.
- Making development accessible to all age groups and sections of the community by public transport, walking, cycling or using mobility aids.
- Making sure that new housing is of high quality and includes a mix of homes to help meet the needs of young renters, first time buyers, empty nesters, the ageing population, and those looking to self-build.
- Protecting those things that are essential for a community to thrive: local greenspaces, recreation facilities and community facilities.
- Working with the District and County Councils to identify and implement improvements to traffic flow both in and around the town, pedestrian access, cycle routes and car parking.
- Enhancing the vitality and viability of the town centre.

The Consultation Process

The views of the public were sought at the very start of the process so that we knew what residents and businesses liked and what their concerns were for Penrith were. From this we developed draft policies based on everyone's comments before consulting again in 2018 to see whether we had included the issues raised during the initial consultation.

It should be noted that the PNDP DOES NOT allocate any additional land for development over that proposed by Eden District Council in their adopted Local Plan.

The results of the consultation in 2018 were used to inform the revisions to the document and draw up the 'submission version' of the PNDP for the Regulation 14 Consultation which took place February to April 2019.

After a delay due to Covid, Eden District Council (EDC) carried out the statutory Regulation 16 consultation after which an Independent Examiner carried out a public examination before publishing his findings. He made some changes to the plan due to changes in national planning law that had taken place.

We would like to thank you for your time and interest.



Councillor Scott Jackson,
Chair of Penrith Town Council Planning Committee and Penrith Neighbourhood
Development Plan Group

Figure 1. Penrith Designated Neighbourhood Plan Area

