Guide to the Local Plan

The Council is committed to creating a stronger economy and stronger communities. To achieve this, we must plan ahead to accommodate business growth and job creation, to provide the right level of housing, retail, leisure and other facilities, whilst protecting our environment. The Local Plan will help to do this. It will ensure the right number of sites are available in suitable locations for development over the period to 2032, and it will provide policies to secure environmental assets.

This guide provides an overview of the scale of the opportunity and the main issues to be addressed as we direct growth in the right way to make North East Lincolnshire the place we want it to be. Formulating our plan will mean some difficult choices and decisions along the way. We would like our communities and organisations to work with us to inform those choices as we develop the Plan.

A summary of the Local Plan is available on the Council’s website. We will be undertaking community engagement and consultation over the coming months and encourage you to contribute your views. This leaflet outlines how you can.

www.nelincs.gov.uk/council/planning-policy/new-local-plan
What should our future be?

Introduction by Cllr David Watson - Portfolio Holder for Environment and Housing

North East Lincolnshire is poised for economic growth, growth that hasn’t been seen for a generation. Key sector businesses have expanded and planned projects offer confidence that we will see new jobs created over the next 20 years. Plans for investment in our infrastructure to realise this unique opportunity are well underway. The Humber Estuary is one of the most important habitats in Europe and has a growing economic presence, on an international scale, for renewable energy, ports and logistics and chemicals.

More jobs means better opportunities, and we expect more people to choose North East Lincolnshire as a place to live. We will need to create attractive new homes and places for everyone to live and enjoy. The Local Plan must make sure that these are delivered in the right way and in the right places.

North East Lincolnshire boasts a world class environment, which deserves to be celebrated and enhanced. The Humber Estuary is one of the most important habitats in Europe, attracting visitors from across the world. The special character and natural beauty of the Lincolnshire Wolds is nationally recognised. Cleethorpes’ fantastic beach continues to welcome visitors with traditional seaside appeal.

Investment in Grimsby town centre further strengthens the great shopping and leisure on offer. We expect it to continue to draw people from across Lincolnshire and beyond. Our other shopping centres also need to be supported so they continue to thrive.

We must make sure that new development helps us to deal with the biggest issues, which affect us all. Climate change is happening, and new developments can help us prepare and adapt to its challenges. Development can help new and existing communities to live healthy lives. We have to make sure that services, like schools and buses, are ready to meet the needs of our growing population.

There are three key areas that we must address to achieve the future we want. We must make sure that jobs are created, that homes are built and that we offer a place where people want to live.

This guide is about how the Local Plan can contribute to these three areas, and about how you can be involved.
Jobs
The Council’s Development and Growth Plan sets out its aspirations for growth in ‘key sectors industries’ and improved access for people into employment. Research suggests that the area has the potential to attract around 9,000 between 2014 and 2032. To accommodate this, sufficient good quality land will need to be identified in suitable locations.

Homes
To capture the full benefit from increased job opportunities, new homes and attractive places will need to be developed. This will attract those living elsewhere to North East Lincolnshire.

Our estimates show that accommodating job growth, together with population growth, will require the provision of between 10,000 and 14,000 new homes between 2014 and 2032. Sufficient land has been identified to accommodate most of this growth.

Places
In addition to the growth in jobs and homes, we must provide a range of other facilities, and enhance the special character of the area. This will improve the quality of life for people who choose to live here.

This demands investment in our town centres, particularly the development of further retail floor space of the right quality. We must also expand the range of uses within the town centres to make them attractive places, where people want to work, shop, meet friends, and undertake day to day activities.

In addition, we need to ensure that we protect the special parts of the environment that make our area unique. Consideration will need to be given to protecting the European designations on the South Humber Bank, as well as protecting the built heritage. Climate change and bio diversity will be key themes throughout the plan.

What do you think?
We would like to know your views on the above. Local communities are best placed to consider the impact of these issues, and to advise us on issues that may arise.

In giving your views, you may wish to think about:
• The appropriate locations for growth of employment and housing, as well as infrastructure requirements
• The range of facilities needed in the town centres
• Which special aspects of the environment need protecting, and how we might address climate change.
A summary document that provides an overview of what the Local Plan contains is available on the Council’s website. If you have an interest in a particular topic it is advisable that you refer to the full draft Local Plan.

You may also wish to get involved by:

- Attend one of the forthcoming workshop/events that we will be telling you about over the next few months
- Request that we attend a meeting held by your organisation to make a detailed presentation
- Submit your views in writing to us at newlocalplan@nelincs.gov.uk

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