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FOREWORD

This is the Regulation 14 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 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. Please note that Map A, page 128 in this document, is also available separately on the Neighbourhood Plan section of the Town Council's website at <http://www.penrithtowncouncil.co.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

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.
- Developments need to be reasonably accessible by 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 and the ageing population.
- 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 (e.g. park and ride and low cost, long-term car parking)
- Enhancing the vitality and viability of the town centre.

Seeking Your Views

We now want to hear your views on the Regulation 14 Draft PNDP. Comments are invited from 4 February 2019 until 1 April 2019 and all residents and businesses in Penrith have been sent a copy of a summary document and questionnaire together with a pre-paid envelope. The questionnaire will also be on line at <https://bit.ly/2sIzYWS> but you can also reply in writing to us at Penrith Town Council, 19-24 Friargate, Penrith CA11 7XR or by email to deputytownclerk@penrithtowncouncil.co.uk marking your email ND Plan

We will be holding numerous drop in sessions at different times and venues where you can come and ask questions and give us your views, please keep an eye on the press, our website and social media for more details.

The Regulation 14 Draft Plan, representation forms and other background documents are also available for viewing and downloading from the Neighbourhood Plan section of the website: <http://www.penrithtowncouncil.co.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>. You will also be able to see a copy at our offices on Friargate and in Penrith Library or email us at deputytownclerk@penrithtowncouncil.co.uk and we can send you one electronically.

Don't forget the deadline for getting your comments back to us is 1 April 2019. Your comments will be carefully considered by the Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan Group and the Town Council.

The results of the consultation will be then used to inform the "submission version" of the PNDP. When the final PNDP is completed and approved by the Town Council, the PNDP will be submitted to Eden District Council (EDC).

EDC will check the submitted plan and publish this for a minimum of 6 weeks formal public consultation. The PNDP will then proceed to examination and referendum.

Thank you for your time and interest.



Councillor Peter G. Baker Chair Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan Group