East Lindsey Core Strategy 2016 – 2031 Examination

Lincolnshire County Council Written Statement

Matter 13: Inland employment, centres and shopping; and inland tourism and leisure (Policies SP13, SP14 and SP15)

Main issue: Are Policies SP13 and SP14 based on a robust assessment of the need for land for employment and retail uses? Have the assessments been carried out in accordance with national policy andguidance? Are particular clauses of Policies SP13, SP14 and SP15 sufficiently clear that they would be effective in achieving their aims?

Questions

SP15: Widening the Inland Tourism and Leisure Economy

15. Is paragraph 7 consistent with Clause 3 of the policy in respect of where the relevant development could be located in towns, large and medium villages? Paragraph 7 indicates that development will be acceptable in "close proximity" to these settlements where safe access is demonstrated; while the policy specifies that development should be "in or adjoining" a settlement.

The difference in wording may result in some ambiguity of interpretation without any precise spatial definitions to guide prospective developers. It would be better to use consistent wording with an emphasis on safe access and segregation between pedestrians and vehicles.

16. Why does the requirement that serviced accommodation should not be located in an area of flood risk not also apply to the types of development (caravans, log cabins etc) provided under Clause 3? Should either type of development be required to satisfy the sequential and exceptions tests? Is the definition of "an area of flood risk" clear in this policy?

This may be a matter of omission as the issue of flood risk should be applied consistently across different types of visitor accommodation and be subject to the sequential and exceptions tests. The definition of flood risk could be made clearer by referring to NPPF.

17. Is ADM30 an additional/minor amendment or is it necessary to make the plan sound?

ADM30 is a minor amendment which provides clearer wording.