

PRESS RELEASE

Responses to Public Comments

Fifteen months after undertaking the initial public consultation to obtain residents', businesses' and visitors' views on the town, Penrith Town Council published its draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) which, when approved, will become part of Eden's development plan and will be used by the District Council and Town Council to help determine planning applications.

An informal consultation on the Draft Plan was carried out between 26 June and 31 July 2018 to confirm that the draft NDP had covered all the issues raised by the public during the initial consultation during March and April 2017, and that the group had developed appropriate corresponding policies and supporting actions to address the issues.

The consultation was publicised through regular press releases, a newsletter delivered to most households in the parish, and through the Town Council's social media and website. The draft plan was also sent to all Councillors representing Penrith, the local NHS, Cumbria Police, Cumbria Fire and Rescue, business representatives, youth organisations, schools, community groups, the District and County Councils, Centre for Sustainable Energy, Woodland Trust, Natural England and Friends of the Lake District for comment.

A total of 70 individual responses were received, 67 from members of the public and 3 from organisations. The Neighbourhood Plan Group carefully considered all the comments and queries and their responses to them can be found on the Town Council's website at www.penrithtowncouncil.co.uk

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File note: a list of the comments or issues raised can be found attached to this press release for information.