

# Penkrige 2050

## Introduction

Staffordshire County Council has produced a document with their 'Vision'. It offers some ideas on how Penkrige could grow sustainably and address the challenges and opportunities facing the District and Penkrige up to 2050.

The County Council owns land that could help meet development needs and deliver local infrastructure and is exploring the potential of the land for the wider benefit of Penkrige.

The ideas are intended to stimulate debate, identify issues that require further consideration, and start to shape what could be a shared vision for the future of the town, critically with your participation. To begin this process, some initial thinking towards a vision for Penkrige in 2050 is set out, along with some of the benefits this may achieve, and different scenarios of how the landholdings could help the town grow. Importantly, these are not fixed proposals and they have no formal planning status but they are concepts to help express the benefits listed and stimulate debate.

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As a professional planning officer who is interested in shaping places for the future, proposals for Penkrige in the emerging Local Plan for South Staffordshire has provided a valuable opportunity to look much further ahead and explore the range of potential infrastructure improvements that could be delivered to benefit this settlement.

Here, at Staffordshire County Council, our technical officer team commissioned a high-level study to help explore and articulate how Penkrige could change over a longer 30-year time horizon – we refer to this as the 'Penkrige 2050' growth scenarios.

This website aims to help inform the community and stakeholders in contributing responses and suggestions to the imminent Local Plan consultation and to inform the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. Whilst it is unlikely that any of the County Farm Estate land to the West of Penkrige will feature in this iteration of the emerging Local Plan, a longer term vision for Penkrige will help ensure that proposals emerging in the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan can make adequate safeguards to integrate future change and secure the delivery of infrastructure that can meet the needs of Penkrige towards 2050.

A survey questionnaire is provided on this website so we can receive your feedback to gauge the level of community interest in working collaboratively and creating a vision for growth that can secure what Penkrige needs over the longer term.

A Frequently Asked Questions - FAQ - section is also provided on the website. We will update this periodically over the next few weeks of this community engagement if other questions are raised frequently. We will provide this engagement feedback to South Staffordshire District Council as the Local Planning Authority through their formal Local Plan consultation process. Likewise, we will provide feedback to the Penkrige Parish Council to help them respond to both the Local Plan consultation and their preparation of their Neighbourhood Plan.

Website Address - [www.penkrige2050.co.uk](http://www.penkrige2050.co.uk)