Core strategy

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Local plan part 1: Core strategy

The core strategy is a key planning document for Blackpool. It sets out where new development (including housing, employment, retail and leisure) should be located to meet Blackpool's future needs to 2027. It was adopted by the council on the 20 January 2016.

It also identifies areas which will be regenerated, protected or enhanced and sets out the key development principles such as design and affordable housing.

The core strategy along with the Local Plan Part 2 will be used to determine planning applications and priorities for the town over the plan period (2012-2027).

- Blackpool Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy 2012-2027 (Adopted January 2016) [PDF 135.35MB]
- Policies map - Borough-wide [PDF 2.8MB]
- Policies map - Blackpool Town Centre [PDF 6.0MB]

Details of earlier work can be found on our Earlier core strategy stages page.

Evidence base

The core strategy has been informed by a comprehensive evidence base which consists of a number of detailed assessments on housing, employment and the environment, as well as other aspects of the current health and character of Blackpool and the wider Fylde Coast sub-region.

New local plan to 2042

We have started preparing a new Local plan for Blackpool that will set out a vision and policy framework to 2042. Please keep visiting the New Local Plan to 2042 page for future updates.

Future local plan consultations

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