

NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK

**CONFORMITY WITH EAST LINDSEY
DISTRICT COUNCILS LOCAL PLAN**

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East Lindsey
DISTRICT COUNCIL

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this document is to show that the Local Plan is consistent with the National Planning Framework. The Local Plan is broken down into two documents – the Core Strategy and the Settlement Proposals Document.

NPPF Sections	Comments	Key Core Strategy Policies
<p>Overarching objective of the NPPF is to achieve Sustainable Development</p>	<p>In response to the three key elements as set out in the NPPF to achieve sustainable development, the Local Plan performs the following roles;</p> <p>An economic role – Strongly supports economic growth across the District; sets out how much employment land is required and where; provides a broad approach for infrastructure and ensures that in the Settlement Proposals DPD, infrastructure will be a key consideration in the phasing of development. The economy of rural East Lindsey has been considered and growth in the rural economy is supported. Tourism is supported both inland and on the coast. On the coast it is set out clearly what the Council will support, thus finding a way to continue economic growth in this area despite the risk of flooding.</p> <p>There is a clear settlement pattern, which is followed throughout the document. There is an emphasis on placing development near to services and facilities and utilising where possible brownfield land first.</p> <p>A social role – The Local Plan supports strong and vibrant communities by seeking an appropriate level of housing growth; giving strong support for good, high quality design and making design principles accessible and easy to understand for all. There is support for the protection against the loss of community services and facilities, throughout the District, especially</p>	<p>Vision and Objectives, and all the policies in the Plan.</p>

	<p>in the medium and small villages and for the creation of new facilities. The Plan seeks to support adequate housing for those in the Districts communities who are in need, including Gypsies and Travellers and vulnerable people in housing need. There is support for neighbourhood planning.</p> <p>An environmental role – There is protection for the Districts natural environment, including protection of important landscapes, biodiversity and the wild coast. The effects of climate change have been addressed with policies covering flood risk and renewable energy.</p>	
<p>Section 1. Building a strong, competitive economy – The NPPF is committed to securing sustainable economic growth in order to create jobs and prosperity</p>	<p>Throughout the Plan, there is a strong emphasis on support for economic development. The Plan seeks to allocate enough land to accommodate the identified need across the plan period.</p> <p>This positive support addresses the needs of the urban and rural areas of the District, new technologies and specific needs such as travellers working from sites. The Core Strategy also incorporates the principles of the Coastal Study to take forward and support businesses on the coast, even though it is in an area of flood risk.</p>	<p>Vision, Objectives, SP1, SP8, SP9, SP10, SP11, SP13, SP20</p>
<p>Section 2. Ensuring the vitality of town centres – The NPPF states that planning policies should be positive, promote competitive town centre environments and set out policies for the management and growth of centres over the plan period.</p>	<p>The Core Strategy clearly supports town centre first development to maintain the towns as the focal point for community activity. It sets out how the Council are going to deliver primary and secondary shopping areas and what is acceptable in principle as development in these areas. It also seeks to protect against the loss of facilities in the medium and small villages.</p>	<p>Vision and Objectives, SP1, SP6, SP7, SP10 and SP13</p>

<p>Section 3. Supporting a prosperous rural economy – Planning policies should support economic growth in rural areas in order to create jobs and prosperity by taking a positive approach to sustainable new development.</p>	<p>The Council has sought to rural proof its policies to reflect that predominant character of its area, and ensure that the policies support the rural economy in a positive way without compromising the fundamental view that the countryside should be protected for its own sake.</p>	<p>Vision and Objectives, SP1, SP1A, SP2, SP3, SP4, SP5, SP6, SP7, SP9, SP11, SP13, SP14</p>
<p>Section 4. Promoting sustainable transport – The NPPF states that transport policies have an important role to play in facilitating sustainable development but also in contributing to wider sustainability and health objectives. The transport system needs to be balanced in favour of sustainable transport modes. However the Government recognises that different policies and measures will be required in different communities and opportunities to maximise</p>	<p>Whilst the District is rural and the car is always going to be a key mode of transport, the policies use a settlement pattern to ensure the delivery of development near to key facilities such as schools, health centres and shopping areas.</p> <p>Vehicle dominated development can contribute to poor quality environments and deter more sustainable means of travel as has happened in the past. The design (and other) policies of the Core Strategy seek to ensure that new development minimises traffic generation in new development.</p>	<p>Vision and Objectives, SP1, SP2, SP6, SP14</p>

<p>sustainable transport solutions will vary from urban to rural areas.</p>		
<p>Section 5. Supporting high quality communications infrastructure – The NPPF states that advanced, high quality communications infrastructure is essential for sustainable economic growth. The development of high speed broadband technology and other communication networks also plays a vital role in enhancing the provision of local community facilities and services.</p>	<p>The Core Strategy supports the high quality communications infrastructure including the delivery of broadband as part of its strategy for providing employment opportunities in key settlements and as part of its infrastructure requirements.</p>	<p>SP9, SP20</p>
<p>Section 6. Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes – The NPPF supports positive housing growth and sets out ways in which local planning authorities can significantly boost the supply of housing</p>	<p>The Council has set a realistic housing target for the District, understanding that for the inland portion of the District this is a minimum. The Council has used housing and population projections, its Strategic Housing Market Area Assessment (SHMAA) and accompanying viability assessment to establish appropriate levels of housing. The Council has used the SHMAA to plan for a mix of housing based on current and future geographic trends, market trends and the needs of different groups in the community.</p> <p>There is a clear settlement pattern, which is followed throughout the document, this helps set out where housing will be delivered.</p>	<p>Vision and Objectives, SP1, SP1A, SP2, SP3, SP4. SP5, SP6, SP7, SP13, SP20</p>

	<p>With regard to density the Council believes that it should reflect the local circumstances of each site and therefore an emphasis has been placed on design in the Plan.</p> <p>With regard to affordable housing, the policies are flexible and positive and use the information from the Councils Viability Assessment to ensure the target for affordable housing is response to market conditions across the District.</p> <p>In order to take into account the needs of the rural part of the District the Plan incorporates a rural exception policy. The Council is also encouraging residents to assist themselves with affordable housing through the promotion of the Single Plot Exceptions Policy and accompanying Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).</p>	
<p>Section 7. Requiring good design – The Government attaches great importance to the design of the built environment. Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, is indivisible from good planning, and should contribute positively to making places better for people.</p>	<p>The Council wishes to promote high quality design and has, in its design policy tried to make design accessible to all who wish to development in the District.</p> <p>The introduction of a place making check list and its accompanying guidance should, it is hoped raise the quality of design across the District, whilst at the same time, helping those who are not qualified understand the key principles the Council will look for in the submission of planning applications.</p>	<p>Vision and Objectives, SP6, SP12, SP13</p>
<p>Section 8. Promoting healthy communities – Take account of and support local strategies to improve health,</p>	<p>The distribution of development aims to reinforce the role of established settlements to help them maintain an appropriate level of services by supporting a range of new development and associated uses that will contribute to their continued vitality. Some of the steps it takes are:-</p>	<p>Vision and Objectives, SP1, SP1A, SP2, SP2A, SP6, SP11, SP13, SP14, SP15,</p>

<p>social and cultural wellbeing for all and deliver sufficient community and cultural facilities and services to meet local needs.</p>	<p>Good design promotes healthy and active communities. The Plan places a strong emphasis on good design, with active street frontages, good safe accessibility and high quality public spaces.</p> <p>The Council has carried out a Green Infrastructure Survey and PPG17 Audit and will use the evidence to assist in the delivery of natural, semi natural space; open space and play areas; allotments etc.</p> <p>The Plan protects and guards against the loss of valued facilities and services and positively supports shops, facilities and services to develop and modernise.</p> <p>The Core Strategy seeks to locate development near to facilities including medical and education facilities and to ensure adequate transport links.</p> <p>The Core Strategy has taken into account consultation with Lincolnshire County Council Education Services on school places and sets out how these are to be delivered if necessary.</p>	<p>SP16, SP17, SP18, SP20</p>
<p>Section 10. Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change – The NPPF states that planning plays a key role in helping shape places to secure radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, minimising vulnerability and providing resilience to the impacts of climate change, and supporting the</p>	<p>The Plan supports the delivery of renewable and low carbon energy and associated infrastructure and has a positive policy to support these. The settlement pattern aims to minimise the carbon footprint of future development and its contribution to climate change by locating development in settlements with services and facilities.</p> <p>The strategy has a discrete policy covering the Coastal Area of the District and restricts housing within the coastal flood hazard areas because the Council understands the risks to life flood risk presents and issues involved. This takes into account the requirements in the NPPF concerning flood risk. The Council has complied with the Duty to Co operate in this respect, having engaged with the Environment Agency throughout the evolution of the coastal policy. Water supply issues are dealt with as</p>	<p>Vision and Objectives, SP1, SP1A SP6, SP9, SP12, SP13 SP14, SP17, SP18, SP19</p>

<p>delivery of renewable and low carbon energy and associated infrastructure.</p> <p>Local planning authorities should adopt proactive strategies to mitigate and adapt to climate change taking full account of flood risk, coastal change and water supply and demand considerations.</p>	<p>part of the Infrastructure delivery policy.</p>	
<p>Section 11. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment – The planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment</p>	<p>The Plan seeks to protect and enhance the natural environment of the District. The Council has carried out a survey of its wildlife sites and this information is already being used during the determination of planning applications.</p> <p>The Council has a Landscape Character Assessment and this has been used to develop a policy, which protects the Districts landscapes.</p>	<p>Vision and Objectives, SP12, SP13, SP14, SP15, SP16, SP17</p>
<p>Section 12. Conserving and enhancing the historic environment – NPPF states that local planning authorities should conserve heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, so that they can be enjoyed for their contribution to the quality of</p>	<p>The Council wishes to promote high quality design and has; in its design policy recognises the need to sustain and enhance the quality of the historic built environment and tried to make design accessible to all who wish to develop in the District.</p> <p>The Council believes that the protection given to the historic environment in the NPPF is positive and well written; and that, in conjunction with Design Policy (SP5) will adequately conserve and enhance the historic environment.</p>	<p>Vision and Objectives, SP6, SP7</p>

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