

**North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework
Housing & Employment Land Allocations DPD – Independent Examination
Inspector’s Requests for Information – Day 6: Development Limits
Government Policy – Self Building**

Introduction

During the examination hearing session on development limits, the issue of provision of self building was raised by several participants. They sought amendments to the development limit in a number of settlements to allow for the inclusion of small areas of land for the purpose of constructing single dwellings, particularly through self building.

The Inspector requested that the council examine the Government’s policy towards self building and consider how its planning policy covers this.

Response

The Government latest policy on self building is set out on the Department for Communities & Local Government website. This identifies those policies and mechanisms that have already been put in place as well as measures emerging from the 2014 Budget. Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/increasing-the-number-of-available-homes/supporting-pages/self-builders>

It is considered that North Lincolnshire Council’s policy approach as set out in the adopted Core Strategy (policies CS1, CS2, CS3 & CS8) does allow for the self building to take place in sustainable locations, in particular within settlement development limits. It is considered that the development limits as proposed within the Housing & Employment Land Allocations DPD allow for sufficient infill opportunities within existing settlements that could lend themselves to self building, particularly those that are single plots.