

**ISSUES  
BACKGROUND PAPER**

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## **Introduction**

1. The following document is a summary of the issues that have been raised through the various Issues related consultation exercises that the Council has carried out to inform the preparation of its Local Development Framework.
2. Three main strands of consultations have been carried out. The first was in March 2006, when the Council took the opportunity when consulting on its Statement of Community Involvement to ask about the issues facing East Lindsey. The second was a joint consultation on the review of the East Lindsey Community Strategy in April 2007. The third was the consultation on East Lindsey's draft Core Strategy in November 2009.
3. Respondents to the first consultation were given a list of issues to choose from and asked to select their top five. The selection of issues was drawn from a number of sources, such as the Community Strategy and a State of the District report the Council has commissioned. The summary from the first consultation shows the top five issues selected by each of the groups targeted; recent applicants and agents; attendees to workshop events run and other public responses from questionnaires to a random sample of households and online consultation. Below that are the free form answers from questions asked regarding issues we had missed and peoples wishes for the future.
4. These free form answers have been grouped where people have made similar comments and so form a representative sample of the issues that were raised.
5. Following from the March 2006 issues, this document sets out the responses to the joint consultation with the Community Strategy.
6. For each theme, people were offered a range of issues from which they chose their top three; they were also offered the opportunity to identify other missing issues under these themes. The results in the tables show the percentage of people who have identified each issue as important and the weight given to each. After this follows a free form section where people could identify solutions to each of these issues. For the purposes of this document, that section has been edited down to those issues which could be directly influenced by the LDF or those issues that could influence the preparation of the LDF. Comments that did not fit into either of these categories, for example on sentencing policy, healthcare on an individual level, alternative punishment for offenders or emotive comments that may offend, have not been include in the summary. The comments have also been grouped, so where a similar comment was made on a number of occasions, it has not been repeated.

## Issues Sources

### In conjunction with SCI Consultation

7. The Council carried out initial consultation on issues in conjunction with its early consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement. A questionnaire was sent to a random sample of 1,000 households and to 488 individuals and agents who have made recent planning applications. Parish Council's and interest groups were invited to workshops held in Horncastle, Louth and Skegness. Alongside this targeted consultation, the questionnaire was also available for completion on the Council's website.

8. All respondents were asked to select their top three issues from a selection offered to them. The table shows a summary of which issues respondents ranked in their top three issue:

<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>Applicants</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Public Sample</b>
Jobs			
Car Parking	5.20%		
Sport	1.30%	3.70%	2.40%
Cleanliness	6.50%	6.20%	
Housing Supply	6.20%	6.20%	4.20%
Flooding	3.20%	3.50%	1.80%
Buses	2.60%	4.30%	
Access to Amenities	6.50%		4.90%
Low Pay	2.30%	4.50%	5.10%
Open Space	2.90%	3.30%	3.10%
Job Skills	1.30%	2.20%	1.90%
Energy Efficiency		2.90%	6.40%
Design of New Buildings		5.20%	2.70%
Access to Services	6.80%	5.90%	5.90%
Affordable Housing			
Local Character			5.90%
Public Safety	5.50%	6.60%	
Climate Change	5.50%	2.60%	3.70%
Job Training	1.90%	1.90%	1.90%

9. Respondents were then asked if there was something important that we had missed. The issues raised were:

## **Applicants**

- Speed Restrictions (Old Fen Lane, Coningsby).
- Policing.
- Education.
- Local authority efficiency.
- Local issues.
- Absence of realistic planning policies and implementation, a more open and honest planning system.
- Availability of building land.
- Local infrastructure –road quality, need for road improvements.
- Promoting tourism to sustain local businesses. Recycling of commercial waste.
- Security from vandalism.
- Safety –too many pubs –late night drinkers causing trouble and vandalism to cars.
- Noise issues.
- Waste Recycling.
- Low cost housing district wide in all villages.
- Rural economy.
- I don't use East Lindsey District facilities. I use Boston Borough Council as I live closest to Boston.
- A good sports complex and swimming pool –for the young and the infirm as well as obvious users, development potential for leisure –be positive and allow this to happen.
- Arts facilities for all ages. There is little for the Youth in this District.
- Environmental issues.
- Lack of investment.
- Conservation of the built heritage –conservation areas –especially Louth seems to be slowly degrading.

## **Workshop**

- Cater for local inhabitants and not concentrate so much on the visitors.
- NHS Dental surgery.
- Use a more Holistic approach in considering housing and all associated aspects such as the effect on the town's character.
- With increase in local housing, increase in pressures on infrastructure, services etc.
- Fair distribution of resources and consistency of decisions.
- Environmental pollution.
- Road congestion linked to lack of bypasses –Horncastle N/S and E/W, A153/A158.
- The environment.
- Conservation.
- Inland resorts.

- Facilities for the youngsters in the district.
- Poor roads.
- No public parks to use for dog walking or forestry land.
- Support for farmers/agriculture.
- Places for young people to meet and take part in suitable activities.
- Traffic restriction between the Bull Ring and North Street in Horncastle.  
A proper bus station, like Louth.
- Healthcare.
- Internationally, nationally and regionally important sites for natural and built heritage.
- Young people.
- Disability rights.
- Local economy.
- Social exclusion/deprivation.
- Land use.
- Keeping market, not killing it. A sympathetic stall rental policy. Keeping fees within inflation.
- Individual shops.
- Additional car parking in Kiln Lane, a multi-storey.
- Police presence.
- Recycling -waste collection especially in villages.
- We do need a full-time, all year round traffic warden in town.  
(Mablethorpe).
- Exploit the economic opportunities of Tourism.
- Local business and tourism.
- Schooling.
- More thought to be given to allowing applications for high rise flats that will destroy the character of our lovely Georgian market town.
- Try to make the general public understand they have a responsibility in all areas ie planning, policing, health etc.
- Reluctance to allow building on village outskirts (affordable housing) and the very strict use of the 1995 local plan.
- Positive economy, including tourism.
- Vandalism.
- Disposal of rubbish -present policy needs to be 'joined up'.
- Crime.
- Wheelie bins (environment and recycling).
- Community railway line.
- Cleanliness.
- Allowing firms to build with new bricks in areas where the rest of the housing is old brick/conservation area eg Schoolhouse Lane wall.
- Restoration of civil pride in the area I live in.
- Infrastructure to encourage better links to larger towns, thereby encouraging firms to move in and create year-round employment.
- Alternative education strategies for disaffected youth.
- The relationship between the tiers of local government.
- Low cost housing for local people.

- Ensuring small communities are sustainable by allowing development in small villages particularly in the Wolds, otherwise they will die out. New blood will bring wealth and maybe young families to support local transport initiatives and rural businesses. Encourage 'ownership of the countryside'.

## **Public**

- The people at Manby and ELDC in general are remote from the issues that affect local people and are not helpful.
- There is not a lot of point saying or doing too much. The old 10th Century Council don't listen any way. They just want to keep Louth old.
- Tighter planning control in the villages.
- New housing encroaching into the countryside.
- Development of business and enterprise.
- Roads.
- Ageism.
- Pheasant shooting.
- Complete ban on new building within Woodhall Spa, keeping it as a village, don't allow it to develop into a town.
- Sport is a big problem for children in Skegness to get any decent training we have to go to Louth or Boston.
- Access to Doctors surgeries. All have moved where there is no direct bus services from Winthorpe, except for Chapel where I go. Also, a zebra crossing needed on Winthorpe Avenue from Hewisons to the other side of the road. I have written to my MP about this.
- Pavements more acceptable for wheelchair users e.g getting on and off them.
- Car parking.
- Amenities for young people, specifically 11-17yr olds.
- Wheelchair access, I do find it difficult getting in and out of banks, shops etc. Although amenities are improving there is still quite a way to go. Dropped kerbs.
- Traffic congestion.
- Excessive parish council costs.
- Lighting.
- Public conveniences.
- Access to NHS dentists. Encouragement of healthy lifestyles including provision of cycle paths.
- Council training of staff.
- Centralisation of the police force, fire brigade and the ambulance service.
- More use of wind for energy. I am for wind farms, out to sea.
- Access to social services for those of critical need due to funding issues.
- Viability of the local market.
- Yob culture.

- Tourism.
- Recycling plastic.
- Care of the elderly.
- Education, training in citizenship, parenting.
- Lack of doggy bins.
- High Council Tax considering the amenities provided.
- The re-design of old farm buildings etc to domestic dwellings -told must be in keeping with the surrounding area which leaves no room for the imagination.
- Caravans.
- Green field developments.
- Tacky shops.
- Retaining unique beach huts.
- Out of character housing applications.
- Some properties being very run-down.
- A swimming pool would be very beneficial.
- The urgent need for Lincolnshire County Council and others to eliminate the traffic congestion on the roads of Horncastle.
- No sense of community.

10. Respondents were also asked, if they had a wish for the future of the District, what it would be:

### **Applicants**

- Affordable Housing.
- Wider variety and better amenities.
- Speed control and road crossing on the A16.
- Better sporting facilities for all -not just Louth and Skegness. Not everybody can access your new proposed facilities.
- Provision of open space.
- Maintenance of roads and verges.
- Clean, tidy and free from vandalism.
- An improved quality of decision making in the District that is transparent, consistent and accountable.
- Good NHS facilities including dentistry and the maintenance & expansion of the Louth Hospital. Healthcare sites are a big issue in a very rural, large and geographically isolated district. Protect and support what we have.
- Economic growth -the area is poor -Large new industrial/manufacturing employer moving its base to Fairfield Industrial Estate in Louth.
- More control on farming activities ie chicken farms, noise from gas guns, speeding big tractors etc.
- Neighbours and local councils concerns carry more weight in matters such as 24hr drinking and the environment.

- The Council becoming more transparent in the way in which it conducts business and ensuring staff are more approachable.
- Sustained tourism to promote long term employment.
- Improvements to the sea front at Sutton on Sea eg the beach huts, planning permission is so complicated it is putting people off putting up new huts.
- Mains gas fitting.
- The planners could be changed to people who have an interest in architecture and preservation on communities and who are willing to discuss matters with applicants and the locals rather than stamp their opinion on a local matter.
- Consistency in decision making.
- Improvements to buildings to off-set the problems of climate change, which would therefore make most buildings more sustainable for the long term.
- Population growth in Horncastle (ie greater housing development) coupled with town centre growth (ie shops, offices etc). Higher calibre of shops.
- Rejuvenating Horncastle.
- Street cleanliness/road gulley cleaning to prevent flooding.
- A swimming pool.
- Better use of public money!
- No more development of characterless housing.
- An urgency in producing the LDF so that ELDC can move forward quickly.
- Re-opening of Louth Navigation Canal.
- Filling up the village making a community which would include pedestrian walkways and wider road access (Irby in the Marsh).
- Good dual carriageway road network.
- Create safe and sustainable communities in terms of energy efficiency, housing, employment, access to local services and good public transport to access non-local services.
- Truly regenerated rural economy.
- The setting up of a facility in Horncastle similar to the Wragby Centre.
- More new businesses being given planning permission for developments in Louth.
- Rural character sustained and enhanced in all aspects.
- School buses to get cars off the road taking children to schools. More should be done to make Mablethorpe a better place for our future generations.
- Listen to potential investors and respond more quickly and see real action in the form for development.
- Sustainable future, lifestyles and buildings.
- Public consultations ref planning issues on sensitive sites. Making sure that planning committee members are more in tune with policy and planning officers.



- Integration of modern architecture alongside Louth's existing architecture.
- Large open space where youngsters and others might learn to drive/ride off road, under age, with supervision of sorts Strubby airfield might be ideal for a small(ish) cardrome (locals only).
- Less Red Tape and bureaucracy from Central Government.
- Boston by-pass.
- Impartial planning decisions, not affected by disproportionate lobbying.
- Investment in business and things for the tourists to do.
- Stamp out crime (vandalism especially, most of which appears unresolved) and give us some police coverage that is effective. Close pubs at decent times.

## **Workshop**

- Improve villages with permitting more development instead of spoiling small market town.
- Well designed housing.
- Affordable housing.
- Careful development without building on greenfield sites, particularly agricultural land.
- Real control over development which reflects the views of local residents.
- Pedestrian-friendly walkways and footpaths.
- More information & co-operation between the community and ELDC. A change in attitude of trying to achieve what local people want rather than imposing change upon us.
- Footpaths for local people to get to school safety footpath to dwellings on B1192 Langrick Church.
- Site and build a village hall for benefit of the Parish.
- The Planning Dept to be helpful, positive and forward thinking.
- Development at Sibsey.
- Road construction to bypass towns with the sensible application of speed limits eg why 30mph at schools on unrestricted roads at night or during school holidays when buildings are empty.
- A village hall in Hagworthingham.
- Larger Tesco store.
- A community park, Hemingsby Lane tip and the Wong.
- More development. Wish to develop some land at Wood Enderby & New Bolingbroke, Occupation Lane.
- I would hope you maintain the character of W.Spa so that the tourist potential is recognised without loss of space. Is it possible to receive minutes of Council meetings?
- More facilities for the young. Possibly a place to sit and talk, play music and have soft drinks.
- A vibrant town with a mix of all ages with 1st class amenities for all.

- Community shop to include banking, post office, doctors' surgery.
- Community shop/Bank/Post Office.
- Leisure/sports centre for young people and families and older people as well.
- Allow more bungalows of reasonable size and less large houses.
- Holt Lane footpath re-opened.
- Minor roads repaired.
- Better housing and car parking.
- Make information more accessible to everyone e.g. schools, young families and residents who are at work and unable to attend meetings like this. Maybe have information available in supermarket car parks. Interactive webcam for planning applications works well in other areas for interested public.
- Spending the money (rates and taxes) economically and wisely.
- Keep the character of the villages. Do not let them expand and develop so they lose their character.
- Parking in Horncastle.
- Stop ALL new builds in rural areas until the infrastructure has caught up to be able to cope with the increase in population. In particular, provision of health care and policing.
- Better planning for a 'village'-not cramming rows of town houses and huge executive houses into small spaces which look completely out of place.
- Pedestrianisation of parts of Horncastle Town Centre, via suitable diversion of through traffic, especially HGVs.
- I want to see my land in the future plan (land at Langton Hill, Horncastle/Grainthorpe).
- No over-development. Any development sympathetic to the local area.
- Retain local character.
- Equality of services provided in the district. The same services for small communities as there are for larger ones.
- Safer roads.
- Restriction on chicken farms/intensive livestock units and chemical input into land/watercourses by farmers. More organic/natural farming promoted/encouraged.
- Ban the construction of wind turbines in Strubby.
- Economic development.
- Reduction in green fields destruction.
- Highways kept in better order. Hedges cut back for better vision for other road users. Drainage -roads flood whenever it rains, even if not excessive amounts.
- Verges maintained when damaged by large vehicles.
- Malt Kiln down and replaced by a small park and amenity area, bowling area.
- No flats over 3 storeys high. Plus, the infrastructure cannot sustain housing on both sides of the Linpac site and Malt Kiln. The roads cannot cope with the amount of extra traffic that will be created.

- Bring the railway back.
- Provision of a town swimming pool in Mablethorpe.
- Allow infill in villages to keep services and amenities.
- Better public transport.
- Opening of maximum number of permissive Rights of Way.
- Better, skilled workforce.
- Nicer street environment.
- Respect for the environment of the town.
- Vibrant, thriving town centre.
- More contact with Council on local matters (verbal).
- Footpaths and lighting.
- New multi-complex leisure centre with Sk8/BMX/Longmat bowls/Rock wall/Sports and swimming pool in Mablethorpe, the forgotten town.
- Restoration of the Louth navigation.
- Pedestrianisation.
- Better waste management.
- More police presence.
- More and more community spirit which can only benefit all.
- Better access to jobs/training for young people in the area.
- The district council listened to the Elected Councillors at all levels especially Town & Parish Councillors views and requests on planning issues.
- The introduction of a comprehensive network of public transport with frequent services to all towns in the district.
- Ensure firms on Bolingbroke Road Ind Est adhere to planning consent.
- Define what is an area of natural beauty and improvements which we could work towards without destroying it e.g. walkers facilities, speed limits -improve opportunities to view.
- Village life improvements -shops, pubs, churches, community centres, local shows, festivals etc.
- Each village to be sustainable. We concentrate on the higher ground and all our marsh area will be lost.
- Access to more public transport or rural areas. This would then give people the chance to gain employment in local towns nearby cities.
- To stop further development.
- National supermarket.
- A skateboard park and a swimming pool.
- To make Lumley Road and High Street a shopping precinct/pedestrianisation.
- New studio theatre.
- Suitable car parks at a suitable price.
- Improve the quality of life for all.
- Mareham le Fen to have a new community/village hall.
- Free parking in coastal areas -out of season -to allow locals to enjoy the area they live in free of charge.
- Rural villages/settlements could be developed, in a controlled way, to keep their character but allow 'new blood and wealth' into the

countryside to support rural businesses and maintain the environment and support tourism to allow the community to become sustainable.

- Greater input and participation in decisions made by other organisations that have an impact on our lives ie English Nature, Environment Agency, Strategic Health Authority.

## **Public**

- More police presence.
- Help shops to open.
- Better buses and trains.
- Improvement with more shops.
- Better health services.
- Better roads/Road safety.
- Car parking.
- Better children's park/play area.
- The A18 from Ludborough be repaired and made safer.
- Stop Louth from going further downhill by encouraging new businesses and more buses, tackle drug issues.
- Cleanliness.
- Cut down shop rents so that we can have more shops open to make the town look better.
- Keep the huge supermarkets out of Louth so that the market and small retailers continue to thrive.
- By-pass for Skegness traffic.
- Establishing a quality of local character with regard to planning business and housing.
- Keep the availability of work in the area on the economy and free disposable income.
- Supermarket.
- Improved water quality.
- Much improved adult education system.
- Restoration of local buildings to conform to a Conservation Area.
- Maintain Woodhall Spa as a village, not let it develop into a town.
- Complete removal of septic tanks put everyone onto main drains.
- A more even geographical spread of developments instead of this dreadful 'pushing together' of like with like.
- Skegness to bring itself up-to-date with the times ie more trains, or carriages on trains, to bring holidaymakers in.
- Less building.
- Better drainage ie mains sewage.
- Free Bulky Items collection.
- Decent training facilities for the children to actively take part in sport - 2012 Olympics! -Swimming, athletics, tennis, anything. Skegness is very poor in this area.

- A multi-storey car park in Louth to make Louth as a community equal to one out of town supermarket with their hectares of free parking!
- To develop pride in living in Louth among its population.
- No further development.
- More job opportunities.
- A council run and built residential home for old people.
- To ban some parking on the streets in Louth, so you can drive through without always having to stop to let other cars through.
- The promenade between Sutton and Sandilands is used by all age groups. It is used for cycling, jogging, roller skating dog walking. It is used by other people in wheelchairs. It is a wonderful asset and usually kept very clean but PLEASE can we have it lit with street lighting. It would be used for longer hours then. And please re-open the loos.
- Dedicated cycle path network including provision separate from the roads.
- The Council to wake up.
- More wind turbines.
- Abolition of East Lindsey District Council and reinstatement of Council organisation along pre-1973 lines with real local councils responsible to local electorate.
- Lanes in village used for local traffic only, or stop the huge transporters, as the verges are eroding at a phenomenal rate. It's also dangerous (HGVs using Fen Road in East Kirkby as a rat run).
- Less pollution, more atmospheric care.
- Job stability.
- People living happily in communities.
- More respect shown to other people.
- Hospital.
- Swimming pool.
- Shopping mall.
- Burgh by pass.
- Effort to introduce business to area of Mablethorpe.
- More facilities for young people.
- Keep our green areas. Bricks and mortar are smothering us!
- Freeze the construction of massive new houses that are totally out of character with the village.
- The new sport/leisure centre on Wood Lane.
- Traffic-free town centre.
- Better housing associations. The waiting lists are just too long.
- I would like Alford to return to being a thriving market town with no empty shops and no yobs spoiling the place.
- Cut down on vandalism.
- Cycle lanes introduced.
- A beach train along promenade to Ingoldmells or Anderby Creek. More beach facilities.
- Activity Club for over 60s as at Boston. Pensioner Hall where light lunches are served before Monday Club and Friday.

- Line Dancing etc.
- That we put an end to boy-racers.
- Common sense national and local Government and the demise of political correctness.
- Better bus service running between Bardney and Horncastle.
- Council Tax reduced for those who recycle 90% of their rubbish, as we do (100% if you recycled plastic). The dustman only has to call on us every 2 months. Why should we have to pay for other people's rubbish.
- Better health services eg NHS dentists. CAT scanner.
- Not enough choice on large supermarkets, DIY stores.
- That nothing spoils the rural setting.
- Low cost housing in North Somercotes to help keep the young in the area.
- Less of this nonsense and tackle the issues ELDC neglects daily, weekly and year after year.
- More space for youngsters i.e. a skateboard park etc.
- No wheelie bins.
- Investment in facilities offered to locals and holidaymakers.
- Create a safe, positive environment for my children to grow up in.
- A shop in the local area, for magazines, papers etc.
- Improvement to Hubbards Hills.
- I would like to see a charge payable each year made on all static caravans to help towards the ever increasing Council Tax bills.
- A bit more in-filling with decent houses in our village.
- The play area in the Tower Gardens to be improved to include slides & swings and some more traditional play things.
- Keep rates low. Getting more difficult for older people to pay them.
- Adequate public transport to more destinations.
- Halt the destruction of Skegness into the McDonalds low life town it has become. Destroying the Embassy was unforgivable. Please restore the railway buildings.
- The rubbish thrown out of cars and dumping on the dyke verges.
- That residents of Skegness are put first for a change over holiday makers.
- Improved services/Community life ethos within the village.
- Reject ALL future caravan planning applications and where possible return existing sites to green fields. We have far too many sites -it has ruined the coastline. Keep it rural with high quality character.
- The efficient use of resources.
- Continue industrial development to create more jobs.
- Get rid of Scrapyards.
- Changing planning policy re rural areas. Development of barns etc. Simpler planning decisions. More development in small villages.

11. The Council carried out a joint consultation exercise on issues for the Community Strategy and the Local Development Framework. This consultation gave people a number of issues under six themes. People were asked to chose their top three issues for each category, or select any other issues they felt was more important as an alternative. They were then asked to provide solutions for each of the selected issues. Below is a summary of the percentages relating to the issues chosen.

## **A Community Plan -for a sustainable future. What's important to you?**

### **Building Safer Communities**

**Where crime is under control and people don't have to live in fear of it and where there are fewer accidents.**

**Please tell us the three most important things to you.** (You may wish to include your own issue in this ranking)

Number	%	
550	27	Anti-Social Behaviour
357	18	Drug and Alcohol misuse
341	17	Burglary
241	12	Violence against the person
183	9	Vehicle Crime
131	6	Accidents (at home, on the road, or in the workplace)
110	5	Fraud
68	3	Domestic Violence
40	2	Any issue missing?

**Out of the most important things to you, which is the most important?**

Number	%	
257	39	Anti-Social Behaviour
138	21	Drug & Alcohol misuse
84	13	Burglary
77	12	Violence against the person
40	6	Accidents (at home, on the road, or in the workplace)
22	3	Domestic Violence
20	3	Fraud
17	3	Vehicle Crime

**Which is the second most important?**

Number	%	
183	27	Anti-Social Behaviour
130	19	Burglary
119	18	Drug and Alcohol misuse
76	11	Violence against the person
68	10	Vehicle Crime
41	6	Fraud
34	5	Accidents (at home, on the road, or in the workplace)
16	2	Domestic Violence

**Which is the third most important?**

Number	%	
125	19	Burglary
104	16	Anti-Social Behaviour
98	15	Drug and Alcohol misuse
97	15	Vehicle Crime
86	13	Violence against the person
57	9	Accidents (at home, on the road, or in the workplace)
49	8	Fraud
30	5	Domestic Violence



# Building Greener Communities

**Where people are able to enjoy their local environment.**

**Please tell us the three most important things to you.** (You may wish to include your own issue in this ranking)

Number	%	
410	20	Fly-tipping
374	19	Recycling
342	17	Conservation of wildlife and habitats
275	14	Rising levels of domestic waste production
176	9	Problems associated with Climate Change
165	8	High levels of energy and water use
123	6	Abandoned vehicles
113	6	Limited public access to green space, woodland and tree cover
42	2	Any issue missing?

**Out of the most important things to you, which is the most important?**

Number	%	
181	27	Fly-tipping
143	22	Recycling
120	18	Conservation of wildlife and habitats
67	10	Rising levels of domestic waste production
65	10	Problems associated with Climate Change
44	7	High levels of energy and water use
28	4	Limited public access to green space, woodland and tree cover
17	3	Abandoned vehicles

**What is the second most important?**

Number	%	
123	19	Fly-tipping
118	18	Recycling
113	17	Rising levels of domestic waste production
103	16	Conservation of wildlife & habitats
67	10	Abandoned vehicles
56	8	High levels of energy and water use
50	8	Problems associated with Climate Change
32	5	Limited public access to green space, woodland and tree cover

### Which is the third most important?

Number	%	
115	18	Conservation of wildlife and habitats
109	17	Recycling
103	16	Fly-tipping
93	15	Rising levels of domestic waste production
62	10	High levels of energy and water use
58	9	Problems associated with Climate Change
53	8	Limited public access to green space, woodland and tree cover
37	6	Abandoned vehicles

## Building Healthier Communities

**Where people's health does not suffer because of where they live and where improving health enhances quality of life.**

**Please tell us the three most important things to you.** (You may wish to include your own issue in this ranking)

Number	%	
357	18	Obesity
319	16	Smoking
284	14	Mental and emotional wellbeing
260	13	Teenage pregnancy
234	12	Homelessness
221	11	Fuel poverty (i.e. home heating)
196	10	Disability
59	3	Diabetes
53	3	Any issue missing?

### Out of the most important things to you, which is the most important?

Number	%	
163	25	Smoking
126	19	Obesity
95	14	Mental and emotional wellbeing
74	11	Teenage pregnancy
68	10	Disability
65	10	Homelessness
63	10	Fuel poverty (i.e. home heating)
8	1	Diabetes

### Which is the second most important?

Number	%	
135	21	Obesity
95	15	Teenage pregnancy
92	14	Smoking
91	14	Mental and emotional wellbeing
77	12	Fuel poverty (i.e. home heating)
75	12	Homelessness
57	9	Disability
24	4	Diabetes

### Which is the third most important?

Number	%	
96	16	Mental and emotional wellbeing
94	16	Obesity
92	15	Homelessness
87	14	Teenage pregnancy
79	13	Fuel poverty (i.e. home heating)
68	11	Disability
60	10	Smoking
26	4	Diabetes

# Supporting Children, Young People, Families & Communities

**Where people of all ages have access to facilities, are able to get involved in the development of their community and have opportunities to engage in learning so that everyone can achieve their full potential.**

**Please tell us the three most important things to you.** (You may wish to include your own issue in this ranking)

Number	%	
360	19	Opportunities for adults to increase their skills
351	18	Achievement in early years, in primary and secondary schools and colleges
342	18	Access to services/learning opportunities
308	16	Sense of community/opportunities to get involved
181	9	Increasing the number of young people entering further education
129	7	Children in Care
128	7	Deprivation
100	5	People moving in and out of the district
32	2	Any issue missing?

**Out of the most important things to you, which is the most important?**

Number	%	
213	33	Achievement in early years, in primary and secondary schools and colleges
109	17	Opportunities for adults to increase their skills
93	15	Sense of community/opportunities to get involved
89	14	Access to service/learning opportunities
39	6	Increasing the number of young people entering further education
35	6	Deprivation
35	6	Children in Care
28	4	People moving in and out of the district

### Which is the second most important?

Number	%	
138	22	Access to services/learning opportunities
133	21	Opportunities for adults to increase their skills
94	15	Increasing the number of young people entering further education
77	12	Achievements in early years, in primary and secondary schools and colleges
76	12	Sense of community/opportunities to get involved
47	7	Deprivation
40	6	Children in Care
31	5	People moving in and out of the district

### Which is the third most important?

Number	%	
131	22	Sense of community/opportunities to get involved
108	18	Opportunities for adults to increase their skills
107	18	Access to services/learning opportunities
57	10	Achievements in early years, in primary and secondary schools and colleges
53	9	Children in Care
47	8	Increasing the number of young people entering further education
44	7	Deprivation
40	7	People moving in and out of the district

# Developing our diverse economy

**Where businesses thrive with more and better jobs and a workforce with higher skills**

**Please tell us the three most important things to you.** (You may wish to include your own issue in this ranking)

Number	%	
385	19	Poor transport infrastructure
344	17	Help for people to move off benefits and into jobs
326	16	Low wages
225	11	Ageing population
195	10	Unemployment
172	9	Low levels of new business start-ups and competition
165	8	Seasonal unemployment
124	6	Improving the tourism product
25	1	Any issue missing?

**Out of the most important things to you, which is the most important?**

Number	%	
151	23	Poor transport infrastructure
147	22	Help for people to move off benefits and into jobs
134	20	Low wages
53	8	Ageing population
53	8	Unemployment
50	7	Low levels of new business start-ups and competition
42	6	Seasonal unemployment
37	6	Improving the tourism product

**Which is the second most important?**

Number	%	
147	23	Poor transport infrastructure
128	20	Help for people to move off benefits and into jobs
85	13	Low wages
75	12	Unemployment
66	10	Ageing population
57	9	Low levels of new business start-ups and competition
45	7	Improving the tourism product
44	7	Seasonal unemployment

### Which is the third most important?

Number	%	
99	17	Ageing population
98	17	Poor transport infrastructure
91	15	Low wages
73	12	Seasonal unemployment
68	12	Unemployment
62	11	Help for people to move off benefits and into jobs
58	10	Low levels of new business start-ups and competition
39	7	Improving the tourism product

## Developing places & Spaces

**Where people live in quality homes and all new development adds to the character and improves quality of life in local communities.**

**Please tell us the three most important things to you.** (You may wish to include your own issue in this ranking)

Number	%	
495	25	Retaining local shops and services in towns and villages
345	17	Protecting local character –both the natural and the built environment
333	17	Insufficient social and affordable housing
264	13	Access to shops and community facilities
152	8	High quality of design in all new development
149	7	Growth of towns and villages
137	7	Development in the countryside
100	5	Unfit housing
29	1	Any issue missing?

### Out of the most important things to you, which is the most important?

Number	%	
222	33	Retaining local shops and services in towns and villages
193	29	Insufficient social and affordable housing
72	11	Protecting local character –both the natural and the built environment
47	7	Access to shops and community facilities
45	7	Growth of towns and villages
35	5	High quality of design in all new development
31	5	Unfit housing
21	3	Development in the countryside

### Which is the second most important?

Number	%	
188	28	Retaining local shops and services in towns and villages
147	22	Protecting local character –both the natural and the built environment
83	13	Access to shops and community facilities
67	10	Insufficient social and affordable housing
51	8	Growth of towns and villages
48	7	High quality of design in all new development
41	6	Development in the countryside
36	5	Unfit housing

### Which is the third most important?

Number	%	
129	21	Access to shops and community facilities
120	20	Protecting local character –both the natural and the built environment
78	13	Retaining local shops and services in towns and villages
69	11	Insufficient social and affordable housing
67	11	Development in the countryside
62	10	High quality of design in all new development
50	8	Growth of towns and villages
30	5	Unfit housing



## Overall Priorities

You've told us what's important to you under each theme. Of ALL the issues identified (listed below) which FIVE are the most important to you overall?

Number	
286	Anti-Social Behaviour
223	Retaining local shops and services in towns and villages
177	Poor transport infrastructure
150	Insufficient social and affordable housing
148	Drug & Alcohol misuse
133	Help for people to move off benefits and into jobs
120	Low wages
116	Recycling
113	Achievements in early years, in primary and secondary schools and colleges
112	Burglary
111	Conservation of wildlife & habitats
102	Protecting local character –both natural and the built environment
100	Fly-tipping
78	Obesity
76	Smoking
71	Violence against the person
60	Opportunities for adults to increase their skills
58	Rising levels of domestic waste production
56	Sense of community/opportunities to get involved
55	Mental and emotional wellbeing
54	Ageing population
53	Low levels of new business start-ups and competition
53	Problems associated with Climate Change
51	Teenage pregnancy
50	Access to shops and community facilities
47	Unemployment
45	Other issue – 1
43	Growth in towns and villages
43	Improving the tourism product
42	Increase the number of young people entering further education
42	Access to services/learning opportunities
41	Seasonal unemployment
40	Disability
40	Fuel poverty (i.e. home heating)
38	High levels of energy and water use
36	Homelessness
33	Low levels of access to green space, woodland and tree cover
31	Vehicle Crime

30	High quality of design in all new development
27	Development of the countryside
25	Accidents (at home, on the road, or in the workplace)
25	Fraud
22	People moving in and out of the district
21	Unfit housing
21	Deprivation
17	Domestic violence
14	Children in care
14	Other issue – 2
13	Abandoned vehicles
12	Diabetes
4	Other issue – 3
2	Other issue – 2

## **A Community Plan – for a sustainable future**

### What's important to you? Comments

### **Building Safer Communities**

Anything missing?

- Environmental issues; reducing carbon footprint and tackling climate change.
- Access to community facilities and public and voluntary services.
- Road safety/traffic calming.
- Doorstep fraud.
- Lack of play space and facilities for disabled children.
- Traffic calming.
- Flood risk.
- Leisure Facilities.
- Wildlife crime.
- Access to NHS Dentistry and Local Hospitals.

### Drug & Alcohol misuse

- Rehabilitation centres in Lincolnshire.
- No all night and early morning clubs.
- More youth clubs/groups, encouraging more sporting and community activities.

### Accidents (at home, on the road, or in the workplace)

- Improved road calming areas, speed restrictions.
- More street lighting.
- Improved condition of roads.

### Burglary

- Create more employment in the town by encouraging more enterprise.

### Domestic Violence

- No LDF specific comments.

### Fraud

- No LDF specific issues.

### Anti-Social Behaviour

- Something for children and young people to do.
- More sports facilities.
- Build more jails.
- Provide more employment opportunities for young people.

### Vehicle Crime

- Better street lighting in rural areas.
- More off the road parking/more private car parks.

### Violence against the person

- No LDF specific issues.

## **Building Greener Communities**

Anything missing?

- Access to reliable public transport.
- Raising awareness of climate change -effects and mitigation.
- Stop housing development in rural communities.
- Wind turbines.
- Relocation of scrapyards.
- All buildings should have green energy measures.
- Amount of park areas.
- Constant development without improvement of basic facilities i.e. drains.
- Lack of 'real' disabled access to the countryside.
- Wider countryside and land use management; cultural landscape and historic environment conservation.

### Fly-tipping

- Provide more disposal centres, without having to travel miles.

### Abandoned vehicles

- No LDF specific issues.

### Conservation of wildlife & habitats

- Identify and protect existing sites and wildlife with recognised status, statutory or non-statutory.
- Making protected sites a high priority in the council for funding, staffing etc, including undeveloped coastal areas for salt marsh.
- Greater controls on development via planning.
- Protect green areas & don't let development encroach into the countryside.
- Not enough green space.
- We must take environmental impact as seriously as economic impact when considering growth and development. It is often the forgotten pillar of 'sustainable development'.
- Less energy and water use, more recycling.
- We should have ability to enjoy the countryside more hedgerows must be kept!
- New housing in rural areas to a minimum.
- Cut back on building, already lot of houses for sale.
- Work towards achieving targets in the Lincolnshire Biodiversity Action Plan.
- Comprehensive survey of non-statutory sites of nature conservation important within East Lindsey.
- Build more quality flats.
- Make better use of brown field sites.

### High levels of energy and water use

- Make homes more energy and water efficient.
- More investment in green energy.
- Look into other areas of renewable energy. Not Wind Turbines as they spoil the countryside.
- Wind energy.
- Everyone have water meters and barrels from their gutters.
- Fewer street lights.
- Education re turning off unnecessary lighting and equipment.
- Relaxed planning permission attitudes to micro generation.
- Improved cycle paths and public transport.

## Recycling

- More recycling facilities and collection points.
- Relax planning requirements for wind generators/solar panels etc, especially for homes.

## Problems associated with Climate Change

- The council should lead by example e.g. in it's own building and in planning continued investment in coastal sea defences and protection of coastal communities.
- Compulsory fitting of solar panels on all new homes and businesses.
- Less traffic in towns.
- Need to preserve all the green space.
- Better and cheaper public transport.
- Greater investment in green energy AND remove over-zealous planning restrictions.
- More park and ride schemes.
- ELDC should consider a long-term sustainable approach to the coastline, which may not be to protect it all with hard engineering type solutions. There should be a serious consideration of an alternative tourist attraction to that merely of amusements and caravan parks, which could include the development and enhancement of habitat sites, for example grazing marsh or salt marsh areas. As well as attracting visitors outside of the summer period to enable a more year-round sustainable economy, this can also form part of a strategic plan for flood risk management on the coast.
- The wildlife and habitats of this area support many of our major industries, and should be recognised as an asset and not a hindrance.
- Large-scale habitat creation.

## Rising levels of domestic waste production

- Stop building abusing -Louth is expanding too quickly.

## Limited public access to green space, woodland and tree cover

- Better use of industrial areas, leave residential and green areas.
- More public areas, parks, play areas.
- Don't build on green space.
- Need for more bridleways.
- More tourism development related to open space.
- More tree planting.
- Space for teenagers to go.

- Remove the draconian actions of Natural England in SSSIs of stopping all activities in areas -this has changed the nature of these areas by their action.
- Decline more planning applications.

## **Building Healthier Communities**

Anything missing?

- Exercise and leisure facilities.
- Providing pedestrian movement and cutting down on motorised movement.
- More Community Facilities.
- Promotion of more active lifestyle.
- Access to health services.
- Roads.
- Care for the elderly.
- Transport -reduce reliance on the car.

### Smoking

- No LDF specific issues.

### Obesity

- Availability of leisure facilities.
- Promotion of cycle tracks/walking areas/access to countryside.
- Stop issuing planning approval for Fast Food outlets.

### Disability

- Disabled access.
- Local public transport more frequent to help disabled people.
- Blue badge parking.
- Maintenance of footpaths, installing more dropped kerbs and implementation of existing laws on cycling on pavements.

### Teenage pregnancy

- No LDF specific issues.

### Fuel poverty (i.e. home heating)

- Conservation area rules that stop people from insulating their home at affordable prices, very restrictive.
- Can help fight climate change (and social and economic issues) by using more bio-fuels and wood fuel.

- Better community power generation.

#### Mental and emotional well-being

- More community places and medical facilities to receive help.
- Provide areas where people can go and relax ie open spaces, including children's play areas.

#### Diabetes

- No LDF specific issues.

#### Homelessness

- Build more social housing and hostels.
- We need flats or suitable accommodation for our young.

## **Supporting Children, Young People, Families & Communities**

Anything missing?

- Job opportunities and training.
- Sports and recreational facilities for young people.
- Transport.

#### Opportunities for adults to increase their skills

- Provide more accessible educational opportunities/times/location.
- Decentralising training including to rural locations.

#### Achievement in early years, in primary and secondary schools and colleges

- Lack of good nursery places at the moment so need to set up in the area.
- Limited access to colleges after school takes people away from the area.
- More homeworking.
- Local education facilities.
- Consolidate small rural primary schools to make better use of resources.

#### Increasing the number of young people entering further education

- Local colleges/six forms offering wide variety of courses.
- Provide opportunities for people to stay in the community once they have finished college or university.

- Better access to public transport to enable young people to enter further education.

#### Access to services/learning opportunities

- Transport to access learning facilities.
- More local based initiatives.
- Public transport in the evening for evening classes.
- More learning opportunities in the villages.

#### People moving in and out of the district

- More job opportunities.
- More affordable housing for first time buyers.
- Make the area more accessible by road and railways.
- Allow more big firms to build businesses in the area and redevelop and regenerate run down areas.
- The economy, especially agriculture and tourism, should be diversified to decrease the need for seasonal labour.
- Jobs all the year round.
- We need to encourage a Centre Parcs, which would extend the season all year and provide local jobs to a variety of age groups.
- Infrastructure needs to be updated to cover influx of new arrivals and extra house building.

#### Deprivation

- Provide more services and more places to go within the community.
- Attract investment to the area so there are better employment opportunities.
- Continuous regeneration of the coast.
- Statutory services.
- Seasonal/agricultural work dominates the area. Need to attract more all year round employers here.
- Better housing also required in some main town areas.
- A large supermarket will bring in other retailers -work for all.

#### Children in Care

- No LDS specific issues.

#### Sense of community/opportunities to get involved

- Don't build large housing developments in rural villages as it destroys a sense of community.
- Village life and communities are quickly being destroyed again because of supermarket and large shop developments take away village shops.



- Support village shops and businesses to help them stay open and serve the community.
- Somewhere in villages to socialise.
- More jobs -less moving of workforce.
- Create more open space/recreation areas.
- Actively encourage local businesses.
- Build better community links e.g. village halls.
- Better public transport.
- Isolated communities to be included in social events etc.

## **Developing our diverse economy**

Anything missing?

- Move away from seasonal tourism.
- Planning restrictions.
- Leisure Centre and swimming pool.
- Location and lack of local support.
- Car parking costs deter shoppers in Louth.
- Better jobs.
- Improving the Green Tourism Infrastructure.
- Shops and businesses.
- Rural employment (very little).
- Renewable energy centre of excellence and/or the place to retire.
- Financial help/incentives to attract quality businesses.

### Seasonal unemployment

- Create year round opportunity for work.
- Work to extend the tourist season and to improve the product on offer.
- More infrastructure in coastal areas to aid a move away from seasonal jobs.
- Improve road/rail network etc.
- Allow caravan parks all year residency.
- Encourage large businesses into the area.
- More services and developments for all year round.
- Great investment in economy will improve roads.
- Improved economic development by ELDC.
- Develop and promote 'green tourism'.
- Promote light industry or computer/internet/telephone based businesses (therefore not dependent on transport infrastructure).

### Low wages

- Attract more investment.
- Create more employment and a bit of competition between employers.
- Encourage large companies to this area that will offer a better wage.

- Attract more skilled sectors, wages are better.
- More liberal planning regimes to encourage new business. Encourage high tech industries to relocate here.

### Low levels of new business start-ups and competition

- Incentives through the development of specific grants and building on support that already exists (ARL/Business Centres etc.)
- Poor transport infrastructure is the key to low levels of business start-ups etc.
- Suggest moving away from agriculture and "slot machines" and concentrate on small specialised businesses which attract DTI funding.
- Easier planning restrictions and allow larger business into the area.
- Allow small businesses to grow.
- Encourage working from home.
- Low cost housing is needed. Free unused land for this purpose.
- Encourage diversification but within planning parameters.
- Promote the district as a high quality work/lifestyle destination, targeting the footloose growth business sector.
- Use incentives, not subsidies.
- Promotion of small business, discourage supermarkets and every town cloning.
- Prevent the closure of existing businesses, particularly post offices, possibly by reduced business rates.
- Encourage more businesses to the area including large supermarkets.

### Help for people to move off benefits and into jobs

- More affordable rented housing.
- Giving people better/closer access to employment options and getting them there.
- Improve infrastructure to encourage more businesses into the area.
- Improve public transport.

### Unemployment

- Road network, Motorway etc.
- Improve public transport.
- Encourage major businesses.
- Bigger stores.

### Poor transport infrastructure

- The whole road infrastructure of the County needs addressing and a Motorway in the County will improve all the roads by default over time.
- Improve the condition of the roads.
- Better public transport services (bus and train) for the community.

- Affordable public transport –trains.
- Bring back the railway.
- Bus routes need looking at as not always a direct service between places people need to go.
- Bypasses in places that really need them (Boston, Skegness cited).
- Dual carriageways -more roads.
- Use old airfields.
- Upgrade A16 into major N/S link and put in a major E/W link, industry needs transport.

### Improving the tourism product

- Planning Dept be more open to the wider picture when looking at applications, i.e. if this is good for the economy how can it work rather than rigid decision-making.
- Help businesses that want to invest by not obstructing planning requests (up to a limit, but need to take a balanced view, bearing in mind the needs of the residents).
- Environmental enhancement.
- Eco-tourism.
- Lack of parking spaces and cost of parking drive locals and tourists out of Louth.
- Stop planning putting 3-4 of the same business in the same small street. Variety and versatility is the answer.
- Sustainable development.
- Lengthen tourist season.
- Improve the tourist offer.
- Put more money into revitalising the coastal strip.
- Improve access into the county.
- Become more "car friendly" -more free parking, less double yellow lines.

### Ageing population

- Ageing population will place more pressures on available resources.
- Stop allowing building of properties that attract older people to the area.
- More nursing homes for the elderly.
- More 'community living' for the 'able' elderly.
- More employment for youngsters to stay in the area.
- Access to all shops, community made easier.
- Not enough houses for young people need more affordable housing.
- This area has a high level of OAP residents. Mass employment is not needed. The high influx of visitors causes friction and lots of bad feeling.
- Encourage youngsters to develop businesses/gain employment locally by helping local businesses.
- A reduction of all services must not be allowed; NHS and other community facilities.

- The older generation can be the age group with money, so facilities to accommodate their leisure pursuits could bring in more revenue.
- Encourage ageing population to lowest flood risk areas. Reduce impacts on emergency services in evacuation and risk to vulnerable people in vulnerable accommodation.
- More services and opportunities for young people and families.

## **Developing places & Spaces**

Anything missing?

- Tourism.
- Development in right place.
- Need a swimming pool.
- Making new housing energy efficient.
- Safe playing areas for children.
- Ample car parking with every new home built.
- Development in accordance with Sequential Test in PPS25.
- A modern society based on Victorian infrastructure.
- Public transport.
- Planning permission.

Unfit housing

- More affordable shared ownership schemes.
- More opportunities for first time buyers must be developed.
- Build more social housing (larger than 3 beds).
- Build houses especially for families from 1-5 bedrooms.
- Derelict buildings, empty land etc should be redeveloped first before going into green areas.

Insufficient social and affordable housing

- Change the planning restrictions and allow more development.
- More affordable housing to be built, not just social housing.
- More co-ownership schemes, hostels, park homes.
- Provide more options for first time buyers.
- Release more land on outskirts of town for development.
- Most new builds are sold as holiday homes.
- Insist each new development include higher percentage low cost homes for locals only.
- Realise how much land is unused -small parcels are all over.
- Build more purpose built social housing, not putting one or two low cost houses in expensive new developments, the social groups do not mix well.
- Demolish of the old Malt Kiln, Louth and build a housing development on the site this should be done a.s.a.p as the old Malt Kiln is now a health and safety issue.

## High quality of design in all new development

- Specific requirements for design quality as part of the planning process.
- Quality of materials.
- Local distinctiveness in new development.
- Easy access to Planning Department and clear advice and consistency in planning approvals.
- Concentrate on nice, suitable housing instead of the Council being greedy and demanding lots of houses on small plots that look unsightly.
- Care taken on planning issues so that any new housing/building in villages is in proportion to the plot and fits in with the character of surrounding properties.
- It is vital that Anglian Water is included at a much earlier stage -in fact at the Planning approval stage -of all new developments even if there is no current requirement for 'ELDC' to do so.
- Make it mandatory that all planning applications are produced or, at least, vetted by a qualified designer. This system works well in Spain.
- There seems to be no organizational, co-ordinated development plan.
- Provision and donation of land for self-build.
- Carbon footprint must be top priority and reasonable living costs.
- No more caravan parks that remain empty half the year.
- Ensure that building cheap housing does not create unsatisfactory building standards.
- New development should not be built in the flood plain.
- More housing near coast for people to move there (re work).
- Must prioritise quality, rather than speed, of decision making on planning applications, giving time to negotiate good -rather than "not bad enough to refuse" -design.
- I would hope that planners could be more flexible in what they agree to. Practically the whole of Louth seems to be a conservation area now!

## Growth of towns and villages

- Majority of planning applications in the villages are turned down stating "unsustainable development" however this is due to the fact that villages have not been allowed to develop to provide a sustainable environment.
- Properties in the villages are too expensive for young people.
- Local organisations and facilities are closing down as there are not enough people to support them.
- Stop building before you mess it all up. Too much building is destroying the village.
- Amenities and infrastructure are needed to match new development e.g. water pressure is very low at certain times, shops and employment need to be available.
- Housing is being restricted because of the fear of climate change yet tourism projects are being touted for regeneration, more people travelling, fewer residents encourage home building.

- Impact of tourism on local residents.
- Do not allow all village green spaces to be developed on and stop back gardens being built on by developers.
- Revitalise inner town/brown field sites rather than green field rural.
- Promote growth of more commercial and industrial projects.
- Improved planning policies to prevent unauthorised building.
- Relax planning regulations to allow much more affordable housing development and commercial development.
- Development should be focused on the most sustainable settlements. It is important to create the economies of scale in larger settlements to be able to provide the services and facilities for ALL communities, especially those that cannot provide them for themselves. A sustainable settlement hierarchy, balancing growth with restraint, is essential and should be strictly adhered to.
- Better bus services.
- Bigger door/bigger shops for pushchair access.
- Towns and villages should only be allowed to expand if and when jobs are available in the immediate area, to accommodate the new influx.
- Allow superstores in it will benefit all.
- Not necessarily bigger but better.
- People are more important than wildlife at times.
- Encourage small village development so that they too can develop self-sufficiency, instead of keeping development to existing sustainable towns and villages.

#### Retaining local shops and services in towns and villages

- Supermarkets take away variety and competition from small local shops.
- Must not let Post Offices close.
- We need to retain local services and indigenous shops in order to retain local character in our area.
- Help for pubs/village halls/petrol stations etc to develop their facilities.
- Allow additional housing development in villages in order to support and retain local shops & services in those villages currently designated as 'unsustainable'.
- Encourage diversification through eco-tourism.
- Please let us remain a market town. No big supermarkets are required.
- Those without transport need shops and post offices etc.
- Poor parking drives people to shop in large supermarkets normally situated away from traditional city centres.
- Less national chain stores, more farmers' markets.
- Ensure supermarket development is in town centres and not on outskirts of town.
- More public transport.
- Encourage more tourism to Wolds area. Create more buoyant economy through more businesses and jobs.
- Let the big shops/chain stores/supermarkets come to the town.

- Put an end to all this housing development, don't develop villages too much.
- New housing estates should have to have either doctor/dentist or shops onsite.
- Reduce the tendency for centralisation -first everything goes to Skegness, then Boston, then Lincoln, leaving little elsewhere.
- An integrated retail plan that ensures that towns have the right mix of local/multiple outlets.
- Encouragement for smaller new businesses to be set up in villages.
- Consider the interdependence of local shops and services.
- Communicate facilities between service providers.
- If local shops are retained less fuel will be used by motorists.

### Protecting local character -both the natural and the built environment

- Accepting that the 3rd tier of local government (town/parish council) has more knowledge on these issues and act accordingly.
- Protect green space in town and villages.
- Check all plans carefully and be prepared to demolish if buildings have been built without planning permission and they are not in keeping with the environment.
- Forward plan for what we want the countryside to look like in 10/20/30 years.
- Don't over develop market towns.
- Build more in towns. Leave villages as they are as the character is being lost.
- Ensuring protection for the natural environment through biodiversity.
- Include social aspects (e.g. access, community involvement) as well.
- Discourage larger supermarkets.
- If you want to protect a unique resource then you don't develop it to become like everywhere else.
- Don't build social housing everywhere.
- Local distinctiveness.
- We take the time to look for suitable places to build houses, not just anywhere.
- Use brownfield land.
- More laws to protect the environment and historic buildings and more aid to renovate these buildings.
- Less infilling/over intensification.
- Need to use Landscape Character Assessments and Historic Landscape Characterisations tool in decision making.
- Sustainable development.
- Build low cost housing.
- Strict building regulations.
- Only allowing development within town and village boundaries.
- No green field development and no industrial use of countryside (including intensive farming).

- More restoring. Less building new.
- More hedges to be set around fields/removal of wooden fences.

### Development in the countryside

- Unhappy with building in the countryside.
- If you over develop the countryside soon won't have a countryside.
- Make more use of redeveloping brown field sites, particularly those in or around towns, nearer to jobs, transport links and shops.
- Looser planning rules, build new houses in countryside.
- Farm/rural diversification.
- Increase development of affordable housing.
- Stop planning permission that allows people to turn small bungalows etc into large town houses.
- Stop large developers building.
- More development in the countryside, far from being unsustainable, would help to increase the sustainability of rural services.
- Look to developing areas of green field rather than previously developed land in inappropriate locations for wholly sustainable communities.
- Should be allowed to develop on own land if to local benefit e.g. granny annexes/bungalows for the kids etc.
- A more spatial planning approach is required to development throughout East Lindsey instead of a piecemeal approach. Development of spatial planning tools should be a priority for land and sea.
- Encroachment on the open countryside should be taken as a serious issue, and the loss of unique habitats.
- More wind turbines.
- Valuing the coast and coastal habitat.
- Better parking or pedestrianisation for disabled access.
- Homes for locals and business development to provide jobs.
- High-density building is unnecessary in a county like Lincolnshire.

### Access to shops and community facilities

- Build a motorway connecting the M180 with M11 – an East Coast access road!
- More national companies would increase wages.
- Build a designer outlet.
- Allow realistic development of facilities in towns to serve local villages.
- Need a supermarket.
- Let us have out of town shopping.
- Avoid allowing planning consent for 'out of town'.
- Community facilities in rural areas need to be retained.
- Improve public transport.
- What shops and facilities?
- Improve town centres for the pedestrian/wheelchair users.
- Ensure new builds have access to shops and community services.



- More and cheaper (free) car-parking.
- Allow more growth the shops will follow.
- Need to balance new house build with new facility build.
- Allow fast food outlets in – will attract passing traffic into town.

12. Responses received during the above consultations were taken individually through the Council's Planning Policy Committee, where similar issues were raised responses were grouped unless they were the same comment. All comments received during the Issues consultations were taken into account during the preparation of the Councils Local Plan which will go out to public consultation in May 2016 before pre-submission toward the latter part of the year.