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## A NEW PLAN FOR NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE (2006 TO 2026)

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- 1.1 North Lincolnshire's vision is to become the Global Gateway for the north. With a growing population, the busiest port complex in the United Kingdom and with potential investment of over £3bn on the South Humber Bank over the next 10 years, this vision is a distinct reality.
- 1.2 Located on the south bank of the Humber Estuary, North Lincolnshire's prime location places the area at a distinct advantage to access the European mainland and its main trading and commercial centres via the Humber ports of Killingholme and Immingham, which handle over a quarter of the United Kingdom's imports and exports. North Lincolnshire also benefits from excellent transport links including two international airports – Humberside Airport and Doncaster Robin Hood Airport, and well-developed motorway, road and rail networks connecting the area with the rest of the country and beyond.
- 1.3 In support of the growing economy and the potential creation of 10,000 jobs on the South Humber Bank, the area must provide 15,700 new homes between 2004 and 2026 in sustainable communities. To do this, schemes such as Lincolnshire Lakes are crucial to ensuring that North Lincolnshire remains competitive and can provide homes, services and infrastructure that enhance the quality of life for everyone and meets the needs of existing and future residents.
- 1.4 Lincolnshire Lakes has the potential to make a significant contribution to effecting a positive change for Scunthorpe in the direction of a sustainable, modern and vibrant economy. Bringing with it significant financial, social and environmental benefits for North Lincolnshire, its community and the wider region. It will do this through the creation of a high quality, sustainable urban extension for Scunthorpe incorporating new homes, business parks and leisure facilities in an attractive waterside setting, which will put Scunthorpe on the map as a location of choice in the 21st century, changing its image and placing it on a new economic trajectory. This flagship project forms a fundamental part of the transformation of the town. Its delivery reflects the priorities of North Lincolnshire Council, the Scunthorpe Town Team and the North Lincolnshire Strategic Partnership. The project has captured the hearts and minds of the local community, business and media alike. Together with the other major renaissance projects in the town it will enhance Scunthorpe's role as major sub-regional town in the wider Yorkshire & Humber region creating an area that is thriving and a location of choice to live, work and invest.

- 1.5 To ensure that North Lincolnshire is a world class environment, major renaissance programmes are underway. Significant plans have been created to develop the urban heart of the area through the creation of new education and leisure facilities within Scunthorpe and major investment in the town centre including new retail and business accommodation. In support of the need to create sustainable and thriving communities in our rural areas, rural renaissance and LEADER programmes are helping to drive forward substantial yet sympathetic changes to our Market Towns. The Crowle Market Place redevelopment scheme has already made an important impact on one of North Lincolnshire's major market towns through improvements to the town centre.
- 1.6 North Lincolnshire is also in a unique position to be at the heart of the growing low carbon and green economy - a renewable energy capital. There is significant interest in the area to develop various forms of green energy generation facilities, particularly on the South Humber Bank. Lincolnshire Lakes could become an exemplar for combined heat and power whilst the area's proximity to the recently announced off-shore wind energy zones could allow the area to become a key location for the manufacturing of wind turbines. The emerging technology of carbon capture and storage - pumping CO<sub>2</sub> from heavy industry and power generation to disused gas wells under the southern North Sea, will also be important, particularly given the presence of the steel, power generation and petrochemicals industries within and adjacent to the area.
- 1.7 Whilst it is our ambition to grow North Lincolnshire into an attractive and thriving place to live and work, it is one of our main priorities to ensure that all developments are sustainable and complement and enhance the area's high quality natural and built environment without any detrimental impact.
- 1.8 The purpose of Local Development Framework (LDF) is to take a long-term view, which supports the transformation of North Lincolnshire. This Core Strategy sets out the long term spatial planning framework for the development of North Lincolnshire up to 2026 by providing strategic policies and guidance to deliver the vision for the area including the scale and distribution of development, the provision of infrastructure to support it and the protection of our natural and built environment. It will also help to ensure that the investment decisions of key bodies are not made in isolation, but are properly co-ordinated, with a strong focus on the principles of sustainable development.
- 1.9 The Core Strategy should be read as a whole to enable the reader to understand the combined effect of the document's objectives and policies upon a planning proposal. The document should also be read with the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal Report and Appropriate Assessment.

