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Subject: Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition - Main Modifications Consultation

Dear consultee,

The Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition 2011-2040 was submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination in February this year. The hearings that formed part of the public examination were held at Nelson Town Hall during June and July.

The Council recently received a letter setting out the Inspectors' initial findings and recommendations on the way forward. This letter identifies proposed changes to the wording of the Local Plan – known as Main Modifications – which need to be made before it can be considered for adoption by the Council.

We are now undertaking a very specific consultation on these Main Modifications. You should only comment on the modifications that are being proposed. Comments on the Local Plan that were submitted in response to earlier public consultations have already been considered by the Inspector and do not need to be resubmitted.

The Schedule of Main Modifications is accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment, which you can also comment on. Alongside this, we are consulting on changes to the Policies Map, which shows the areas covered by the policies in the Local Plan.

The council has also proposed some minor amendments known as Additional Modifications. These are changes that the council would like to make to the Local Plan to correct any typographical or factual errors. These are not examined or recommended by the Inspector but are published by the Council for comment alongside the main modifications.

A tracked change version of the Local Plan has been prepared to help understand the context of the proposed modifications, but this does not form part of the consultation and should not be commented on.

Further information about the consultation can be found on the Pendle Council Website at www.pendle.gov.uk/LPMainMods

The consultation documents (listed below) are also available to view at Number One Market Street, Nelson, and public libraries throughout Pendle during their normal opening hours:

- Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications
- Schedule of Proposed Changes to the Policies Map
- Sustainability Appraisal Addendum
- Habitats Regulations Assessment Addendum
- Schedule of Additional (Minor) Modifications

The consultation runs from 9am on Friday 12 September to 5pm on Friday 24 October 2025.

Kind regards.

John Halton