

Make a plan

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A little something about Carnforth

Carnforth is the third largest settlement in the Lancaster district, identified as a Market Town and considered to be the northern hub of the district, providing key services to the rural communities in the north of the district. Carnforth also has strong public transport links that



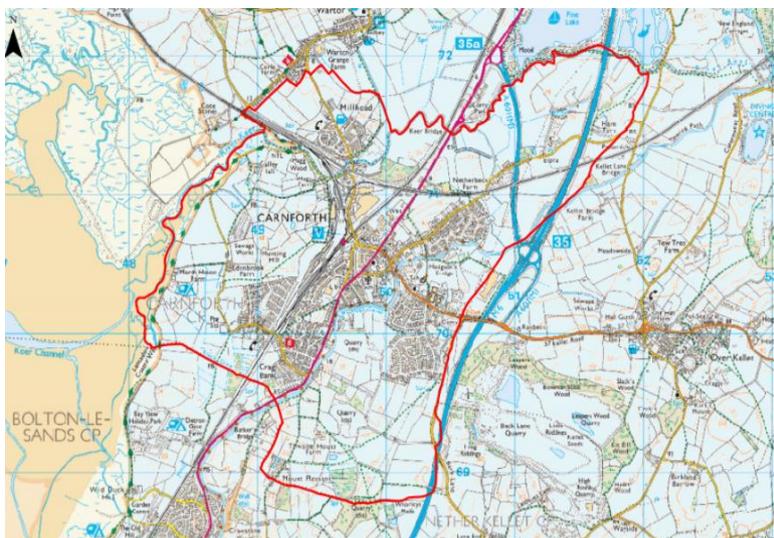
may be further enhanced through the delivery of the Lancaster District Transport and Highways Masterplan. As a result Carnforth is considered to be a highly sustainable location for future development growth, which can build on its strong transport links.

Carnforth Town Centre is the hub for rural communities in the north of the district providing a range of retailing and leisure facilities both for the town and outline communities. Carnforth has a strong provision for convenience retailing, in particular, with five foodstores trading in the town.

Given its transport heritage and close proximity to the Arnsdale and Silverdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), in continuing to develop its role as a visitor destination with the creation of visitor accommodation in suitable, sustainable locations being supported by Lancaster City Council.

Carnforth has an area of strategic growth that will assist in securing its role as a key service centre and ensuring that existing services are maintained.

Our Vision



This map sets out the area that has been designated at the neighbourhood area for Carnforth following consultation.

We recognise that to pursue the great opportunities ahead of us, we will need to work closely with partners in our communities, public bodies, businesses, voluntary organisations and our residents.

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We know that in order to thrive and continue improving in a demanding environment, we will need to be innovative and creative and support developments that deliver excellent, accessible services and address the needs of the Town.

We are committed to working alongside Lancaster City Council and playing our part in delivering the long-term aspirations set out in the Lancaster District Local Plan 2011 – 2031 (currently in the final development stage before submission to the Planning Inspectorate).

That said, we want to enable local people and communities to influence how development will occur locally and to fulfil the potential of neighbourhood planning to:



- ❖ Give communities a bigger say over the type, location, size, pace and design of development coming forward (including infrastructure, housing and commercial development);
- ❖ Tackle long term trends of challenges affecting communities;
- ❖ Foster progressive relationships between communities, developers, Carnforth Town Council and Lancaster City Council;
- ❖ Provide neighbourhoods with more influence on delivery and implementation.

Our Values and Objectives

With those aspirations in **Our Vision** in mind we have come up with a range of matters that we **Value** most and the **Objectives** that we are ambitious to achieve through neighbourhood planning.



Our Values:

- ✓ We value the heritage of the town, including the Railway and iron industries;
- ✓ We value the natural environment and the small town appeal;
- ✓ We value our local distinctiveness whilst embracing diversity and innovation going forward;
- ✓ We value and will actively encourage community involvement;
- ✓ We value the community spirit shown by many of our residents
- ✓ We value healthy lifestyles and well-being;
- ✓ We value and support new business growth;
- ✓ We value a safe and secure environment;
- ✓ We value a well-maintained infrastructure;
- ✓ We value improvements to the Town’s environment;
- ✓ We value spending tax payers money responsibly and with transparency.



Our Objectives: Our neighbourhood plan will aim to achieve the following objectives:

- ✓ That any development is designed to a high standard, is compatible with the Town's areas of Conservation and, is sympathetic to the surrounding areas and landscapes;
- ✓ That housing needs of the town are met by providing homes of the right type, size and tenure;
- ✓ That priority is given to new development on previously developed land;
- ✓ That there are local suitable initiatives to encourage tourism and enterprise;
- ✓ That developments are compatible with the natural environment, preserving wildlife habitats and green spaces, where possible;
- ✓ That parking is improved to promote easy access to all Town Centre facilities;
- ✓ That opportunities for young people are created, and young people are encouraged and empowered;
- ✓ That the community spirit within the town is developed and enhanced;
- ✓ That residents are encouraged to develop a healthy lifestyle
- ✓ That air, water and land quality is enhanced

Justification for Objectives

Carnforth has seen very low levels of development growth over recent decades with very little new housing being delivered in the town. In order to achieve development growth that maintains and improves the service provision within the town it will be important that the Local and Neighbourhood Plan seeks to provide opportunities for expansion within the Town.

In allocating sites for development purposes there needs to be recognition of the potential to meet housing needs with the expectation that proposals coming forward give due consideration to the entire area of Carnforth and take account of issues facing the Town and ways to address them for the future.

We want developments to provide good opportunities for walking and cycling links and integration with the existing highways networks into Carnforth town centre. We will expect future proposals to demonstrate how such connectivity will be delivered.

It is important that special attention is given to the air quality within Carnforth and that the standards set out in the National Air Quality Strategy and locally within the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) designated to Carnforth due to the effect on air quality caused by emissions from adjacent high-volume traffic corridors.