

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT ALLOCATIONS DPD

REVISED SUBMISSION DRAFT – APRIL 2014

EXAMINATION

PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS

From my initial assessment of the Submission documents, I have the following Preliminary Questions and I would be grateful if the Council could provide responses and supplementary information as appropriate.

1. Can the Council please indicate how it presently intends to address the provision of sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in North Lincolnshire, following the publication of the Additional Site Paper in 2008 and the adoption of the Core Strategy in June 2011? If it is still the intention to proceed with bringing forward site allocations in the General Policies DPD, may I please have a position statement on the preparation of that document ?
2. Natural England raise concerns regarding Allocation SHBE-1 (South Humber Bank). May I have the Council's comments and proposed responses to the points raised by Natural England (as set out in a letter dated 6 June, 2014) ?
3. Many representations state that the Council's Housing Strategy is over-reliant upon the Lincolnshire Lakes proposal (which is the subject of a separate Area Action Plan). To enable me to understand the effectiveness of Policy H1 (Phasing of Housing Land) and the accompanying Housing Delivery Framework (at Appendix 2), can the Council please provide me with the following information :-
 - i) the latest available Housing Trajectory identifying projected housing completions on an annual basis from 2014 through to 2026 at all sites within the Council's area – including the Lincolnshire Lakes scheme. (Where the sites identified fall within the scope of this DPD, can the appropriate Allocation reference no. be provided to aid cross-reference). This should also include sites identified in the DPD as Committed Sites, for example at paragraphs 3.159, 3.291 and 3.305, and other unspecified sites mentioned elsewhere in the DPD, for example at paragraph 3.307, which have planning permission or are under construction;

- ii) a position statement on current progress with the preparation of the Lincolnshire Lakes AAP;
 - iii) a position statement on the Council's progress with the assessment and determination of the two planning applications that have been submitted for the Lincolnshire Lakes scheme;
4. The Housing Delivery Framework (Appendix 2, p172) identifies the dwelling capacity at Lincolnshire Lakes as being 5,000 dwellings up to 2026. Is the additional 1,000 dwellings (i.e. up to 6,000, c.f. paragraph 3.37) at Lincolnshire Lakes intended to be provided post-2026? If so, please indicate how the proposed overall housing supply pre-2026 differs, in any way, from the data contained in the adopted Core Strategy at CS7 and CS8?
 5. Can the Council please provide a statement, which amplifies the information at paragraphs 3.163/3.164 of the DPD, on the policy mechanisms that will be applied to determine the release of the Contingency Sites SCUH-C1-SCUH-C9? For example, I note that some of the Contingency Sites, e.g. SCUH-C5, are shown in the Housing Delivery Framework as being phased for delivery to commence in Phase 1 (2014-19). In the case of such sites, does the "continuous three year period" referred to in paragraph 3.164 mean, for example 2014-2016, or any preceding years before 2014?
 6. Can the Council provide a position statement on the Highways Agency's proposed A160/A180 Improvement Scheme, and the current intended timetable for its construction?
 7. The Proposals Map Insets are preceded by a Notation Panel which identifies "Saved North Lincolnshire Local Plan 2003 Policies". Can the Council please indicate how these policies and the suite of Inset Maps will therefore be affected by the forthcoming General Policies DPD, and the status thereafter of the Inset Maps within this DPD, in particular relating to any new, amended or superceded Policy notations?
 8. In the light of the evidence contained in the North Lincolnshire Retail Study, can the Council indicate its intentions for addressing the need for additional retail floorspace in Scunthorpe, and the future status of Policy S1 (North Lincolnshire Local Plan 2003) for Scunthorpe Town Centre as shown on Inset Map No. 51?

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