

FOREWORD

This is the Regulation 16 Submission Draft of the Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan, PNDP for short. The Submission Draft Plan is being consulted upon by Eden District Council for six weeks. The consultation period starts on [] and runs until []

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 Eden District Council'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.

Seeking Further Views

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 NDP is NOT the Masterplan which was proposed by Eden District Council and that it 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.

Following receipt of all the comments and those from the statutory consultees, further amendments have been made to the PNDP which has now been submitted to Eden District Council (EDC).

EDC have checked the submitted plan and will publish it for a minimum of 6 weeks formal public consultation before all responses are considered and it then proceeds to examination by an independent examiner and then referendum We would like to thank you for your time and interest.



Councillor Dave Knaggs, Chair Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan Group

Figure 1. Penrith Designated Neighbourhood Plan Area

