



Planning Policy Update from Lancaster City Council

**Partial Review of Local Plan (*Climate Emergency*) adopted on 22
January 2025**

On 22 January 2025 Lancaster City Council adopted a partial review of its Local Plan to ensure that planning decisions take greater account of the implications of climate change.

The partial review has not changed the amount of development that is needed in the district or added or removed areas of land that have already been identified for development. Instead, the policies are intended to help shape development proposals to achieve better outcomes for climate change mitigation, adaption, and resilience. An example is the new planning policy on building new homes that are more energy efficient that will reduce both energy use and heating bills for the new residents. The partial review updates both of the following previously adopted documents:

- Part One: Strategic Policies & Land Allocations (*climate emergency*) Development Plan Document
- Part Two: Development Management (*climate emergency*) Development Plan Document

These Development Plan Documents are key parts of the development plan for Lancaster District. Upon adoption these updated documents superseded the documents previously adopted in July 2020. The City Council makes decisions about planning proposals by considering how proposals comply with planning policies in adopted local plans.

The updated Local Plan documents can be viewed on the Council website: [Climate Emergency Local Plan Review - Lancaster City Council>>>>](#)

Progress on the new Local Plan for Lancaster District

In the summer of 2023 Lancashire County Council, supported by Lancaster City Council, decided to suspend work on the “South Lancaster Growth Catalyst”. This project had intended to enable significant development to the south of Lancaster, including a new settlement, the Bailrigg Garden Village, by providing new infrastructure, particularly new road and transport infrastructure. The infrastructure was to be supported by a significant grant award from the

government. Following the decision to suspend that work Lancaster City Council also stopped preparing the Lancaster South Area Action Plan. That document was going to provide the detail on where development would be in south Lancaster, the Council instead resolved to prepare a whole new Local Plan. The new Local Plan will re-explore how much development is needed in the whole district, then where and how that development should be achieved.

Work on the whole-new plan is on-going. We have published our new digital hub for the full review of the Local Plan. We hope that our new digital approach and the information will help everyone to understand the local plan process. We have asked for feedback, if you do find something is not clearly explained tell us and we will try to explain it better. The hub will be kept up to date as the new local plan is prepared. Further information on the new local plan can be found on the Council website: [Local Plan Review Hub>>>>>](#)

Call for Sites

As part of the preparation of the new Local Plan we would like to know if there are potential sites or even broad locations for development that we should consider. The **'Call for Sites'** process is an excellent opportunity for landowners, developers, and individuals to suggest areas for potential future development. You can submit sites for any type of future use including housing, employment, and retail. This is the second round of the 'Call for Sites process'. The Council has published a map to show the sites have been submitted during the first round of 'Call for Sites'.

Please note that the map provided is for information purposes only, it does not contain any assessments or conclusions on the suitability of any sites submitted.

You can submit further sites for consideration in our second round of 'Call for Sites' by completing our online form on the Council's website: [Local Plan Review Hub>>>>>](#)

If you have submitted a site in the first round of Call for Sites there is no need to submit a site to us again unless you would like to update us on any significant changes.

Evidence to support the new Local Plan

We continue to collect evidence (information) to support the new Local Plan. The following documents have been added to the Council's website: [Local Plan Review Hub>>>>>](#)

[NBE9: Lancaster District Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment \(SFRA\) \(found in the Natural & Built Environment Technical Evidence section\)](#)

The Local Plan needs to consider the implications of flood risk to ensure that where possible development is directed away from areas at greatest risk. The flood risk assessment provides information on the **strategic** implications of flood risk, most particularly the overall "spatial distribution" of development (areas where most development will be directed). This is followed up by further assessment when individual development sites are being identified.

[CD2: Sustainable Settlement Review](#) (found in section 1 Core Document Technical Evidence section)

The Settlement Review provides a **Settlement Profile** for each of the villages in Lancaster district outside of the four main urban areas of: Lancaster, Morecambe, Heysham and Carnforth. The review provides information on topics such as the population profile, housing, and local services.

[CD3: Spatial Atlas for Lancaster District](#) (also found in section 1 Core Document Technical

Evidence section)

The Spatial Atlas has been prepared support the new Local Plan by collecting information about local communities and services by local electoral ward.

Other News

[Interim Housing Land Supply Statement Position](#)

We have published an Interim Housing Land Supply Statement Position with a base date of 1st April 2024. The statement and an explanation of why this has been published can be found on the [Council website](#).

[Yealand Conyers and Redmayne Conservation Area](#)

Yealand Conyers and Redmayne Conservation Area was designated in 1981. Whilst it has a Conservation Area Assessment (a short statement), it has never had a full Conservation Area Appraisal. Conservation Area Appraisals: define the special interest (significance) of a conservation area, identify the risks to the character and appearance of the special area, provide the opportunity to re-consider the boundary, and help in making decisions about managing development and change in these special areas. We have prepared a draft Conservation Area Appraisal and will be seeking your views on it in a consultation very shortly. Further information will be published on the Council's website.

[Conservation Area Appraisal Area and proposed conservation boundary changes for Over Kellet](#)

The consultation period on this Conservation Area Appraisal ended on Monday 20 January 2025. The Council has considered the comments and will make further progress towards adoption of the Appraisal and formal changes to the designated boundary, very shortly. Further information will be published on the Council's website.

Details on Conservation Area Appraisal consultations can be found on the Council's website: <https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/planning/conservation/conservation-areas>.

Many thanks
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