



# MESSINGHAM



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Dear Marcus

### NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – CORE STRATEGY

Further to your presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting in May, Messingham Parish Council have considered the Core Strategy: Issue & Options document and offer the following observations and comments.

a) **SPATIAL STRATEGY - MESSINGHAM VILLAGE**

**Option 3: No Growth** should be taken for Messingham for the following reasons:

Population

It was noted that the Messingham Village Plan and the Humberside Structure Plan of 1982 had a target population for Messingham of 4000. This target having now been reached, it was agreed that although Messingham has absorbed the increase in population and maintained a village/community culture, it is at its limit to sustain this.

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Drainage

Foul and surface drainage problems and complaints are well documented in recent years. It is considered that a massive redevelopment of the foul sewerage system is needed to replace the archaic and overloaded existing system. It was also suggested that a new sewer is required from Holme Lane to The Meadows to combat the problems on The Meadows.

More traffic would overstretch the major and minor roads in and around the village. The village, by virtue of its rural location, has poor transport links and inadequate bus service, making residents reliant on cars. Traffic congestion points are well noted within the village.

It is suggested that the A159 should be de-classified, and re-routed to the C221 Scotter Bottom, particularly as satellite navigation direction finders are using A road routes.

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**b) NEW HOUSING**

It is suggested that areas for increased housing should be those with better links/access to the M180, the A15 and the A180, and also rail links\* i.e. Barton Upon Humber\*; Broughton; Belton, Crowle\*; Epworth; Scawby; Winterton; Barnetby\*; Elsham, Kirmington\*; Worlaby; Hibaldstow and Melton Ross\*

Housing types should be suitable for first time buyers or for affordable rented housing, based on minimum wage earners. It is suggested that North Lincolnshire Council should accept responsibility to provide rented accommodation for couples, families and single people and that 'Shared Equity' schemes across North Lincolnshire should be available.

**c) CREATING JOBS**

North Lincolnshire Council should concentrate on the existing underproductive retail and industrial parks within North Lincolnshire (Normanby Enterprise Park; South Park Industrial Estate; Queensway Business Park; Foxhills Industrial Estate and Skippingdale Industrial Estate).

It is suggested that a better link is required for the Robin Hood Airport from the M18 before any consideration is given to creating new jobs.

**d) RURAL ECONOMY**

The development of business in rural areas is restricted to service industries, leisure and agriculture.

Sand extraction should be limited to essential needs only due to transport and after use problems.

It is suggested that industrial development should be restricted to the Humber Bank. It was noted that the highway infrastructure for the Trent Ports has reached its limit for development and that new development should not be considered until the infrastructure has been increased.

**e) VIBRANT TOWN & VILLAGE CENTRES**

The fixed costs of businesses in villages, i.e. rent and rates etc make small business unviable in a rural village location.

Messingham Village Hall site is central to the village community but is under developed and extra facilities are needed, plus more car parking is needed for the whole of the village centre.

Scunthorpe town centre has become run down, with a large number of fast food outlets and alcohol related businesses. New quality shops are needed attract shoppers. The Market, a once thriving attraction, is also run down. The only shops that appear to be able to thrive in this environment are Charity shops who are not subject to crippling business rates which are considered to be a barrier to growth

It is suggested that parking costs in Scunthorpe town centre should be reconsidered to allow the first half hour of parking free, again to encourage shoppers.

**f) ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCES**

The protection of woodland should be a major priority for rural areas.

**g) RENEWABLE ENERGY**

North Lincolnshire Council should take the lead in promoting renewable energy by reducing their own energy requirements.

**h) AN ACTIVE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE**

Rural churches should be given every assistance to maintain their important role in village life, as should chapels, rural restaurants, village pubs and village post offices.

Youth provision is lacking in Messingham, particularly with the impact of recent additional housing developments, which contributes to an increase in anti-social behaviour. Although Messingham's two sports fields are maintained to a high standard they do not support all age groups. It is suggested that funding must be increased for Youth services and outreach workers.

It is suggested that the southern area of North Lincolnshire should be provided with a new, quality public swimming baths/leisure centre, as a high proportion of housing exists in the south west and south of Scunthorpe.

**i) TOURISM**

Messingham provides an excellent contribution to tourism with Grange Park and all its sporting facilities plus the Messingham Sands fishing complex which attracts visitors from across the North of England, but that the road access to these facilities requires extensive improvements.

**j) TRANSPORT NETWORK**

It is considered essential that any proposed link to the motorway on the south side of Scunthorpe must include a by-pass for Messingham.

The above points are initial observations but Messingham Parish Council will actively seek to maintain the existing development boundary for Messingham.

Yours sincerely



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**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**  
**Housing & Employment Land Allocations Development Plan Document – Issues & Options**

Messingham Parish Council re-iterate their comments from the Core Strategy consultation, detailed below, and wish to have them applied to all of the enclosed comment forms for sites 29-1; 29-2; 29-3; 29-4; 29-5; 29-6; 29-7; and 29-8; 29-9.

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