

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This is the first draft of the Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan, PNDP for short.

The PNDP is being 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 determine planning applications.

To do this the PNDP comprises a set of planning policies and proposals. These are set out in this written document and on an accompanying Policies Map.

The policies and proposals in this draft 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 therefore includes policies on:

- Design and how we make new development more sustainable, energy efficient, accessible and inclusive;
- Influencing the type of development in our Conservation Areas so that it is of high quality and suitable in terms of character and appearance;
- New housing to make sure these are of high quality and include a mix of homes that help meet local needs;
- Protecting those things that are essential for a community to thrive: local greenspaces, recreation facilities, community facilities and education provision;
- Transport improvements, including walking and cycling, car parking and better management of the flow of traffic around the town; and
- Planning policies to enhance the vitality and viability of our town centre

We now want to hear your views on the draft PNDP. Comments are invited until 30th July 2018.

Hard copies of the document are available for viewing at Penrith Library, the Town Hall, Mansion House and the offices of Penrith Town Council.

The Draft Plan, representation forms and other background documents are also available for viewing and downloading from the Neighbourhood Plan website: <http://www.penrithtowncouncil.co.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

Please use the representation form and return completed forms and other comments in writing to the Deputy Town Clerk or by email to [deputytownclerk@penrithtowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:deputytownclerk@penrithtowncouncil.co.uk)

All comments received will be carefully considered by the Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan Group (PNDPG) and Town Council and used to inform the next version of the Neighbourhood Plan, the Formal Consultation Neighbourhood Development Plan. Following careful consideration of all representations made, the Plan will be revised further and submitted to Eden District Council who will check it and then publish it for a further minimum 6 weeks' formal public consultation. The Plan will then proceed to examination and referendum.

Thank you for your time and interest.



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**Chair Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan Group**