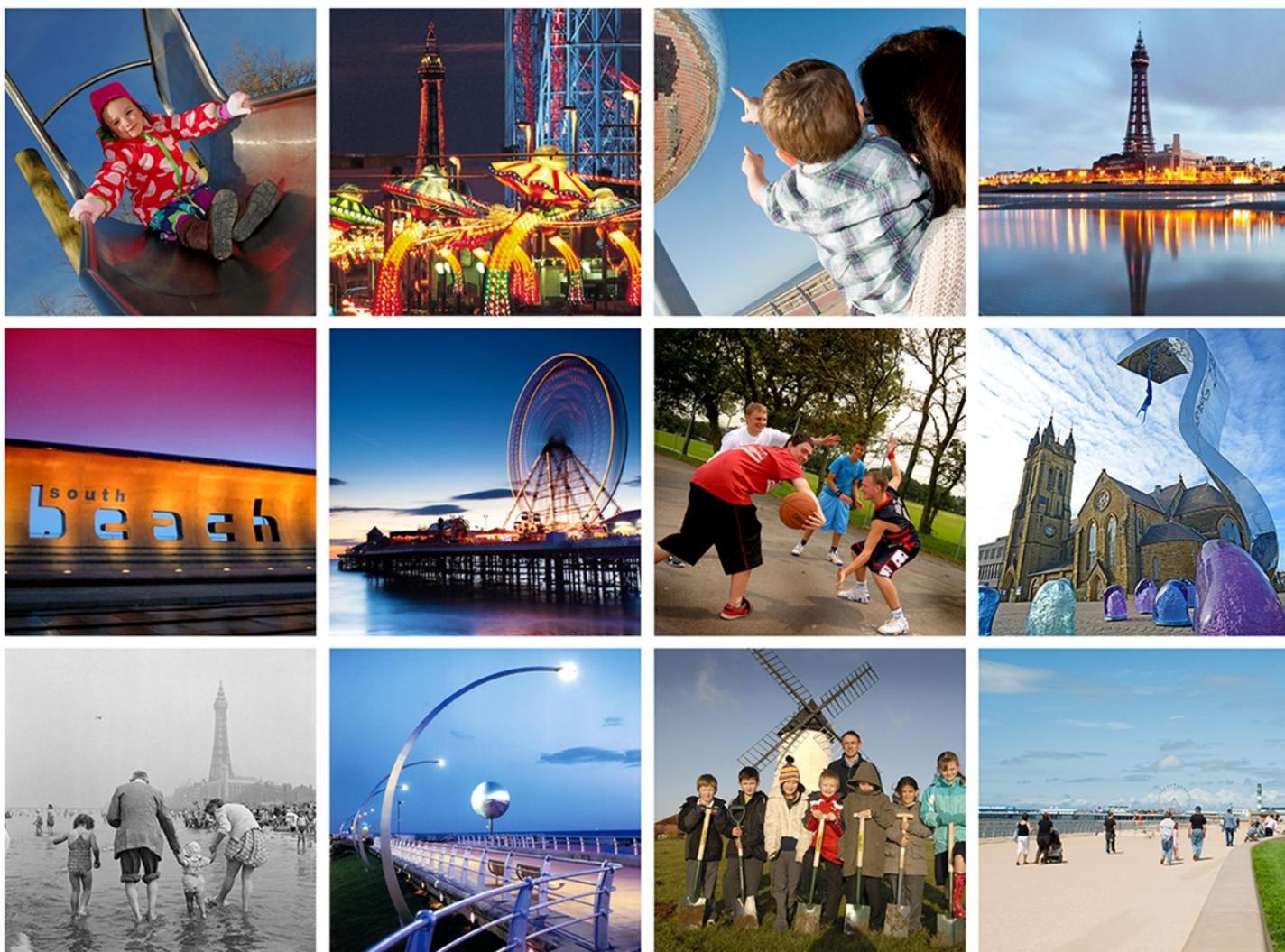


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developers, those with land interests, local property agents, planning consultants, partner organisations, local people, local community groups, businesses and a variety of other organisations.

- 4.8 At November 2019, the Call for Sites process remained live and a form was available on the Council website for landowners/developers to submit sites for consideration for housing, or other uses. In addition, the 2019 Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Informal Consultation Paper encouraged readers to let the Council know about any additional sites which could be considered for housing development. At November 2019, 25 'Call for Sites' forms for residential use had been submitted, although this included a small number of overlapping sites.
- 4.9 Existing employment sites and allocations have been considered in terms of their potential for re-use for housing. However, the Core Strategy identified a shortfall in employment land supply in Blackpool. Fylde Council agreed to provide for this shortfall under the Duty to Cooperate process. Therefore, the limited supply of alternative employment land was taken into account when considering the potential of re-using any allocated employment land for housing in Blackpool.
- 4.10 The NPPF requires local authorities to take a proactive role in identifying and helping to bring forward land that may be suitable for meeting development needs, including sites held in public ownership. Reflecting national policy, the Council has assessed land in its ownership and other public ownership in terms of potential for housing development. Vacant and derelict land and buildings and additional opportunities in established uses have also been considered as part of the process.
- 4.11 Potential sites from the site sources were surveyed and the following information recorded:
- Site size, boundaries and location
 - Current land use and existing buildings/structures on site
 - Neighbouring uses/local character
 - Vehicular and pedestrian access to site, location of site access, constraints to site access and access to public transport
 - Slopes/ground level differences
 - The presence of footpaths and public rights of way
 - Woodland, trees or other plant habitats
 - Streams/ponds
 - Development progress where relevant
- 4.12 PPG states that it is the role of the housing land availability assessment to provide information on the range of sites which are available to meet the local authority's