



**Westmorland
& Furness
Council**

Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan consultation on Policy 8
(Identifying and Protecting Local Green Spaces) and Policy 9 (Protecting
and Enhancing Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities)

Consultation Statement



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Introduction

The consultation on Policies 8 (Identifying and Protecting Local Green Spaces) and 9 (Protecting and Enhancing Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities) of the Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan was open from 8 January 2024 until 18 February 2024.

The consultation statement sets out the responses received and Westmorland and Furness's response to the issues raised in those responses.

Background to the consultation

In March 2022 the Independent Examiner issued his report on the examination of the Penrith Neighbourhood Plan. The report concluded that the Penrith Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to referendum, subject to amendments being made in line with the Examiner's recommended modifications. This is to ensure the Plan meets the basic conditions.

Eden District Council (now Westmorland and Furness Council) considered each of the Examiner's recommendations, and the reasons for them, and decided what action to take in response to each.

As the Council's decision is contrary to the Examiner's recommendation for Policies 8 and 9, these policies needed to be the subject of a further round of consultation based on the amended wording, before the Neighbourhood Plan potentially proceeds to referendum.

Overview of Responses

105 responses were received – 100 via the online survey and five by email. One of the five emails was a scanned version of the online questionnaire. The remaining four emails were from statutory consultees¹ confirming that they had no comments.

Respondents were asked to complete a questionnaire via Citizen Space, see Appendix 1 for a full copy of the questionnaire.

The following key questions were:

1. Do you agree with Westmorland and Furness Council's proposed modifications to Policy 8 – Identifying and Protecting Local Green Spaces?
 - Yes, I agree

¹ Emails received from National Highways, Historic England, Natural England and the Coal Authority.

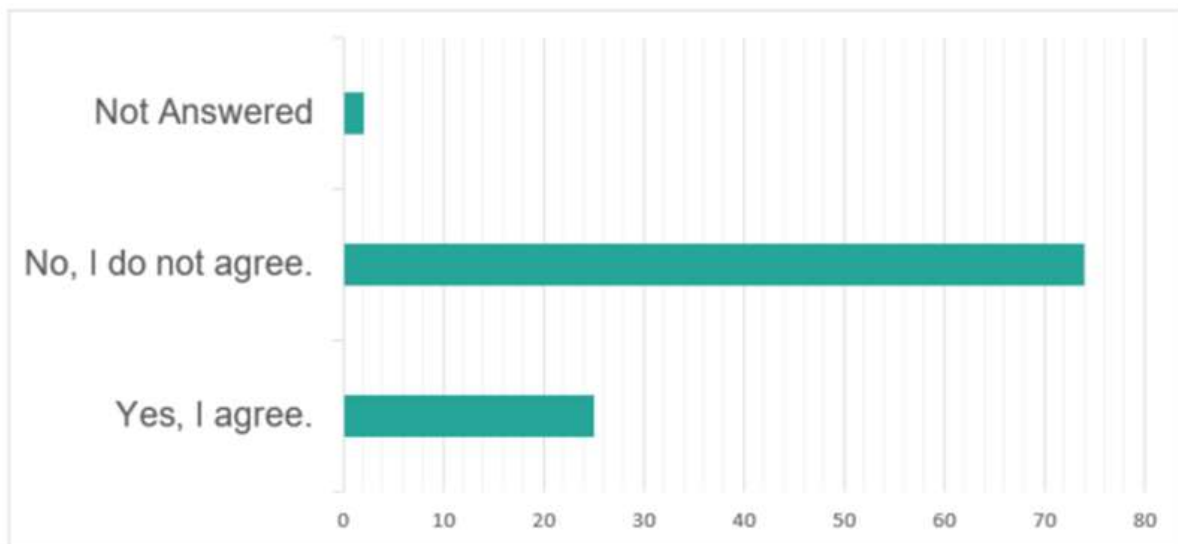
- No, I do not agree
- 2. Do you agree with Westmorland and Furness Council’s modifications to Policy 9 – Protecting and Enhancing Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities?
 - Yes, I agree
 - No, I do not agree

A text box was provided following each question so respondents could elaborate on their response.

The following sections set out a summary of the responses received, Westmorland and Furness Council’s response to the key issues raised and whether any changes to the Neighbourhood Plan are required. The responses in full can be found in Appendix 2.

Do you agree with Westmorland and Furness Council’s proposed modifications to Policy 8 – Identifying and Protecting Local Green Spaces?

99 respondents answered this question.



78 respondents added further comment when asked if they wished to elaborate on their response to question 1.

Of those who responded ‘yes, I agree’ 12 added further comments.

Key points raised in responses	W&F response	Change required
<p>Green spaces are important for physical and mental wellbeing; wildlife; to mitigate against climate change; enhancing the character and setting of the town; and enabling social interaction and community activities. These green spaces should be protected.</p>	<p>Agree</p>	<p>No change required.</p>
<p>Site PW46 (Thacka Beck Nature Reserve) should be expanded "upstream" and more of Thacka Beck held as a flood plain, nature reserve.</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plans can only designate areas as Local Green Space that meet the criteria i.e. the green space is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves; b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land. <p>Areas that the community would like to meet the criteria in the future cannot be designated.</p>	<p>No change required.</p>

Of those who responded 'no, I do not agree' 64 added further comments.

Key points raised in responses	W&F response	Change required
Beacon Hill should be designated as a Local Green Space.	<p>Neighbourhood Plans can only designate areas as Local Green Space that meet the criteria i.e. the green space is:</p> <p>a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;</p> <p>b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and</p> <p>c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.</p> <p>Beacon Hill does not meet criterion c) – it is an extensive tract of land. This view was taken by the Neighbourhood Plan Examiner and is supported by Westmorland and Furness Council.</p>	No change required.
Beacon Hill should be given its own policy.	During the Examination process the Examiner proposed a specific policy for the Beacon that he considered met the Basic Conditions. This meant ensuring the policy met the condition: 'Will the making of the Plan be in general conformity with the strategic policies set out in the Development Plan for the area?' including Policy	No change required.

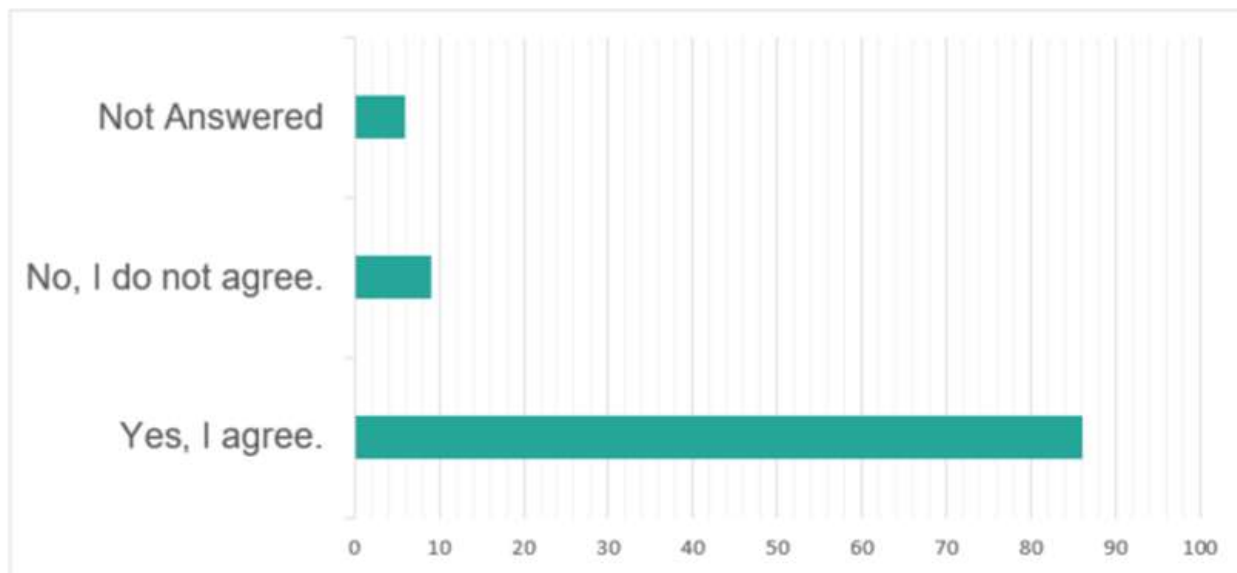
Key points raised in responses	W&F response	Change required
	<p>EC4 (Tourism Accommodation and Facilities) of the Eden Local Plan 2014-2023.</p> <p>The proposed policy was consulted on for 4 weeks in January/February 2022 and 628 responses were received. There was minimal support for the policy. It did not have support from Penrith Town Council, nor did it have the support of the general public. The Examiner therefore decided not to recommend a bespoke policy for Beacon Hill.</p> <p>It is clear that it is not possible to include a policy for Beacon Hill that both meets the Basic Conditions of a neighbourhood plan and has the support of the community.</p>	
<p>Beacon Hill is an important area for wildlife, including red squirrels; the natural environment; mitigating against climate change; recreation; health and wellbeing; sense of community; and the character of the town and landscape. It should be protected from development.</p>	<p>There is evidently a desire for Beacon Hill to be protected from development and conserved for nature and recreational purposes, therefore it may be appropriate to consider other policy approaches during the production of the Westmorland and Furness Local Plan.</p>	<p>No change required.</p>
<p>The Council is overreaching.</p>	<p>The National Planning Policy Framework allows the designation of land as Local Green Space.</p>	<p>No change required.</p>

Of those who did not answer question one, 1 added further comments.

Key points raised in responses	W&F response	Change required
<p>The private gardens included within site PW45 (Nichol Hill Nature Reserve) should be clearly identified within the designation as they are not part of the nature reserve. There is no way of knowing what parts are accessible, were someone to visit. The policy is intended to keep these areas green open spaces for the people of Penrith. How will privately owned land be affected by being renamed and featured on a map as part of another parcel of land?</p> <p>I ask that the map of PW45 clearly designates 'Nichol Hill Nature Reserve' – the 1.4 acre area owned by W&F - and that the additional areas, if retained on the map, are referred to as private gardens, also clearly identifiable on the map.</p>	<p>Penrith Town Council has proposed the inclusion of the private gardens adjacent to Nichol Hill Nature Reserve as they are mature gardens which provide a haven for wildlife that is not confined to the nature reserve. The site as a whole is an important element to the wildlife corridor, in addition to sites PW32, PW34, PW35, PW36 and PW37.</p> <p>There is no requirement for Local Green Space to be publicly accessible nor does the designation make it accessible to the public.</p> <p>Furthermore the designation of Local Green Space does not affect land ownership in any way.</p> <p>Development proposals on land designated as Local Green Space will be considered in accordance with policies for Green Belt – see paragraphs 152 to 156 of the National Planning Policy Framework (December 2023).</p>	<p>Amend the name of the Local Green Space to 'Nichol Hill Nature Reserve <u>and adjacent private gardens</u>'</p>

Do you agree with Westmorland and Furness Council’s modifications to Policy 9 – Protecting and Enhancing Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities?

95 respondents answered this question.



Of those who responded ‘yes, I agree’ 15 added further comments.

Key points raised in responses	W&F response	Change required
These spaces and facilities are important for the health and wellbeing of Penrith residents, they should be protected.	Agree	No change required.
Most of the areas of land listed will benefit the local community if designated as local green spaces.	The sites listed in this Policy have been proposed by Penrith Town Council to be protected in accordance with Eden Local Plan 2014-2032 Policy COM2 (Protection of Open Space, Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities) not a Local Green Space policy. These policies have been produced following comprehensive	No change required.

Key points raised in responses	W&F response	Change required
	consultation and engagement with the community and this approach is supported by Westmorland and Furness Council.	
Support the preservation of the special nature and character of the golf course and the accompanying policy explanations that allow for the consideration of new uses for other surplus land in order that any such development will contribute towards the overall sustainability of the identified community sporting asset.	Agree, the Policy is in line with the NPPF.	No change required.

Of those who responded 'no, I do not agree' 5 added further comments.

Key points raised in responses	W&F response	Change required
Penrith Leisure Centre should be protected.	Penrith Leisure Centre is designated as an area of Public Open Space in the Eden Local Plan 2014 to 2032 and protected under Policy COM2 (Protection of Open Space, Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities). The sites listed in Policy 9 of the Penrith Neighbourhood Plan are also protected under Policy COM2, Policy 9 is essentially an extension to Policy COM2. There is no additional protection afforded by including the leisure centre in Policy 9 too.	No change required.

Key points raised in responses	W&F response	Change required
<p>Penrith Leisure Centre car park in isolation is not a leisure facility.</p>	<p>Penrith Leisure Centre is designated as an area of Public Open Space in the Eden Local Plan 2014 to 2032 and protected under Policy COM2 (Protection of Open Space, Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities). The sites listed in Policy 9 of the Penrith Neighbourhood Plan are also protected under Policy COM2, Policy 9 is essentially an extension to Policy COM2.</p> <p>Penrith Town Council wish to extend the designation of Penrith Leisure Centre to include car park as it is considered to be integral to the use of the leisure centre. Westmorland and Furness Council support this approach.</p>	<p>Add the following to Policy 9 supporting text for clarity:</p> <p><u>Policy 9 identifies and seeks to protect Penrith Leisure Centre car park in accordance with Policy COM2. Penrith Leisure Centre is designated as Public Open Space in the Eden Local Plan and already protected under Policy COM2.</u></p>
<p>All green spaces in Penrith should be protected.</p>	<p>The Penrith Neighbourhood Plan proposes the protection of green spaces that meet national policy requirements and where protection is supported by the community, inevitably this means some green spaces have not been included in either Policy 8 or 9 for various reasons. A number of areas of open space not included in the Neighbourhood Plan are protected by the Eden Local Plan 2014 to 2032 under Policy COM2 (Protection of Open Space, Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities).</p>	<p>No change required.</p>

Conclusion - Changes required

Policy 8 – Identifying and Protecting Local Green Spaces

- Amend the name of Local Green Space site PW45 to ‘Nichol Hill Nature Reserve and adjacent private gardens’.

Policy 9 – Protecting and Enhancing Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities

- Add the following to Policy 9 supporting text for clarity:

Policy 9 identifies and seeks protect Penrith Leisure Centre car park in accordance with Policy COM2. Penrith Leisure Centre is designated as Public Open Space in the Eden Local Plan and already protected under Policy COM2.

Appendix 1 – Citizen Space questionnaire

Overview

Background to the consultation on Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan Policies 8 and 9

In March 2022 the Independent Examiner issued his report on the examination of the Penrith Neighbourhood Plan. The report concluded that the Penrith Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to referendum, subject to a number of modifications. The Examiner considered these necessary to ensure the Plan meets the basic conditions that all neighbourhood plans must meet.

Eden District Council (now Westmorland and Furness Council) considered each of the Examiner's recommendations, and the reasons for them, and decided what action to take in response to each.

As the Council's decision is to largely retain Policies 8 and 9, contrary to the Examiner's recommendation that they be deleted, these Policies now need to be the subject of a further round of consultation, based on the amended wording, before the Penrith Neighbourhood Plan is potentially the subject of a referendum.

As the Council's decision is contrary to the Examiner's recommendation for Policies 8 and 9, these Policies need to be the subject of a further round of consultation based on the amended wording before potentially being the subject of referendum.

Consultation

The consultation on Policies 8 (Identifying and Protecting Local Green Spaces) and 9 (Protecting and Enhancing Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities) is open from **8 January 2024** until **18 February 2024**.

Please note that this is a public consultation and that comments made will be recorded and published.

Get Involved

This online survey is seeking your views on whether you agree or disagree with the Council's modifications to the aforementioned policies.

You can view Policies 8 and 9 and supporting appendices and maps via our website [here](#):

The Decision Statement and the Examiner's Report, including the proposed modifications, can be viewed on the Westmorland and Furness Council website [here](#).

The documents are also available for inspection at the following locations during normal opening hours:

- Voreda House, Penrith
- Penrith Library

Your Details

What is your name?

Name *(Required)*

What is your email address?

If you enter your email address then you will automatically receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your response.

Email address *(Required)*

Do you work for an organisation?

Name of organisation

What is your address?

Address

What is your postcode?

Postcode

What is your phone number?

Phone number

What is your interest in this consultation?

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Local resident
- Local land / property owner

- Local business
- Local authority / Parish Council
- Planning / other consultant
- Community/Interest Group
- Developer
- County / District Councillor
- Private individual
- Other organisation

Data protection & consent to publish your response

It is a requirement of the public consultation process that all responses are published.

Published responses will include your name (and organisation if applicable), but all other personal information will not be published.

May we have your permission to publish your response?

Yes, you may publish my response *(Required)*

Consent to Process Personal Data

I confirm that I have read and understood the Privacy Notice (as detailed below) and consent to the information provided being processed for the purposes of the Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan Policies 8 and 9 Consultation and that without consent, Westmorland and Furness Council will be unable to proceed with my consultation submission. I also understand that I can withdraw my consent at any time. *(Required)*

Consent to Process Personal Data by Westmorland and Furness Council

Under the terms of the Data Protection Legislation (Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation 2016), I consent to Westmorland and Furness Council using my personal data for the purpose of processing: **Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan - Policies 8 and 9 Consultation**

I understand and agree that Westmorland and Furness Council is the data controller and it will process my personal data for the above purpose and I consent to the following:

1. The Council will process the following data sets in respect of my personal data for the above purpose: Name and Email
2. The council will publish a copy of my comments including my name. My comments made must include my name but **do not** include my email address.
3. The Council will only use this information for **Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan - Policies 8 and 9 Consultation Consultation** and not share it with third parties outside of the Council.
4. Retain my personal data for the duration of the **Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan** process.
5. You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time.
6. The council will hold your personal data securely and keep it confidential at all times. The legislation gives you the right to access information held about you. Your right of access can be exercised in accordance with the legislation. Your rights under the data protection legislation can be found at: [Privacy notice](#)

Questions, comments and requests regarding your personal data should be sent to Neighbourhood.Planning@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk. This consent form and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of England and Wales.

Your Comments on the Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan Policies 8 and 9

This page is divided into two sections:

1. Comments on Westmorland and Furness Council's proposed modifications to Policy 8 - Identifying and Protecting Local Green Spaces
2. Comments on Westmorland and Furness Council's proposed modifications to Policy 9 – Protecting and Enhancing Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities

1. Do you agree with Westmorland and Furness Council's proposed modifications to Policy 8 – Identifying and Protecting Local Green Spaces?

Modifications to Policy 8 – Identifying and Protecting Local Green Spaces

Policy 8 Identifying and Protecting Local Green Spaces

The Council's proposed modifications are shown using a bold font and strikethroughs where required.

The following areas, shown on the Policies Maps (Map A – Policies Maps, page ~~127 - 130-134~~), will be designated as local green spaces and will be protected from inappropriate development.

C2 Land between rugby pitches and houses on Carleton Road

PE6 Land and wood above Scaws Drive

PE8 Land between Brentfield Way and Meadowcroft

PE9 Folly Lane Allotments

PE12 St Andrew's Churchyard

~~PN14 Beacon Hill~~

PN17 Open area at top of Croft Terrace against Beacon Edge

PN18 Field on Beacon Edge

PN24 Fell Lane Pinfold

PN27 Cockell House Gardens / Drovers Lane

PN28 Cockell House Gardens / Macadam Gardens

PN29 Voreda Park Central Space

PN30 Head of Macadam Way

PN31 Pembroke Place

PN32 Land in Voreda Park

PN33 Plimsoll Close

PN34 Cambridge Drive

PN36 St Catherine's Churchyard

PN37 Christchurch Churchyard

PN39 Salkeld Road Allotments

PN40 Coronation Gardens

PN42 Bowscar

PN43 Friends Meeting House Allotment Gardens

PW45 Nichol Hill Nature Reserve

PW46 Thacka Beck Nature Reserve

~~PW487~~ Brunswick Square Gardens

PW49 James Street Allotments

PW50 Castletown/Musgrave St/Brackenber Allotments

~~PP66 Thacka Glen~~

PW52 Recreation area between Musgrave Street Allotments and Newton Road

PS53 Wetheriggs Country Park

PP66 Thacka Beck Field

PP67 Pategill Back Field

PP70 Open space to south of Eden Housing Association (EHA)

PP71 Open space to the north of EHA

PP72 Open space to the north of **the former** Greengarth **site**

Development of the designated Local Green Spaces must be consistent with [national planning policy for Green Belts](#).

[View full consultation document](#)

Please select only one item

- Yes, I agree.
- No, I do not agree.

You may wish to elaborate on your response in the text box below

2. Do you agree with Westmorland and Furness Council's modifications to Policy 9 – Protecting and Enhancing Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities?

Modifications to Policy 9 – Protecting and Enhancing Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities

Policy 9 Protecting and Enhancing Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities

The Council's proposed modifications are shown using a bold font and strikethroughs where required.

The following sport and recreation facilities, also identified on the Policies Maps (Map A, pages **127 - 135**~~134~~) will be protected in accordance with Eden Local Plan 2014-2032 Policy COM2 Protection of Open Space, Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities:

C1 Carleton Heights play area

C2 Part of C2 Penrith RUFC (the rugby pitches are already designated as public open space in the Local Plan although the field between the pitches and the houses on Carleton Road is not)

C4 Hunter Hall School Playing Field

C5 Frenchfield Sports Centre incorporating Penrith Football Club

PE7 Scaws play area

PE10 Friars Bowling Club

PE11 Beaconside School Playing Fields

PN16 Milton Street Play Area

PN19 Penrith Golf Course

PN21 Fairhill playing field

PN22 St. Catherine's School Field

PN41 Bowscar play area

PW51 Castletown recreation area

PP68 Pategill play area and recreation ground

PS54 The Crescent playing fields

PS55 In part PS55 Ullswater CC playing fields (the area to the south of the cricket ground is already designated as public open space in the Local Plan although the field between the cricket ground and Bridge Lane is not)

PS56 Penrith Cricket Ground

PS57 Playing field at southern gateway to town between A66 and Clifford Road

PS58 Clifford Road play area

PS59 North Lakes School Playing Field

PS60 Land between Wetheriggs Lane and Astro Turf

PS62 ~~Queen Elizabeth Grammar School~~ **QEGS** Playing Field (**some already designated under**

COM2)

PS64 Castle Park

PW51 Castletown recreation area

Penrith Leisure Centre

LC Penrith Leisure Centre car park

Proposals for a new youth facility providing indoor and outdoor space will be supported where they would not lead to significant adverse impacts on the amenity of adjacent users and occupiers.

[View full consultation document](#)

Please select only one item

- Yes, I agree.
- No, I do not agree.

You may wish to elaborate on your response in the text box below

If you would like to upload any additional documents to support your comments, please do so using the file upload function below.

Please attach a copy of any documents you wish to include to this printout.

About you

The following questions will help us understand who is getting involved in the Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan and help us plan any future engagements. If you are responding as an individual rather than on behalf of an organisation we would be grateful if you could answer the following questions. Your answers to these questions will not be published with your response.

Are you ...

Please select only one item

- Male
- Female
- Other
- Prefer not to say

Which age category do you fall within?

Age category

Please select only one item

- 0-16 years
- 17-25 years
- 26-35 years
- 36-50 years
- 51-65 years
- 66-80 years
- Over 80 years

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

- Prefer not to say

What is your ethnic group?

Please select only one item

- White
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups
- Asian or Asian British
- Black, African, Caribbean or Black British
- Other ethnic group
- Prefer not to say

How did you find out about this consultation?

How did you find out about the consultation?

Please select only one item

- Email / Letter
- Newspaper
- Penrith Town Council website
- Poster / Flier
- Social Media
- Westmorland and Furness website
- Word of mouth
- Other

Appendix 2 – Individual Consultation Responses

Table 1 – Responses to question one

What is your name? - Name	Do you work for an organisation? - Name of organisation	What is your interest in this consultation? - Your interest in this consultation	1. Do you agree with Westmorland and Furness Council's proposed modifications to Policy 8 – Identifying and Protecting Local Green Spaces?	1. Do you agree with Westmorland and Furness Council's proposed modifications to Policy 8 – Identifying and Protecting Local Green Spaces? - You may wish to elaborate on your response in the text box below
Kevin Beaty	No	Private individual	No, I do not agree.	The council is over reaching.
Jean Bradshaw		Community/Interest Group	No, I do not agree.	Beacon hill should be included in the green spaces. I live very close to the Beacon and I am Chair of Penrith Ramblers. The woods surrounding the Beacon are an important, natural area for walkers close to the town centre.
David Sharrock		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	The Beacon is an important Green Space for all residents of and visitors to Penrith. It must be retained as such in order to provide a permanent, protected space for leisure, exercise and the general well-being of all who use it. In addition it is an important refuge for wildlife in the town, and provides a significant carbon capture resource. The town has lost a significant proportion of its green spaces to excessive residential development over the past few years, all remaining green space must be protected from further such intrusive, intensive development.


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Sonia Bradley		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	<p>As a local resident these green spaces are used by people, including myself, to improve physical and mental wellbeing. Walk dogs and enable social interaction with friends and community activities.</p> <p>Lots of these areas have areas of natural vegetation enabling a diverse range of plants, wildlife and insects. All of which are important to a thriving and diverse ecosystem. In areas where there are trees it helps counteract carbon emissions etc.</p> <p>As residents, it's important to be proactive in regards to our health. Social prescribing supported by Gp's/NHS would not be possible without these types of outdoor green spaces.</p> <p>It's important that such areas are protected for all the reasons stated above, which is why I support Westmorland & Furness Council in the modifications to policy 8.</p>
Sandra Stalker		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	
Andrew Smith		Private individual	Not Answered	

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Chloe	N/A	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Philip Callaghan		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Why has Beacon Hill been removed from the plan
Joanna Murphy		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	I object to Beacon Hill not being a protected local green space. This area is used and has been used historically by local residents of Penrith for walking, exercise and enjoying nature. During the Covid lockdowns it became the only space for some to enjoy nature.
Sally Cawley		Private individual	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill isn't a big enough area to take 20 units and all the traffic and possible anti social behaviour from holiday makers. It will have a negative impact on biodiversity in a small area. Beacon Hill is one of the few areas accessible from Penrith for exercise on foot and dog walking Before I moved to CA12 I used to regularly walk my dog in Beacon Woods. I strongly object to this proposal.
Christine Bevilacqua		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	

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Joe Dent		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Charlotte Asquith		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Jeremy Pickup	Environment Agency	Other organisation	Yes, I agree.	We have no objection to Westmorland and Furness Council's proposed modifications to Policy 8 - Identifying and Protecting Local Green Spaces.
Elaine Burlingham	No	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	I am concerned about the changes proposed to the area around The Beacon. This is viewed by many residents of Penrith as a very valuable green space. I am also concerned that any development allowed by anyone to allow construction of permanent or holiday buildings here will damage the local wild life. This includes the local red squirrels, deer, and the many birds that nest here.
Elaine Burlingham	No	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	I am concerned to hear that it could be agreed to allow the Lowther Estate to go ahead with plans to develop holiday lodges near The Beacon. I know they may say it will be no where near the actual tower etc, but any disruption to the fragile habit on the hill will case issues for the local wildlife. This includes red squirrels, deer and many birds who nest there. I can't see any way such a large development won't have a major impact. There will need to access, water, electricity, sewage etc will need to be installed. What is now seen as a wonderful green space asset for Penrith will be ruined and all for profit.

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virginia taylor	Elected member, W&F Council	Local land / property owner	Not Answered	<p>I agree in principle but have a query about detail.</p> <p>The map below shows the extent of the land owned by W&F (formerly EDC) which used to be managed as a Nature reserve by Cumbria Wildlife Trust, called Nichol Hill Nature reserve. This – the large triangle (please ignore other small pieces in blue) has clear boundaries, being fenced on its east and west sides while the north side is bounded by Thacka Beck.</p> <p>The map of PW45 (in Policy 8) 'Nichol Hill Nature Reserve' shows a considerably bigger area. The policy states PW45 is ' 6.25 acres of native woodland'. The area of the blue triangle (Nichol Hill Nature reserve) is 5502.48 m2. = 1.35969242 acres.</p> <p>The area of PW45 on the map in Policy 8, presumably amounting to 6.25 acres, includes land belonging to Shepherds Hill/Coachman's Cottage, Page Hall, and possibly Hanover Court. This land isn't all 'native woodland'.</p>

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				<p>I drew the Town Council's attention to the discrepancy previously and the following words were added: 'Some owned by Westmorland and Furness Council and some private land. Open access to the part owned by Westmorland and Furness Council'</p> <p>I am grateful for that - however I remain concerned that the lack of accuracy in the title, the map, and the description may cause problems further down the line.</p> <p>There is no way of knowing what parts are accessible, were someone to visit. The policy is intended to keep these areas green open spaces for the people of Penrith. How will privately owned land be affected by being renamed and featured on a map as part of another parcel of land?</p> <p>I ask that the map of PW45 clearly designates 'Nichol Hill Nature Reserve' – the 1.4 acre area owned by W&F - and that the additional areas, if retained on the map, are referred to as private gardens, also clearly identifiable on the map.</p>

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Ruth Harvey	Iona Community	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill should remain a local green space in its entirety. Those elements deleted should be reinstated. Along with all the arguments already outlined, in addition our local Councils should be actively protecting such local, forested green spaces in the light of catastrophic climate statistics. (I co convened Scotland's Climate Assembly).

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Joe Bilous		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Jeremy Mead	Westmorland & Furness Council	Private individual	Yes, I agree.	Yes, I agree to the inclusion of Policy 8 - we need to protect, and where possible expand, green spaces around Penrith. Site PW46 should, in my opinion, be expanded "upstream" and more of Theka Beck held as a flood plain, nature reserve. Will the proposed expansion of the A66 effect any proposed sites?
Lewis Murray		Private individual	Yes, I agree.	
Alex Heron		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	Most of the areas of land listed will benefit the local community if designated as local green spaces
Claire Hexter		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	To remove all protection of PN14 Beacon Hill is unacceptable. After all the comments from previous consultations and the level of support against development during the Masterplan. I do not support.
Les Balmer	Penrith Golf Club	Local land / property owner	Yes, I agree.	

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Phillip Lund	St Andrew's Church Penrith	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	These green spaces are important parts of the fabric and setting of the town of Penrith. They should be maintained and protected.
Phillip Lund	St Andrew's Church Penrith	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	Local green spaces as identified need to be retained and protected, being important parts of the fabric of the environment in Penrith. They enhance the character and enjoyment of the town for both residents and visitors.
Helen Witheridge	No	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	I believe that Beacon Hill should be a protected local green space. I don't believe that the people of Penrith are aware of this change and that all the justifications that have been struck out on the document are still valid and should not be ignored.
PG Foote		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Kate Clement		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	I think removing the Beacon from this plan is an acceptable tactical step to ensure that the other areas have the best protection and resources available. The strategy of taking all possible steps to protect the Beacon woodland from any development that decreases the size of the woodland area needs to remain the same.

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Monica Andrews		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	We do not want to lose any existing green spaces in Penrith. At a time when wild life is under pressure our green spaces are becoming increasingly important and should be protected.
Lorayne Wall (Friends of the Lake District)	Friends of the Lake District	Other organisation	No, I do not agree.	<p>We do not support the removal of the Beacon from this policy without the provision of alternative means of protecting it.</p> <p>We commend the Council in taking a different position to the Neighbourhood Plan Examiner and proposing to retain policy 8 in order to reflect the strength of feeling shown by local residents in favour of protecting these local green spaces on grounds of their importance to the community.</p> <p>We support the protection of the sites that remain in the policy. We also recognise and accept the reasons identified for excluding the Beacon from this policy, namely that it is too large to meet the criteria of 'local green space' as per the NPPF.</p> <p>However, given a similar strength of feeling was shown by the residents of Penrith in favour of protecting the Beacon, we question why the modifications to the plan do not also include a means of responding to this, such as the inclusion of a dedicated policy, which was an option supported by many when proposed by the Examiner and consulted on.</p>

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				If strength of community feeling justifies the retention of the policy and protection of the other identified spaces of importance to the community as local green spaces, then it also justifies the inclusion of a policy to protect the identified space of importance to the community that is the Beacon.
David Edwards	No	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	I have been a conscientious gardener at Castletown/Musgrave St/Brackenber Allotments and hope to continue into the foreseeable future. I also live in Brunswick Square and value the open aspect afforded by the central garden.
Mary Richardson	NHS	Private individual	Yes, I agree.	These areas should be retained. I visit Penrith to walk with my Gran and her dog and see many people in these areas doing the same. They are really important areas to help mitigate against climate change and for peoples health and well being. People walk, meet and relax in them making them important for mental health as well as physical health

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Mary	NHS	Private individual	Yes, I agree.	Why would you not include green areas to protect? I visit my Gran every week in Penrith and we walk with the dog round many of these spaces on our routes. We meet many of the same people doing the same. The spaces are important to help with climate change and people's health and well-being both physical and mental. People use these areas in different ways and it is lovely to see kids playing on them
Alison bayliffe	No	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon hill must be included in the plan and given its own policy.
Emma Campbell	n/a	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill must be included in the plan and given it's own policy. It is an incredible, special area for the people of Penrith and it should be preserved for future generations and for the local wildlife.
Sara Henderson	Beaconside primary school	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Elaine Brown	No	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill must be included in the plan and must be given its own policy

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Helen Patterson	No	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill should be included within the plans, this NEEDS to be protected. It forms the vital backdrop to the town, unrivalled views into the Lake District, the best walks within the town and is a haven for wildlife. This should not be removed from the plans.
Christopher Sisson	No	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Ridiculous to omit the Beacon Hill plantation from this otherwise extensive list of Green Spaces. It is without doubt the gem in the open spaces of the town and should therefore be given Special Status . Otherwise the greed of local landowners will continuously try to make this precious open space another ugly building site just to line their pockets.
Anne-Marie Williams		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Jane Harding		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	The Beacon is a Penrith treasure and must be included in the plan and given a policy of it own worth to the people of Penrith who are seeing more and more development of green areas around the edges of the town.
Julia Curwin-Bennett	No	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill must be included in the plan and given its own policy

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John Curwin		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill must be included in the plan and given its own policy.
CLARE SAMBROOK		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	<p>Beacon Hill is an important natural resource and social amenity, and of huge benefit to the natural world, including people—it's a place of play, exercise and source of social cohesion for children & adults in the immediate neighbourhood, the wider Penrith area and villages beyond.</p> <p>Council should not yield to commercial pressures.</p>
Lydia Fitzpatrick		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill needs to be included in the plan and given its own policy to protect it from unwanted development
Tatiana Harrison	Keep Penrith Special	Community/Interest Group	No, I do not agree.	We do not fully support Policy 8 in its entirety and while we very much support all the other sites put forward to be protected as Local Green Spaces, we believe you have not presented an alternative means of protecting Beacon Hill. A strike through on a document for such an important green space for Penrith is unacceptable.

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				<p>We understand that Beacon Hill cannot be a Local Green Space due to its large size, as outlined in the Examiner's Report, but this does not mean that it cannot be protected through some other policy within the Penrith Neighbourhood Plan, including creating a dedicated policy for the site as proposed by the examiner earlier in the process, although with amended wording.</p> <p>We'd like to give a reminder of the immense strength of feeling against previously proposed developments on Beacon Hill. There were 7,500 to 8,000 objections to the Masterplan - 2,693 of these specifically about the Beacon - and more than 600 objections from locals and groups to 20 (reduced from 40) holiday lodges and infrastructure more than two years ago.</p> <p>The people of Penrith and Eden view this as their common land and cultural heritage. It enriches their lives on a daily basis (eg leisure activities, only green space to walk to, exercise, mental wellbeing, the flora and fauna, visuals of the landscape, symbol of Penrith, generations of enjoyment, and so on).</p>

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				<p>It is understandable the landowners may wish to commercialise this area, but surely it would be Penrith's biggest mistake to irreversibly damage and ruin a site of such significance, when a tourist project can easily go elsewhere?</p> <p>This issue will not go away. The landowners will keep on proposing developments.</p> <p>So start with protecting this area and then move on to protecting the whole of Beacon Hill.</p> <p>Let the thin end of the wedge be the right way round conservation, not commercialism.</p> <p>This is a rare opportunity to do the right thing. How do you explain to your grandchildren that you once enjoyed a special natural environment on the edge of town, but that it is now fenced off as a no-go-zone for locals, being for paying tourists only? It's unimaginable.</p> <p>Protection starts with a bespoke policy for the designated area within the Neighbourhood Plan. We know the will is there to do this. It can be achieved. It is simply a matter of wording.</p>

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Ali Ross	Penrith Action for Community Transition (PACT)	Community/Interest Group	Yes, I agree.	It is important that this policy is retained to ensure that the existing identified local green spaces are properly recognised and protected in planning processes and that other local green spaces are added to the list as they are identified. Local green spaces are vital to people's health and well-being, promoting exercise and outdoor recreation that aids both physical and mental health. They are also critical to safeguarding and improving nature and biodiversity in the urban environment.
Caroline Langfield		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill needs to be included in the plan and given its own policy as it is a valuable green space used by many .
Nick Langfield	None	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill must be included in the plan and given its OWN policy
Cleone Harrison		Local land / property owner	No, I do not agree.	
Derek Storer		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill must be included in the plan and given its own policy.

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Dr R.,W.M. Corner	N/A	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	<p>Penrith Beacon Forest is a very special place and the inhabitants of the town are very lucky to have this wooded area close at hand and readily accessible. I have studied the Flora there for many years and find that it has affinities with native Scottish Pine woods with the heath on the Penrith sandstone well suited the planted native Scots Pine. Unfortunately Lowther Estates planted larges coupes of the alien Sitka Spruce which negates the wild native atmosphere of the forested area. I was assured by a forester there that no more of this tree would be planted. The mosses and lichens there are also of interest some being relatively rare.</p> <p>Red squirrels still frequent the forest with badgers and Roe-deer and Jays , Woodpeckers and Buzzards and many others birds. Ravens occur on windy days during the Winter. Plans to open up the forest in the way that Lowther Estates have planned would destroy the whole ecology of the forest and deny the local populace, especially the children a healthy environment in which play and and explore. The accessibility of the area to the town means that travelling to the Lakes to savour wildness and take exercise is unnecessary.</p>

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				Lowther Estates utilise it as a commercial forest and if it is done managed sympathetically with selective tree felling and planting with Scots Pine then a good compromise can be reached but the this forest needs to keep for the people of Penrith. The standing of Lowther would be greatly enhanced in the town of Penrith and throughout Cumbria they could see a way of opening up the forest in an environmentally manner.
noel pearson		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	I cannot see why Beacon Hill is excluded from the plan.
vicki simpson		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill should be included
Matthew Baxter		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	We hear much about the climate emergency and the importance of re-wilding and keeping areas for nature, yet the largest local green space in the Penrith area has been excluded from this policy. While I understand the Beacon Hill size is too great to be classed as local green space, it should be protected somehow, not left at the mercy of developers. The 2018 Masterplan included possible developments on Beacon Hill and the mention of this was the catalyst for many thousands of locals to lodge formal objections to that Masterplan. Local green spaces are extremely important for health and well being, so we have an opportunity to find a way to protect the Beacon for generations to come.

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				By excluding the Beacon from any form of protection, we are de-wilding and exerting more pressure on wildlife, which is not acceptable.
Karen Brough	No	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	I disagree as the Beacon Hill should be included in the plan and have a section dedicated solely to it. The Beacon is far too important to the town of Penrith to not be protected.
Peter G Baker	N/A	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Catherine Smith	Not a building organisation, but I run my own business in the area.	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	Green spaces are important, we are already taking so much from the local wildlife that they deserve to have some space to call their home. Green spaces are also provide a positive, cosmetic aspect to the town, they're places for people to walk dogs, children to play games, families to have picnics on a sunny day.
Kristina Braithwaite		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	I consider the area known as Beacon Edge needs to be protected against any housing development of any description now and in the future.
Linda Westmoreland		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill must be included in the plan and given its own policy.
Iain Aldred	n/a	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill must be included included in the plan and must have a given it's own policy. This will protect the area for generations to come.

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Mandy Little	N/A	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill must be included in the plan and given its own policy
Susan Davies		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	The Beacon needs a policy to protect it from future development and policy 8 does not provide such protection. Could a bespoke policy be designed which protects the Beacon from development?
Meg Crook		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill must be included in this plan and given its own policy.
Philip Lancaster		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill must be included in the plan and given its own policy. Long time threat of development, residents objected very strongly previously.
Gemma Bullimore	na	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill must be included in the plan and given its own policy.
Mel Exon		Private individual	No, I do not agree.	
Graham Fairhall	No	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill is widely regarded by the local community as an area that should be protected from any development. Evidence comes from petitions against the EDC masterplan in 2019 when over 7000 signatures opposed development of new villages around and on Beacon Hill. Further proposals by the Landowner in 2021 for up to 40 holiday lodges on Beacon Hill met with huge opposition through a council consultation. in 2022 (>98% opposed).

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				Therefore Beacon Hill should be retained as a protected green space. If it does not meet the criteria to be protected in this way a new policy should be introduced to ensure it is not developed.
Valerie Richardson	n/a	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	<p>I am grateful that you are protecting those local green spaces identified. However, to not propose an alternative policy to protect the Beacon and Beacon Hill is unacceptable. So, NO, I do not agree with the modifications to Policy 8.</p> <p>The Beacon is the most important and iconic green space in Penrith and as proven by more than 7,500 objections to development on the Beacon during the Penrith Masterplan Consultation. The Beacon is Penrith.</p> <p>How about the landowner re-wilds the Beacon and Beacon Hill as part of his large re-wilding project - why has that area of land not been put forward? instead of high grade farmland that is needed for food.</p>

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				<p>I am very concerned that all of Penrith Town Councillors and the New Westmorland and Furness Councillors seem to think it's OK not to protect Penrith Beacon in the Penrith Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>After all the protests to protect the Beacon with findings being overwhelmingly in favour of protecting the Beacon. It's now baffling that you would now just abandon the Beacon, to simply push through the Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan. We understand this has been going on for years, but this is not the time to give up.</p> <p>What is the point of a Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan if the Beacon and Beacon Hill are not protected?</p> <p>I therefore urge you all to come up with a new policy within the Penrith Neighbourhood Plan to protect Penrith Beacon and Beacon Hill. It's what Penrith and District expect you to do.</p>

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Nick Mason OBE	N/A	Private individual	No, I do not agree.	<p>I consider that the deletion of PN14 which will remove all protection against future development of Beacon Hill is inappropriate and demonstrably against the clear public wish for this iconic landscape to be properly protected, for environmental, wildlife, scenic and public interest reasons. It is an historic landscape, a much loved and used environment for walkers and a significant area deserving of protection from the encroachment of inappropriate housing development .</p> <p>Were this hill contained within the boundaries of the National Park there would be statutory protection against development. There is more than adequate low lying land on the periphery of Penrith which can accommodate future housing need. The high ground and the beauty of the Eden Valley needs to be protected for the benefit of current and future generations .</p>

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Victoria Fletcher	N/A	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	I believe that The Beacon is an important and well-used area of green space in the Penrith area. I do not understand why it is not being protected by the planning document. From our home it is possible to see the number of people, both locals and visitors, who walk onto The Beacon so I see on a daily basis how well used it is. If The Beacon is not included in the protection of the neighbourhood plan then developments could lose this area which offers benefits to both physical and mental health for all those who walk on it.
Graham Carruthers	ROUNDTORN COUNTRY HOUSE	Local business	No, I do not agree.	
Carren Carruthers		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	A policy is needed to prevent development on the Beacon.
Paul Hexter		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	I do not agree with PN14 Beacon Hill being removed from the proposed modifications without an alternative proposal for protecting the Beacon being introduced. The proposal by the landowner would leave the Beacon in danger of being exposed to irreparable harm and the amenity value of the Beacon lost forever.

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Robin Acland		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	The Beacon Hill must be included explicitly in the plan and given its own policy in hope to persuade potential owners/developers cashing in on what they should be helped to recognise as a potentially invaluable community asset
Heike Harrison		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	You have taken Beacon Hill off the list, therefore I do not agree to this going ahead without the Beacon's inclusion. Please find a way to add that portion of Beacon Hill in order to ensure it being a green space for the community for ever.
Norman Harrison		Local land / property owner	No, I do not agree.	I would like Beacon Hill reinstated and a separate policy created for its protection, as I understand its size does not meet the criteria for a local green space. There must be a way to protect this area within the Neighbourhood Plan, even if that means creating a policy particular to this case.
Luke Douglas-Home CEnv	A Future without Rubbish CIC	Community/Interest Group	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill must be included in the plan and given its own policy.
Tina Kirkbride	No	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill should remain a protected green space. It has been a place for locals to enjoy for many years and should not be changed for commercial benefit.

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Catherine Howard	N/A	Private individual	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill is a much-loved natural environment on the doorstep of a large town which is a crucial space for outdoor activities, as well as a habitat for rare flora and fauna such as red squirrels. It also has historical, visual and cultural significance. It is vital that Beacon Hill is protected from development, preferably within the neighbourhood plan with its own policy.
Henry Howard		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	I have read the text concerning Penrith Beacon which is deleted in tracked changes and am simply staggered that anyone who had read it would consider it appropriate to delete it. All the arguments for keeping the Beacon as a protected site are laid out there clearly for anyone to understand.
John & Beryl Harrison		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	We disagree with the omission of PN14 Beacon Hill from policy 8 without the inclusion of any alternative measures within the Neighbourhood Plan to safeguard and protect the area for the benefit of residents and wildlife.
Lucilla Ferard	Westmorland and Furness Council	Private individual	No, I do not agree.	Because Beacon Hill is not included in the plan.

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Tatiana Harrison		Local land / property owner	No, I do not agree.	<p>There has been so much time and effort spent trying to protect this area of Beacon Hill within the Neighbourhood Plan that we cannot let it fall by the wayside at this stage. We need a bespoke policy within the plan to protect this area, which is entirely achievable.</p> <p>Then we need to move on to looking at how to protect the whole of Beacon Hill, for we all know that the area which is more suitable for actual development is towards the north and this is still at risk and will always be at risk unless protected.</p> <p>Beacon Hill is of immense importance to the people of Penrith and Eden on a daily wellbeing basis, as well as on a wider historic, cultural and environmental basis. If you leave it out of the Neighbourhood Plan, you risk failure on a massive scale. Please don't let it be on your watch.</p>
Iona Hamilton		Private individual	No, I do not agree.	
Claire Birkett	Roundthorn Country House	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	
Rachel Crosher		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Beacon Hill should be included in the policy and protected for its significant wildlife interest and for future generations recreational enjoyment and green space.

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Ian Crosher		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	This should include Beacon Hill in the green spaces to protect as it is an essential green lung for Penrith. With high quality habitat and nature that gives great recreational space and access for residence. It helps in reducing the need to travel by car into the lakes and so reduces climate impacts. The area of Beacon Hill needs to be given recognition in this plan and protected for future generations and put into the upcoming local nature recover strategy. The health benefits and the mental wellbeing of the Beacon is significant and needs long term protection.
Annabelle Audier		Private individual	No, I do not agree.	
Bea Ray		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	I think there should be special protection for existing mature woodland such as the woods on the beacon hill
Jane Renton		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	
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Katinka Meek		Local land / property owner	No, I do not agree.	If the golf course is protected in Policy 9 as a leisure/sport area, then Beacon Hill - or obviously just the designated part of it for now - should be protected because the golf course serves a niche customer base, whereas Beacon Hill is used by a far greater number of people in the community for free leisure, exercise and wellbeing purposes. So please protect it in whatever way it takes eg a separate policy within the Neighbourhood Plan.
Helen Jackman	No	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	The Beacon Hill must be included in the plan & be given its own policy. It should be protected from development & remain a green space for future generations
Meini Benson	Roundthorn Country House	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	
Alasdair Meek		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Please reinstate the Beacon in the Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan as there is overwhelming local opposition to any destruction of the woodland and change of use to potentially a holiday resort. If only a part of it is protected for now, then that at least is something. It may be you need to create its own policy for protection.

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Chris Ford		Private individual	No, I do not agree.	I wish to see clause 8 adopted in full, offering comprehensive protection to the Beacon alongside other precious green spaces. Sadly we have seen Lowther-led proposals for developments not only here on the Beacon, but also house boats on Grasmere, that reflect a continued desire to monetise green spaces no matter what the cost to local residents, visitors, or the environment itself. Landowners should never have such power, to alter the most essential fabric of a place, and so I urge the council to adopt any and all measures possible to afford Beacon Hill and the people of Penrith the protection they deserve.
Ilaria Ball		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	I would like Beacon Hill (PN14) to be included in the Plan. I understand the issues of designating it as a local green space, but believe it is possible to create a special policy which covers it within the Plan nevertheless. The Beacon is an essential part of Penrith life for many reasons. We need to keep it as a natural environment for everyone to enjoy. One day, I'd like to see the whole of the Beacon protected from any construction projects.

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Karen Crump	Not applicable	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	<p>I do not agree with the removal of Beacon Hill from Policy 8 Identifying and Protecting Local Green Spaces of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Beacon Hill is the most significant area for wildlife in the whole of the neighbourhood (for example - red squirrels, badgers, deer, sparrowhawk, rare fungi (Dendrocollybia) and is therefore demonstrably special and it holds a particular significance to the local community due to the richness of its wildlife. If Beacon Hill is removed from Policy 8, there will be no protection from inappropriate development which will harm the wildlife and irrevocably damage the ecosystems which then support other green spaces in town, such as Scaws Drive.</p> <p>I am upset and angry that a large amount of commentary on the Beacon Hill at PN14 and the Additional Information has been scored out, as the wording makes complete sense and demonstrates the strength of feeling of local residents to keeping the Beacon Hill as an “unspoilt green space and wildlife area”. With this part removed, it makes a nonsense of PN17; PN18; PN19 which reference PN14 as their wildlife corridors.</p>
Mrs. Ethel Mary Blenkarn	No	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	

Table 2 – Responses to question two

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Kevin Beaty	No	Private individual	No, I do not agree.	Car parks are not sports areas. Again the council is over reaching.
Jean Bradshaw		Community/Interest Group	Yes, I agree.	
David Sharrock		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	
Sonia Bradley		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	<p>It is important for the mental and physical health of all local residents to have access to sports, leisure & recreational facilities.</p> <p>As residents, it's important to be proactive in regards to our health. Social prescribing supported by Gp's/NHS would not be possible without these types of facilities.</p> <p>It's important that such areas are protected for all the reasons stated above, which is why I support Westmorland & Furness Council in the modifications to policy 9.</p>
Sandra Stalker		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	

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Andrew Smith		Private individual	No, I do not agree.	<p>Policy 9 as originally drafted identified Penrith Leisure Centre as a sport and leisure facility to be protected. The proposed revisions amend this to the leisure centre car park only (page 6). The sport and recreation benefits and policy objectives are delivered by the leisure centre, not its car park. The car park in isolation provides no sport and recreation offer.</p> <p>The whole leisure centre site should continue to be identified for protection, not just the car park. If for some reason the leisure centre buildings cannot be designated the car park site should be deleted from the neighbourhood plan. The car park on its own has no leisure value.</p>
Chloe	N/A	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Philip Callaghan		Local resident	Not Answered	
Joanna Murphy		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	
Sally Cawley		Private individual	Yes, I agree.	
Christine Bevilacqua		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	

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Joe Dent		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Charlotte Asquith		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Jeremy Pickup	Environment Agency	Other organisation	Yes, I agree.	We have no objection to Westmorland and Furness Council's proposed modifications to Policy 9 - Protecting and Enhancing Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities.
Elaine Burlingham	No	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Elaine Burlingham	No	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
virginia taylor	Elected member, W&F Council	Local land / property owner	Yes, I agree.	
Ruth Harvey	Iona Community	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Joe Bilous		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Jeremy Mead	Westmorland & Furness Council	Private individual	Yes, I agree.	Yes, I agree to include Policy 9 and for school sites e.g. Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, ensure that not only will the land always remain open for sport, leisure and recreation, that natural barriers, comprising indigenous trees. shrubs are planted along or in corner areas of the land.

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Lewis Murray		Private individual	Yes, I agree.	
Alex Heron		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	Most of the areas of land listed will benefit the local community if designated as local green spaces
Claire Hexter		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	<p>All green spaces in Penrith should be protected. Penrith is already over developed and especially in recent years with the large housebuilders obliterating greenfield sites on all the outskirts. Penrith now lacks the charm that Market Towns in Yorkshire have managed to retain through better management and better planning.</p> <p>Is there any point in having a planning department and planning committee when you see what gets passed in Penrith and District?</p>
Les Balmer	Penrith Golf Club	Local land / property owner	Yes, I agree.	Penrith Golf Club supports the proposed retention of the modified Policy 9 as a mechanism to preserve the special nature and character of the golf course (as identified on related Map A) and the Club also welcomes the fact that accompanying policy explanations do allow for the consideration of new uses for other surplus land in order that any such development will contribute towards the overall sustainability of the identified community sporting asset.

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Phillip Lund	St Andrew's Church Penrith	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	Adequate sport, leisure and recreation facilities are essential for the whole community in Penrith. They must not be diminished.
Phillip Lund	St Andrew's Church Penrith	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	Sport, leisure and recreation facilities of the range specifically identified are vital for the health and enjoyment of Penrith residents. They must be protected and enhanced, not diminished.
Helen Witheridge	No	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
PG Foote		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Kate Clement		Local resident	Not Answered	
Monica Andrews		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	At a time when our children are spending more and more time in front of electronic devices and health professionals are increasingly bothered about people being overweight any encouragement to take part in sports and outdoor must be seen as a positive thing
Lorayne Wall (Friends of the Lake District)	Friends of the Lake District	Other organisation	Yes, I agree.	
David Edwards	No	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	I have been a conscientious gardener at Castletown/Musgrave St/Brackenber Allotments and hope to continue into the foreseeable future.

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Mary Richardson	NHS	Private individual	Yes, I agree.	Why would we not protect our leisure spaces. Play areas and the others are essential for health and well being both physical health and mental health. I visit some of these play areas with kids and use some of the sports facilities myself. It would be remiss not to include them
Mary	NHS	Private individual	Yes, I agree.	Why wouldn't you include them. Sports, leisure and recreation, including play areas is important. I've taken kids to some of these play areas - Fairhill is our favourite, many of the others are shabby but they allow kids to play. The sports areas encourage a healthy lifestyle and team spirit
Alison bayliffe	No	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Emma Campbell	n/a	Local resident	Not Answered	
Sara Henderson	Beaconside primary school	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Elaine Brown	No	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Helen Patterson	No	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Christopher Sisson	No	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	

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Anne-Marie Williams		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Jane Harding		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	Ant protection and enhancement of sports and recreational facilities can only be a good thing for the town and especially to encourage the youngsters to engage in activities.
Julia Curwin-Bennett	No	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
John Curwin		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
CLARE SAMBROOK		Local resident	No, I do not agree.	It's not clear from the modifications shown here what is due to change. As presented it's confusing. My view is that we should protect green space, natural space,
Lydia Fitzpatrick		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Tatiana Harrison	Keep Penrith Special	Community/Interest Group	Yes, I agree.	
Ali Ross	Penrith Action for Community Transition (PACT)	Community/Interest Group	Yes, I agree.	Again, it is vital for Penrith's community of all ages that the provision of sport, leisure and recreation facilities is formally recognised and protected so that it is not at risk of loss.

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Caroline Langfield		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Nick Langfield	None	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Cleone Harrison		Local land / property owner	Yes, I agree.	
Derek Storer		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Dr R.,W.M. Corner	N/A	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
noel pearson		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
vicki simpson		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Matthew Baxter		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Karen Brough	No	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Peter G Baker	N/A	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Catherine Smith	Not a building organisation, but I run my own business in the area.	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Kristina Braithwaite		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	

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Linda Westmoreland		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Iain Aldred	n/a	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Mandy Little	N/A	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Susan Davies		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Meg Crook		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Philip Lancaster		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Gemma Bullimore	na	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	
Mel Exon		Private individual	Yes, I agree.	
Graham Fairhall	No	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Valerie Richardson	n/a	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Nick Mason OBE	N/A	Private individual	Yes, I agree.	
Victoria Fletcher	N/A	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Graham Carruthers	ROUNDTORN COUNTRY HOUSE	Local business	Yes, I agree.	

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Carren Carruthers		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Paul Hexter		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Robin Acland		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Heike Harrison		Local resident	Not Answered	
Norman Harrison		Local land / property owner	Yes, I agree.	
Luke Douglas-Home CEnv	A Future without Rubbish CIC	Community/Interest Group	Yes, I agree.	
Tina Kirkbride	No	Local resident	Not Answered	
Catherine Howard	N/A	Private individual	Yes, I agree.	
Henry Howard		Local resident	Not Answered	
John & Beryl Harrison		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Lucilla Ferard	Westmorland and Furness Council	Private individual	Yes, I agree.	
Tatiana Harrison		Local land / property owner	Yes, I agree.	

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Iona Hamilton		Private individual	Yes, I agree.	
Claire Birkett	Roundthorn Country House	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Rachel Crosher		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	These spaces are essential for the health and wellbeing of Penrith residents and surrounding communities.
Ian Crosher		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	These facilities are essential for the health and wellbeing of Penrith residents and the local community of the area.
Annabelle Audier		Private individual	Yes, I agree.	
Bea Ray		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Jane Renton		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
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Katinka Meek		Local land / property owner	Yes, I agree.	
Helen Jackman	No	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Meini Benson	Roundthorn Country House	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Alasdair Meek		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Chris Ford		Private individual	Yes, I agree.	

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Ilaria Ball		Local resident	Yes, I agree.	
Karen Crump	Not applicable	Local resident	No, I do not agree.	Policy 9 protecting and enhancing Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities has scored out Penrith Leisure Centre from the list of facilities that will be protected. This Leisure facility is the town's main indoor and recreation facility and provides access to a wide variety of sports for all age groups, swimming, hockey, netball, football, gymnastics, trampolining, bowling, gym, climbing and is vital to support the wellbeing of local residents. It is also an important economic factor as it is a "draw" for people wanting to relocate to the area.
Mrs. Ethel Mary Blenkarn	No	Local resident	Yes, I agree.	