

Penrith Town Council

Neighbourhood *plan*



Dear Penrith Resident,

Penrith Town Council is making a Neighbourhood Plan for Penrith. The Government's Localism Act sets out how parishes can make their own plans which then become part of planning law.. We have to make the Plan according to the way set out in the legislation and every adult in the town who is eligible to vote can have a final say in a referendum. It is vital that we understand what is important to you in your town so **very important** that you, your family and your neighbours take this opportunity to discuss how you would like to see Penrith develop between now and 2036 and make your views known to us.

This questionnaire is the next step in understanding what we need to address in the Plan and gives us important information about the town. The answers that you give us, as well as comments that we get at the 'Our Plan' launch day will help shape what we do next. We will look into the issues that you raise and there will be further consultations and more opportunities for you to make your views known or get involved.

We can influence development, not stop it altogether

Our Neighbourhood Plan must comply with Eden District Council's Local Plan, when it is approved, and the government's wider planning policies. This means that it is inevitable that new housing will have to be built in Penrith in the future. Having a Neighbourhood Plan in place will help us to ensure that this housing is suitable for the town and meets the needs of our area. It will also help us to identify the facilities and services that need to be in place to meet the demands that any new housing will have on our community.



What to do next

We would encourage you to complete the survey as fully and thoughtfully as you can online at www.surveymonkey.com/ Alternatively you can complete and return this copy to us

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO US BY

Details of the different ways you can return it are given at the end of the questionnaire.

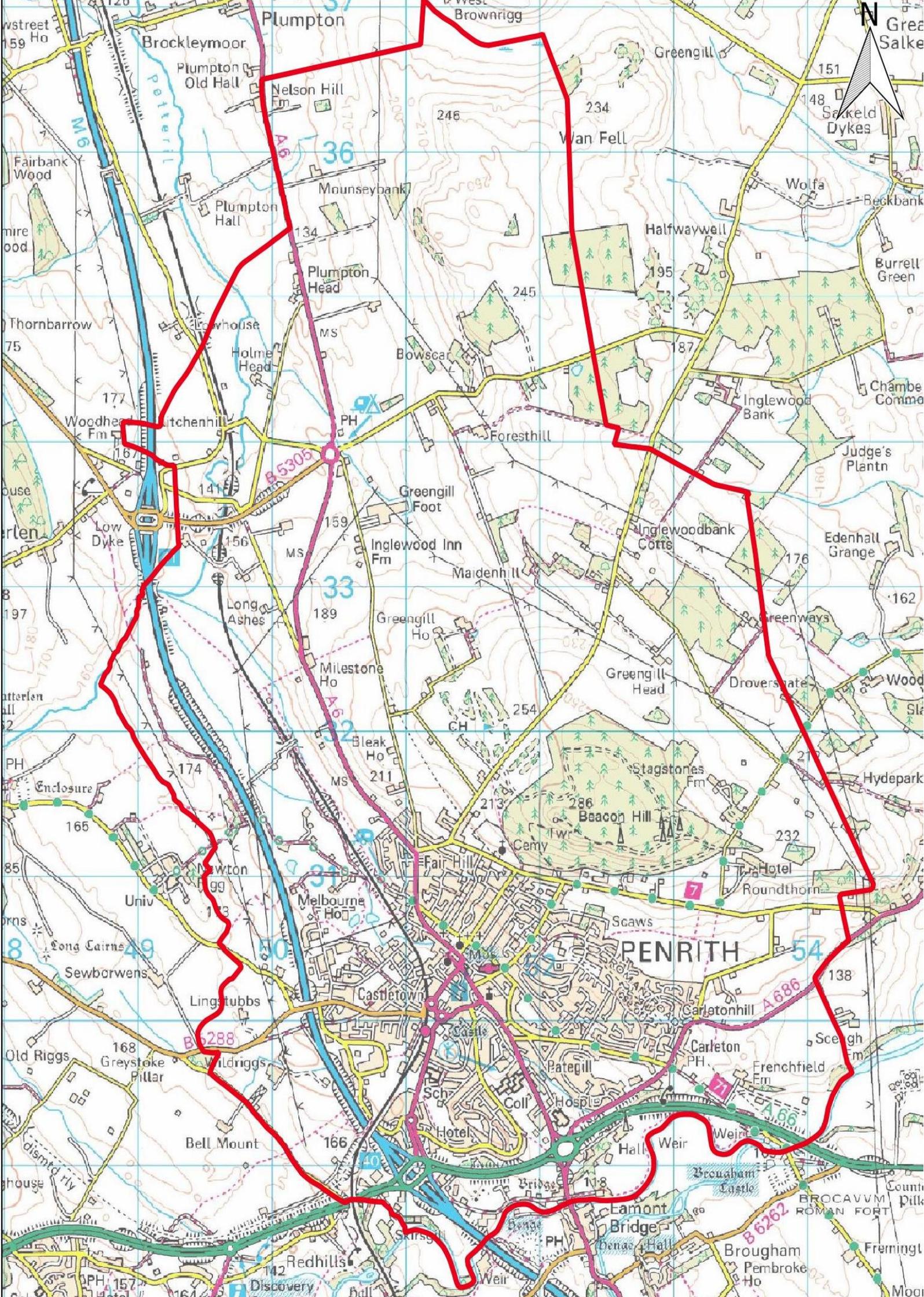
We particularly want to hear from young people as they are the future and their views are not heard as loudly perhaps as they should be.

Once we have drafted the Plan you will have an opportunity to review it and then vote on it at a referendum. When the Plan is agreed, the development of land in and around Penrith and the development of infrastructure will be guided by the Plan.

Thank you for taking time to help us create Penrith's Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr David Whipp
Mayor
Penrith Town Council

Cllr Fiona Johnson
Chairman
Neighbourhood Plan Group



- 1.2 **Are you registered disabled or do you have a long standing disability**
 (this means anything that has troubled you over a long period of time or is likely to affect you over a long period of time (Please tick one box)

Yes	
No	

- 1.3 **Which of these best describes what you are doing at the present time**

Employed full-time (30+hrs per week)	
Employed part-time (under 30 hrs per week)	
Self-employed (full or part time)	
On Government supported training programme eg Modern Apprenticeship	
Unemployed and available for work	
Permanently ill or disabled	
Retired	
College / University student	
Secondary age student	
Primary age student	
Parenting or Caring	
Other (Please write in)	

Optional Information

If you would like to provide any additional information to help us keep you informed about the Neighbourhood Plan as it progresses, please do so below:

House name or number:
Name:
Telephone number:
Email address:

*** All information you provide will be held securely and in accordance with the Data Protection Act**

Part 2 - A Shared Vision for Penrith

Eden District Council (EDC) has produced a draft Local Plan that means further development will be coming to Penrith. This draft Plan is currently undergoing independent Inspection. A Neighbourhood Plan gives us the opportunity to manage further development in line with the needs, priorities and aspirations of the people who live here.

The following questions are intended to help us understand what your priorities and aspirations are for Penrith over the next 16 years, the life of the Local Plan.

2.1 How do you rate each of the following in Penrith (Please tick one box on each line)

	 Good	 Fair	 Poor	 Confused or Don't Know
Overall size of town				
Sense of community and neighbourliness				
Cost of Housing				
Availability of Housing				
Variety of Housing size and type				
Attractive views				
Greenspaces and parks				
Footpaths				
Traffic speed and volume				
Attractiveness of Town centre				
Shops and services				
Car parking				
Public transport				
Safety				
Public houses				
Restaurants / cafes / places to eat				
Leisure facilities				
Facilities for young people				
Any other likes / dislikes (Please write in)				

2.2 **What do you most value about living in Penrith? List up to three in order of importance to you, 1 being the most important. Please keep your answers short and to the point.**

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2.3 **What do you dislike about living in Penrith? List up to three in order of importance with 1 being the most important. Please keep your answers short and to the point.**

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2.3 **Thinking about the town centre, how would you like Penrith described in 20 years time? Only tick up to 5. If you feel any are particularly important then put a double tick**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/>	Friendly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tranquil
<input type="checkbox"/>	Affordable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prosperous	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vibrant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attractive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Safe	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inclusive
<input type="checkbox"/>	Busy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Traditional		

2.4 **Thinking about the whole of Penrith, how would you like Penrith described in 20 years time? Only tick up to 5. If you feel any are particularly important then put a double tick**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/>	Friendly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tranquil
<input type="checkbox"/>	Affordable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prosperous	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vibrant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attractive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Safe	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inclusive
<input type="checkbox"/>	Busy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Traditional		

Part 3 - Transport

3.1 **Why do you make most of your journeys away from Penrith and where to?** (Tick all that apply)

	✓	Main Destination (Please write in)
Work		
Education		
Health		
Recreation		
Shopping for Food		
Shopping for Clothes		
General Shopping		
Other		

3.2 Which of the following do you use most? (Tick all that apply)

Private Car	
Shared Car	
Train	
Bus Service	
Taxi	
Motorbike	
Bicycle	
Mobility vehicle / wheelchair	
Walk	

3.3 Which of the following do you use to get around Penrith? (Tick all that apply)

Private Car	
Shared Car	
Train	
Bus Service	
Taxi	
Motorbike	
Bicycle	
Mobility vehicle / wheelchair	
Walk	

3.4 How often do you catch a bus to anywhere from Penrith?

Daily A few times a month Hardly Ever
 A few times a week Occasionally Never

3.5 How often do you catch a train to anywhere from Penrith?

Daily A few times a month Hardly Ever
 A few times a week Occasionally Never

3.6 If you have mobility issues, what would make it easier for you to get around Penrith. Please keep your answer short and to the point.

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3.7 Do you think there is a parking problem in Penrith?

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree
 Strongly Disagree No opinion / Don't know

3.8 Is signage for drivers and walkers adequate in Penrith?

Yes No Don't Know

If you answered no please let us know why

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3.8 **If you think there is a parking problem, tell us where and describe the problem. Please keep your answer short and to the point.**

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3.9 **If it could be shown that it would reduce traffic flow through Penrith, would you support a campaign for a bypass to the east of Penrith**

Yes No No opinion / Don't know

Comments?

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3.9 **Are there any transport improvements that you would like to see?**
Please tell us what they are

3.10 **Should any of Penrith town centre be pedestrianised? If so where**

Yes No

Part 4 - Leisure and Greenspaces

4.1 **Generally what do you think of the leisure facilities in Penrith?**

 Good	 Fair	 Poor	 Don't Know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Please tick as appropriate)

4.2 **What recreational activities do you take part in?** (Please tick as many boxes as apply)

Walking, including dog walking	
Running or jogging	
Cycling	
Horse-riding	
Swimming	
Other water sports	
Tennis	
Football	
Rugby	
Other outdoor team or individual sport or activity (please state what)	
Bowls	
Indoor team or individual sport or activity (please state what)	
Music & performing arts	
Visual arts, crafts	
Children's play equipment	
Gardening / allotment	
Community involvement (Clubs etc)	
Other not covered by above (Please write in)	

4.3 **Penrith has the Leisure Centre, Frenchfield, Rugby Club and Skate Park, do you think it needs any additional sporting or recreational facilities?**

Yes No Not sure / Don't know

If you answered 'yes' what do you think Penrith needs?

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4.4 **Do you think any particular age group is under-served by the recreational opportunities available?**

Yes No Not sure / Don't know

If you answered 'yes' what group is that and what do you think they need?

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4.5 Penrith has a number of green spaces eg Fairhill, Castle Park, Scaws, The Beacon etc. Do you think that they should be preserved?

Yes No Not sure / Don't know

If you answered 'yes' which green space(s) are important to you please indicate below (Tick as many as you wish and add any you think we've missed off))

Fairhill	
Castle Park	
The Beacon	
Frenchfield	
The Rugby Club	
Coronation Gardens	
Breckenber Allotments (Musgrave Street)	
Folly Lane Allotments	
Salkeld Road Allotments	
Carleton Heights Play Area	
Castletown Play Area and Playing Field	
Milton Street Play Area	
Pategill Play Area	
Scaws Play Area	
Wetheriggs Play Area and Country Park	
Open area and pond near Thacka	

4.6 Should there be more green /communal spaces?

Yes No Not sure / Don't know

4.7 Should any green spaces be protected?

Yes No Not sure / Don't know

Part 5 - Housing / Development

Did you know?

In 2011, Penrith had 15,181 residents an increase of 4.9% from 2001. Currently ***Penrith residents are over 65. Projections indicate that by 2032 this will have become ***

5.1 Since 2000 about *** houses have been built or granted planning permission in Penrith. Eden District Council's draft Local Plan proposes 200 new builds per year. How many houses do you think could be sustainably built in Penrith over the next 16 years (2016-2032). Please tick one of the following options:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Up to 500	<input type="checkbox"/>	1500-2500
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<input type="checkbox"/>	1500-2500	<input type="checkbox"/>	Up to 500

5.2 What *type(s)* of accommodation should new housing provide?

	Yes	No	Not Sure
General market homes for sale			
General market homes for rent			
Affordable homes eg shared ownership, affordable rent			
Homes for sale or rent primarily for local people			

5.3 If you think homes should be for sale or rent for local people, do you agree with the following definitions

	Yes	No	Not Sure
Lives locally and has done so for a continuous period of at least 3 years			
Works locally and has done so for a continuous period of at least 3 years			
Moved away but has strong established and continuous links locally because of family connections			
Essential need through age or disability to live close to those who live locally and have done for at least 3 years			

5.4 What *sort* of housing should be built? (Please tick one box on each line)

	Yes	No	Not Sure
Smaller houses (1 or 2 bedrooms)			
Medium sized houses (2-3 bedrooms)			
Larger houses (4 + bedrooms)			
Bungalows			
Flats			
Self-build houses			
Starter homes			
Low cost housing (relative to local incomes)			
Warden assisted sheltered homes			
Smaller retirement houses / bungalows			
Eco homes			
Other (Please write in)			

5.5 Do you intend to stay in your home until at least 2032?

Yes No Not sure / Don't know

5.6 If you wish to stay within Penrith but would like to move or have your own property, which of the following would you choose? (Please ✓)

A smaller property	
A larger property	
A starter home	
Low cost housing	
Single storey accommodation (bungalow)	
Retirement accommodation	

5.7 Thinking about the development of Penrith over the next 16 years, where do you think house building should take place? (Please tick once on each line)

	Yes	No	Not Sure
Carleton			
Fairhill			
Roundthorn			
Between Inglewood Rd and the A6			
To the NE of Inglewood Rd			
To the N of the A686 to the east of Penrith			
Within existing gardens in the town (infill)			
Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings			
Other (Please write in)			

5.8 Are there any areas / sites in Penrith that should NOT be developed?

Please state which areas and why

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5.9 **What do you think are the biggest benefits development could bring to Penrith?** (Please tick **up to five**. If you feel any are particularly important then put a double tick)

<input type="checkbox"/>	A balance of ages and incomes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mobile phone coverage
<input type="checkbox"/>	Affordable / low cost housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parking
<input type="checkbox"/>	Broadband speeds	<input type="checkbox"/>	Protection of green space
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elderly care facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Protection of heritage assets
<input type="checkbox"/>	Energy production	<input type="checkbox"/>	Safe cycle routes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Facilities & Services for young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	Safe pedestrian routes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Investment in infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Schools and childcare
<input type="checkbox"/>	Land for recreation (allotments/playing fields etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shops and services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leisure facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Town identity and sense of community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local jobs and businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transport links
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical and care facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Variety of house types/costs/sizes
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>(write in your own suggestion).....</i>		

5.10 **What worries you about further development in Penrith? Please tick up to five. If you feel that any are particularly important then put a double tick.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	A weaker sense of community	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of appropriate housing for older people
<input type="checkbox"/>	Growth targeted only at people on higher incomes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of school/childcare places or school/childcare overcrowding
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase in crime and anti-social behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of public transport
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increased traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Overloaded sewerage or drainage systems
<input type="checkbox"/>	Insufficient things for young people to do	<input type="checkbox"/>	Overstretched local amenities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Insufficient opportunities for young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oversubscribed medical and care facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Insufficient sports and leisure facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Undermined local businesses
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of adequate parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsafe cycle routes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsafe pedestrian routes
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>(write in your own suggestion).....</i>		

5.11 More houses will bring increased pressure on the amenities in the town. Which of these do you think need upgrading or improving (Please tick once on each line)

	Needs Improvement Now	Will need Improvement with more development	Will not need any more improvement or development	Don't Know
Places in primary education				
Places in secondary education				
Built leisure facilities				
Children's play areas				
Community buildings				
Roads and traffic				
Car parking				
Bus services				
Foot and cycle ways				
Health services				
Other (Please write in)				

5.12 Tell us what you think about the infrastructure where you live. If there you think we've left something out please add it in the blank rows or if there are any problems add to the comments box (Please tick once on each line)

	 Good	 Fair	 Poor
Sewerage / drainage			
Water supply			
Electricity			
Gas			
Mobile phone coverage			
Broadband provision			
Pavements			
Roads			
Pedestrian crossings			
Street lighting			
Comments (Please write in)			

5.13 **If money was available to invest in infrastructure where should this be spent. Please tick up to 3. If you think an option is particularly important then put a double tick ✓✓**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sewerage / drainage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mobile phone coverage
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	Broadband
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electricity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pavements
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gas	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roads
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pedestrian crossings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Street lighting
Other (Please give details)			

Part 6 - Town Centre

6.1 **Penrith is a community at the heart of Cumbria at an important transport intersection with the M6 and A66 and the West Coast mainline. What do you think Penrith's unique selling point (USP) or identity is?** (Please choose one)

- Tourism
- Retail
- Market Town
- Other

If other please state.....

6.2 **Thinking of Penrith as the key town in Eden, what services or amenities do you think are lacking? What does Penrith not have that you would like it to have?** (Please list up to three things and keep your answers short and to the point.)

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6.3 **Thinking of the town centre, should Penrith encourage a conservation plan for shop fronts and the town centre?**

- Yes
- No



Comments.....

6.4 **Would you like to see the development of a café / cultural zone for Penrith where there could be regular street entertainment?**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

If you answered Yes where do you think this should be

<input type="checkbox"/>	Middlegate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Great Dockray
<input type="checkbox"/>	Market Square	<input type="checkbox"/>	Penrith New Squares
Other (Please state)			

6.5 **Thinking about general facilities in Penrith town centre let us know what you think about the AMOUNT of provision** (Please tick once on each line)

	 Good	 Fair	 Poor	 Don't Know
Supermarkets				
Clothes shops				
Clothes shops for young people				
Independent Shops				
High Street retailers				
Gift shops				
Electrical goods				
White goods				
Hairdressers / Barbers				
Charity Shops				
General Retail				
General grocery shops				
DIY Shops				
Sports / Hobby equipment				
Cafes				
Takeaways				
Restaurants				
Public houses				
Other or Comments (Please state)				

6.6 Thinking about the attractiveness of Penrith please indicate your views on the following (Please tick once on each line)

	 Good	 Fair	 Poor	 Don't Know
Cleanliness				
Provision of public seating				
Provision of litter bins				
Public toilets				
Landscaping and planting schemes				
Comments				

6.7 Are there any other comments you want to make about the Town Centre

Part 7 - Business, Employment and Tourism

Penrith needs a thriving local economy. Businesses need premises whether as retail units to sell their goods and services, offices or industrial units to manufacture or service plant and equipment or, given we're on a major transport intersection, premises for distribution and warehousing.

Penrith is in a central location at the 'Gateway to the Lakes' and has a strong tourism sector which is important to the area.

7.1 **Do you think more employment land and business premises should be created in Penrith?** (Please tick one box)

Yes No Not sure / Don't know

7.2 **If you answered 'Yes' where do you think these should be located?**
(Please tick once on each line)

	Yes	No	Not Sure
Gilwilly			
Penrith Business Park (just beyond Gilwilly)			
Penrith Industrial Estate			
Land between Newton Road and the M6			
Land near Stoneybeck roundabout either side of the A6			
Other (Please state)			
Comments			

7.3 **Thinking about business use should the Neighbourhood Plan allocate land for the following business uses?** (Please tick one in each row)

	Yes	No	Not Sure
Office space			
Small starter light industrial units			
Small sized light industrial units			
Medium sized light industrial units			
Large scale industrial / warehousing units			
Serviced office buildings			

7.4 **Should policies be developed in the Neighbourhood Plan that support tourism?**

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree
 Strongly Disagree No opinion / Don't know

7.5 **If you are an existing business in Penrith, what is your business.....
have you wanted to relocate your premises?**

Yes No

7.6 **Was there anything suitable for you to move to, if not, why not?**

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Part 8 - Treasures and Assets

Penrith has a number of listed buildings (both individually or in groups) including the Castle, Dockray Hall, The Two Lions and Musgrave Hall to name but a few. There are also two conservation areas within the town; in the town centre and the 'New Streets, conservation area. Bearing these in mind:



8.1 Should the Neighbourhood Plan include policies to enhance and protect the conservation areas and listed buildings that we have in the town?

Yes No Not sure / Don't know

Comments?.....

8.2 Should we make more of the heritage of the town and celebrate its history and culture?

Yes No Not sure / Don't know

If you answered 'Yes' what do you think we should celebrate and how?

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8.3 There are 152 individual or groups of buildings within Penrith Parish that are listed. A document showing them all can be found on our website at www.penrithtowncouncil.co.uk Please indicate below any buildings that you think are missing from the list that you believe should be listed and state the reason why

Building	Reason for Possible Listing

Part 9 - General Comments

If you have any comments to add which you think we should take account of please add them below, we can only consider what we know about

End of Questionnaire

Penrith Town Council would like to thank you for helping us by completing this questionnaire.

We realise that it is long, however it is important that we gather all the information that we can as there are a number of challenges and opportunities for Penrith in the future. It is essential that we work with partners on a long term vision to ensure that Penrith flourishes and prospers for future generations.

Your views will help us develop your Neighbourhood Plan and we would encourage you to complete the questionnaire online at

www.surveymonkey.com

Alternatively you may return your completed paper questionnaire to special post boxes at any of the addresses listed below

Penrith Town Council Offices, St Andrews Parish Rooms

Star Fruits, Angel Lane

Please complete your questionnaire before 2017

If you would like more information about neighbourhood planning or would like to download additional hard copies of the questionnaire please visit our website

www.penrithtowncouncil.co.uk

If you would like to comment on the questionnaire please email deputytownclerk@penrithtowncouncil.co.uk or visit our Facebook page

THANK YOU

If you have any questions, require a LARGE PRINT COPY, would like an additional hard copy but are unable to download one, would like help completing the form or are unable to get to one of the delivery points please phone Rosalyn Richardson on 01768 899773

