

# East Lindsey Core Strategy 2016 – 2031 Examination

## Lincolnshire County Council Written Statement

### **Matter 4 – Settlement Pattern (Policy SP 1)**

**Main issue: Is the settlement pattern justified?**

***Q.1 Is the settlement pattern in SP1 justified? Have settlements been appropriately categorised, including Tetford, Tetney, Croft, Goulceby and Orby?***

Yes. The identified settlement pattern reflects the prevailing distribution of population in the district. The categorisation into Towns, Large, Medium and Small Villages seems to be based on functional attributes such as community facilities and employment opportunities as well as population size and location on the transport network. This provides a relatively robust framework for directing development to the most sustainable locations. Any hierarchy of this sort is likely to throw up anomalies in terms of settlement size and service provision and it is a feature across Lincolnshire that some smaller settlements manage to "punch above their weight".

***Q.2 What role did the settlement pattern have in determining the distribution of housing and employment development?***

The distribution of housing and employment growth is addressed elsewhere in the Core Strategy at para. 21/Table B and SP13 respectively. It is not clear how SP1 provides the necessary guidance in the precise distribution of housing and employment land. Para. 12 states that the "pattern provides a starting point".