




**KEY SOUTH RIBBLE LOCAL PLAN**

-  Green Belt (Policy G1)
-  Green Infrastructure (Policy G7)
-  Biological Heritage Site (Policy G16)

South Ribble covers an area of 44 sq. miles, most of which is rural in character and more than 68% is designated as greenbelt. The Council values and promotes the district's diverse rural landscape by ensuring its protection and encouraging visitors and local communities to enjoy and visit it. To achieve this, the council works closely with other organisations such as Lancashire Wildlife Trust, English Nature, the Environment Agency and Lancashire County Council.

**CHAPTER G - Protecting & Enhancing the Quality of the Natural & Built Environment**

**Core Strategy Objectives**

- to protect, conserve and enhance the distinctive character of its landscapes
- to maintain and improve the quality of Central Lancashire's built and natural environmental assets so that it remains a place with 'room to breathe'

**Core Strategy Policies :**

- Policy 18 Green Infrastructure
- Policy 19 Areas of Separation and Major Open Space
- Policy 20 Countryside Management and Access
- Policy 21 Landscape Character Areas
- Policy 22 Biodiversity and Geodiversity

**Environment**

- 10.1 A high quality environment, accessible countryside, water areas, green space, good leisure and cultural facilities will continue to be important factors in attracting new investment and enhancing the quality of life for existing and future communities in South Ribble. The role of the natural environment in sustaining wildlife and natural adaption and mitigation mechanisms against the effects of climate change is vital.
- 10.2 The Council wishes to minimise any harm to the character of settlements by protecting and enhancing the existing Green Infrastructure network.

**Green Infrastructure :**

- 10.3 Green infrastructure is designated as the network of green spaces that lie within and between the town, districts and villages, providing multiple social, environmental and economic benefits. It is a critical infrastructure and, as such, should be well-planned and maintained and viewed as integral to all new development.
- 10.4 Examples of Green Infrastructure in South Ribble include wodlands, parks, open space, countryside, private residential gardens including rivers and water features
- 10.19 All sites with international, national and local environmental designations are recognised by the Core Strategy and are given a level of protection from any adverse impacts of development through Core Strategy Policy 22 and Policy G16 Biodiversity and Nature Conservation.

**Policy G1: Introduction**

- 10.20 An area of Green Belt has been defined in South Ribble for over 30 years.... other Green Belt boundaries are carried forward from the South Ribble Local Plan (2000) and are shown on the Policies Map for the document.

10.21 The main Green Belt objectives are to ensure the control of development in certain areas. Green Belts are mostly designated on open land in rural areas to protect it from development, maintain the openness and character of the area and restrict urban sprawl. There is a general presumption against inappropriate development in the Green Belt.

**Policy G1 - Green Belt**

The area covered in Green Belt is shown on the Policies Map

- f. Limited infilling or the partial or complete redevelopment of previously developed sites (brownfield land), whether redundant or in continuing use (excluding temporary buildings) which would not have a greater impact on the openness of the Green Belt and the purpose of including land within it than the existing development.

**POLICY G7 - Green Infrastructure - Existing Provision**

Development which would involve the loss of Green Infrastructure (as identified on the Policies Map) will not be permitted unless :




- (a) Alternative provision of similar and/or better facilities for the community will be implemented on another site or within the locality; or
- (b) It can be demonstrated that the retention of the site is not required to satisfy a recreational need in the local area and
- (c) The development would not detrimentally affect the amenity value and the nature conservation value of the site.

 Application Site

**PRESTON LOCAL PLAN (adopted April 2004)**

-  Existing and Ancient Woodland
-  Green Belt (Policy DC1 and DC2)
-  Open Countryside
-  (Policy E7)
-  Green Space
-  Suburban
-  Open Space
-  Wildlife Corridor

**RIBBLE VALLEY LOCAL PLAN**

-  Flood risk area
-  Ancient Woodland ENV12
-  County Biological Heritage Sites ENV9

**POLICY G16 - Biodiversity and Nature Conservation**

Regard will be had to :  
 - protecting and safeguarding all designated sites of international, national, regional county and local level importance including ... Biological Heritage sites, wildlife corridors, together with any ecological network approved by the Council : - protecting, safeguarding and enhancing habitats for European, nationally and locally important species - when considering applications for planning permission, protecting, conserving and enhancing the borough's ecological network and providing links to the network from and/or through a proposed development site.  
 In addition development should have regard to the provisions set out below :  
 (a) the need to minimise impacts on biodiversity and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible by designing in wildlife and by ensuring that significant harm is avoided or, in unavoidable, is reduced to appropriately mitigated and/or, as a last resort compensated.  
 (b) the need to promote the preservation, restoration and re-creation of priority species populations.  
 (c) where there is reason to suspect that there may be protected habitats/ species on or close to a proposed development site, planning applications must be accompanied by a survey undertaken by an appropriate qualified professional.  
 (d) where the benefits for development in social or economic terms are considered to outweigh the impact on the natural environment, appropriate and proportionate mitigation measures and/or compensatory habitat creation of an equal or greater area will be required through planning conditions and/or planning obligations

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