Introduction & Planning Policy Context

Introduction

Please provide your comments:
A number of councils, not just in the UK, are taking the matter of climate change more seriously than West Lancashire Borough Council. For example, I draw your attention to Scarborough Council and the following motion:

https://democracy.scarborough.gov.uk/documents/s86758/Motion%20to%20declare%20a%20Climate%20Emergency%20etc%202020190107.pdf

Burscough has the opportunity to give a lead to West Lancs

Burscough NPA

Please provide your comments:

The Planning Policy Context

Please provide your comments:

2.3 states:

The planning system should play an active role in guiding development to sustainable solutions.
Perhaps the following words should be added:-

and actively encourage citizens and companies to use the latest materials and new technology to ensure the most efficient use of energy.

Vision and Objectives

Vision

Please provide your comments:

This growth will be managed through the appropriate improvements to infrastructure, services and utilities and within the context of the Area’s rural setting where the landscape, heritage and nature conservation assets will be retained, enhanced and celebrated.

Objectives

Please provide your comments:

Strategy

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Infrastructure (Policies BPI1 - BPI4)

BPI1: Development and Infrastructure

Please provide your comments on Policy BPI1.

Within the next decade or two most of the heating for new buildings will be via heat pumps etc and cars will be battery powered. It is possible or even likely that the new housing currently being built will be under-powered leading to the A59 being dug up again!

BPI2: Surface Water Drainage

Please provide your comments on Policy BPI2.

BPI3: Foul Water Drainage

Please provide your comments on Policy BPI3.

BPI4: High Quality Communications Infrastructure

Please provide your comments on Policy BPI4.

Local Plan Compliance

Housing (Policies BPH1 - BPH2)

BPH1: New Residential Development

Please provide your comments on Policy BPH1.

An additional paragraph 6 could be added:

That the housing meets the requirement of paragraph 6.8.10

The use of combined heat and power (CHP) should only be considered if fired by biomass. The use of natural gas is only a temporary fix.

BPH2: Housing Mix

Please provide your comments on Policy BPH2.

Local Plan Compliance

Employment Land (Policy BPE1)

BPE1: Burscough Industrial Estate
Please provide your comments on Policy BPE1:
Industrial estates are excellent places to incorporate energy saving measure as the aesthetic appearance is not so much an issue. Zero carbon energy, eg solar panels on the large roofs of commercial buildings and improved insulation would reduce costs and bolster employment.

Figure 6.1: Burscough Industrial Estate

Local Plan Compliance

Next Steps

Do you request to be notified of the Local Planning Authority’s future decision to either refuse or ‘make’ (adopt) the neighbourhood plan as Council policy?

Yes

If Yes, please provide your email address: