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1. Introduction and Background

1.1 Background to this Review

Atkins Limited (Atkins) was commissioned in January 2010 by North Lincolnshire Council to complete an update to the Appropriate Assessment (AA) Review of the *North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD) Submission Draft*¹ (May 2010). The Core Strategy is a high level strategic document that sets out the long-term spatial planning framework for the development of North Lincolnshire between 2008 and 2026.

Prior to this update of the AA Review Atkins has completed the following:

- An AA on the *North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework - Core Strategy DPD – Preferred Options* produced in October 2006. The AA was produced in June 2007² and concluded no likely significant effects on the international sites (see below for a list of sites included in this assessment);
- An AA Review of the *North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework - Core Strategy DPD* produced in September 2008 (draft 1 of the Plan). Following consultation on the 2006 version of the Plan, North Lincolnshire Council produced a revised draft of the Core Strategy DPD. The AA Review was produced by Atkins in November 2008³. The AA Review found that the changes made to the Plan did not alter the findings of the original AA carried out in June 2007; and
- A review of the AA of the *North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework - Core Strategy DPD* produced in September 2009 (draft 2 of the Plan). Following internal discussion, North Lincolnshire Council produced a second revised draft of the Core Strategy DPD. A document reviewing the AA was produced by Atkins in September 2009⁴. The AA Review found that the changes made to the Plan did not alter the findings of the original AA carried out in June 2007.

Further refinements have been made to the Core Strategy DPD (including its policies and supporting text) prior to the final submission of this document to the Secretary of State for examination. As such North Lincolnshire Council has produced a (third) revised draft of the Plan (the Submission Draft). The purpose of this update of the AA Review is to ensure that:

- The changes made to the Core Strategy DPD do not alter the findings of the AA Review carried out in September 2009; and,
- Any recommendations for amendments/improvements from the AA Review produced in September 2009 have been incorporated into the Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft.

¹ Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft (to be published in May 2010)

² Appropriate Assessment of North Lincolnshire's Core Strategy: Revised Draft of Appropriate Assessment Report (produced by Atkins Limited in June 2007)

³ Local Development Framework – Core Strategy: Appropriate Assessment Review (produced by Atkins in November 2008)

⁴ Local Development Framework – Core Strategy: Appropriate Assessment Review (produced by Atkins in September 2009)

This update of the AA Review (and the three previous AA reports) studied the potential for significant effects to occur on the following internationally important sites as a result of the policies contained within the Core Strategy DPD:

- Humber Estuary Special Area of Conservation (SAC);
- Humber Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA);
- Humber Estuary Ramsar site (Ramsar);
- Thorne Moor Special Area of Conservation (SAC);
- Hatfield Moor SAC; and
- Thorne and Hatfield Moors SPA.

For the purpose of this report, the multiple designations relating to the Humber (i.e. the first three bullet points in the list above) will be known as the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 and Ramsar sites. Furthermore, the multiple designations relating to the Thorne and Hatfield Moors (i.e. the latter three bullet points in the list above) will be known as the Thorne and Hatfield Moors Natura 2000 site.

1.2 Background to Appropriate Assessment

An AA is required by Regulation 48 of the Conservation (Natural Habitats & c.) Regulations 1994 (as amended) (the Regulations) for all plans and projects which may have adverse effects on European sites. European sites include Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Areas (SPA). AA is also required, as a matter of UK Government policy for potential SPAs (pSPA), candidate SACs (cSAC) and listed Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar sites) for the purposes of considering plans and projects, which may affect them⁵. Hereafter all of the above designated nature conservation sites are referred to as 'international sites'.

Local Development Documents (LDD) which include general policies often do not relate to specific development proposals but provide an overall strategy for development which is desirable within the boundary of the Plan (such as the local authority boundary). If the policies do not relate to specific development proposals then it can be difficult to assess the effects on an international site from the policies. For instance a policy may state that wind farms within the Plan boundary will be considered in order to meet national and regional renewable energy targets but may not include specific development proposals. It is not possible to conclude whether a wind farm will have a likely significant effect on an international site without knowledge of design and location of the wind farm. Unless the policy itself includes some details of location, size and design of the wind farm(s) it cannot be concluded that the policy will or will not have a likely significant effect on an international site.

However, the LDD can be written in such a way that international sites are considered. For instance, the Plan can state that any proposed developments under the Plan must have regard to and consider any adverse effects upon international sites. When a local authority considers a development proposal they must have regard to the whole plan including the introductory text and supporting text to the policies. Therefore the Plan may include text which states that consideration of international sites must be given in the development control process. This should ensure that developments are not permitted which could have significant adverse impacts on international sites.

⁵ Planning Policy Statement 9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation, ODPM (August 2005)

1.3 Outline of this Review Report

Following this introduction:

- Section 2 of this report sets out the methodology used for this Updated AA review;
- Section 3 outlines the results of the comparison of the 7 Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft with the 2009 version;
- Section 4 details the results of the Updated AA review (including whether the amended/new policies have likely significant effects on the internationally important sites and a justification for the conclusion reached);
- Section 5 details the further improvements that will be made by North Lincolnshire Council as part of the of the Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft; and
- Section 6 provides the conclusions of the Updated AA review.

2. Methodology

2.1 Review of the Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft

The Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft (hereafter referred to as the Plan) was reviewed and compared with 2009 version of the Plan with a view to identify if:

- The main and supporting text of the Core Strategy DPD had been altered or amended in any way (including a review of the Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft Spatial Objectives and comparing them to the 2009 versions);
- New policies had been added;
- Previous policies had been removed; and
- Changes had been made to the remaining policies (i.e. if policy had been re-numbered, re-worded and/or re-structured).

Section 3 details the results of this comparison of the amendments to the Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft with the 2009 version.

2.2 Updated AA Review

Once the initial comparison of the Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft with the 2009 version had been completed an Updated AA Review was carried out. The purpose of this review was to determine if:

- The Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft policies/supporting text had incorporated all necessary recommendations from the 2009 AA Review;
- Any of the Core Strategy Submission Draft policies are likely to have a significant effect on the integrity of the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 and Ramsar sites and the Thorne and Hatfield Moors Natura 2000 sites;
- Any additional changes are needed in the Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft to ensure that no likely significant effects occur as a result of the policies laid out in the Core Strategy DPD; and
- Most importantly, to determine whether the conclusion from the 2007 AA, 2008 AA Review and 2009 AA Review that the policies would have no likely significant effects on the internationally important sites was still correct.

Spatial Objectives are used to inform the policies within the Core Strategy DPD. As such a review of the Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft policies should be sufficient to see if there is still no likely significant effect on the integrity of the internationally important sites. However for the sake of completeness a comparison the 2009 and Submission draft Core Strategies Spatial Objectives has been completed.

As outlined in Section 3 below the Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft has one new policy: CS3 (Development Limits). As this is a new policy it has been assessed to see if there are likely significant effects on either the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites and Ramsar sites or the Thorne and Hatfield Moors Natura 2000 sites.

Section 4 details the results of the Updated AA Review.

2.3 Consultation

This Updated AA Review will be sent to Natural England for their comments and approval.

Both the *Appropriate Assessment of North Lincolnshire's Core Strategy DPD* (produced by Atkins Limited in June 2007) and the *Local Development Framework – Core Strategy DPD: Appropriate Assessment Review* (produced by Atkins in November 2008) have been sent to Natural England previously.

Natural England provided no comments on the AA Review in the most recent round of consultation in 2008.

3. Comparison of Core Strategy Submission Draft and 2009 Version of the Core Strategy

3.1 Policies

The key findings of the comparison of the policies in the second draft of the Core Strategy DPD produced in 2009 with the policies in the Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft produced in 2010 are that:

- There is one new policy in the Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft which relates to Development Limits; and
- The remaining policies have been re-numbered, re-worded, and in some cases, re-structured. However they have not materially changed and the key objectives of the policies remain the same.

The main changes between the policies in the Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft and 2009 version of the Core Strategy DPD are summarised in Appendix A. This HRA is based on amendments to the Core Strategy that were up-to-date as at 22 April 2010.

For reference, a table with the results of the previous AA Review (carried out in September 2009) has also been included in Appendix B.

3.2 Spatial Objectives

The key finding of the comparison of the 2009 spatial objectives with the Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft spatial objectives is that only very minor amendments have been made. This involves very minor re-wording which has resulted in the priorities and intentions remaining the same for each of the ten spatial objectives.

4. Findings of Updated AA Review

4.1 Review Process

To allow a clear assessment of the Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft and the associated policies for the purpose of this Updated AA Review, Table 4-1 has been prepared (see below). The following information is contained within Table 4-1:

- A summary of each of the Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft policies (including, where relevant, similarities and differences to the 2009 version of each policy);
- The amendments recommended in the 2009 AA Review for the each equivalent 2009 policy and whether the amendments have been incorporated into the Submission draft of the Core Strategy; and,
- Whether or not each policy in the Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft will have a likely significant effect (LSE) on the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites and Ramsar sites or the Thorne and Hatfield Moors Natura 2000 sites and a justification for this finding.

As discussed above, the Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft has one 'new' policy: CS3 (Development Limits). A summary of the content of this new policy is given in Table 4-1 in addition to the results of the assessment to see if there are likely significant effects on either the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites and Ramsar sites or the Thorne and Hatfield Moors Natura 2000 sites.

The general amendments recommended for the Core Strategy DPD (i.e. those which were not specific to one policy alone) are summarised in Table 4.2. This table also states whether these amendments have been incorporated in the Submission draft of the Core Strategy.

4.2 Work With Natural England

North Lincolnshire Council has been working closely with Natural England in order to agree the delivery of the South Humber Bank Strategic Employment Site. This work has been undertaken to ensure the successful large-scale future development of the South Humber Bank, help to overcome existing constraints and to harmonise potential conflict between economic development and the environment; thus achieving sustainable development objectives.

Part of this work has involved taking part in the South Humber Bank Gateway Delivery Group and its South Humber Bank Ecology Sub-Group. It has been agreed that a Delivery Plan for Ecology and Industrial Development will be produced with its aim of unlocking the economic development opportunity of the South Humber Bank Employment Site whilst ensuring the protection of the Humber Estuary SPA, SAC and Ramsar site. The delivery of this Ecology Plan will link directly to the Green Space Strategy for North Lincolnshire and will be produced by partnership working with Natural England, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), Lincolnshire Trust for Nature Conservation, Environment Agency, Yorkshire Forward, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire Councils, landowners and industry.

Both Chapter 9 and 11 of the Core Strategy refer to the works undertaken to date and the aims going forward for this area.

Table 4-1: Comparison of Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft policies to 2009 policies (including required amendments and an assessment of likely significant effects)

Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft Policy	Equivalent 2009 Policy/Policies	How Do amendments to Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft Policies differ from 2009 Policies?	Amendments Required from 2009 AA Review	Have Amendments Been Made?	Will Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft Policy Have a LSE on Natura 2000 sites?	Justification
CS1	CS1	Spatial Strategy for North Lincolnshire: This policy remains very similar to the 2009 version with only minor re-wording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same. The policy provides information on areas of focus in the policy such as Scunthorpe, Market Towns, Rural Communities and Key Strategic Employment Areas. For example, the policy now specifies housing numbers that should be supplied in Scunthorpe and the market towns during the Plan period. Further amendments in April 2010 removed reference to the specific amount of land to be provided for employment use and amended the number of new dwellings to be provided in each area. The amount of land allocated for growth at Humberside Airport increased from 10 ha to 20 ha.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	<p>No significant changes have been made to this policy.</p> <p>The policy specifies housing numbers they are approximated and no specific locations are given (although these will be concentrated in existing urban areas).</p> <p>Other areas of development are also highlighted in this policy and the amount of land ear-marked for the development of Humberside Airport has increased. However consideration to the protection and enhancement of internationally important sites will have to be taken into account prior to allocation of land for development.</p> <p>Any development arising from this policy will also have to take the Appropriate Assessment text in Section 3 of the Plan and Policy CS17: Biodiversity and its supporting text into account. The text in Section 3 states that “Any development that cannot demonstrate that it would not have a significant adverse effect upon the integrity of a site of European or international importance to nature conservation will be refused” and Policy CS17 states that internationally important sites will be safeguarded from inappropriate development and that development must retain, protect and enhance features of biological interest (see below). The supporting text of the policy states that any proposed development likely to have a significant effect on a wildlife site of international importance will be subject to a thorough ecological assessment and an AA under the Habitat Regulations will be made by the local authority in order to inform development control decisions. Where it cannot be demonstrated that a development proposal will not have an adverse effect on the integrity of a site of European or international importance to nature conservation, such development is not supported by this Plan and will not be permitted.</p> <p>As such, due consideration must be paid to internationally important sites during the planning process.</p>
CS2	CS2	Delivering More Sustainable Development: This policy remains the same as the 2009 version.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	<p>There are words in this policy that seek to protect internationally important sites.</p> <p>Furthermore, any development arising from this policy will also have to take into account the AA text in Section 3 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS17 (which also state internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced). As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).</p>
CS3	NEW POLICY	Development Limits: This is a new policy and states that development limits will be applied to the Scunthorpe Urban Area, the Market Towns and Rural settlements. It states that development outside of these boundaries will be restricted to what is essential to the functioning of the countryside only. However, the extent of the development limits will be determined at the lower tier plan stage, in the Housing and Employment Land Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD). In the April 2010 amendments, further	n/a	n/a	No	<p>This policy seeks to limit development to existing developed areas.</p> <p>Furthermore, the exact boundaries of these development limits are not defined in the Core Strategy DPD but are to be provided as part of the Housing and Employment Land Allocations DPD.</p> <p>Any development arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 3 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS17 (which also state internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced). As such, due consideration will be paid to the European sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).</p>

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		detail is provided in this policy on what considerations will be taken into account in determining development limits.				
CS4	CS3	Creating a Renaissance in North Lincolnshire: This policy remains the same as the 2009 version and the key objectives of this policy remain the same, with some minor re-wording. The policy seeks to promote the regeneration of Crowle by expanding the range and quality of shops/facilities and improve the quality of the environment.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	Any development arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 3 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS17 which state that internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).
CS5	CS4	Delivering Quality Design in North Lincolnshire: This policy remains very similar to the 2009 version with only very minor re-wording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same. The focus of this policy remains the aim that all new development in North Lincolnshire is well design and appropriate for their context.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	This policy relates specifically to the design of new development and provisions to be included in development design. As such it is considered that this policy continues to have no likely significant effect on the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites and Ramsar sites or the Hatfield and Thorne Moors Natura 2000 sites.
CS6	CS5	Historic Environment: This policy remains very similar to the 2009 version with some minor re-wording. This policy aims to protect, conserve and enhance North Lincolnshire's historic environment.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	This policy relates specifically to the protection, conservation and enhancement of North Lincolnshire's historic environment. As such it is considered that this policy continues to have no likely significant effect on the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites and Ramsar sites or the Hatfield and Thorne Moors Natura 2000 sites.
CS7	CS6	Overall Housing Provision: This policy remains similar to the 2009 version with minor re-wording of the policy and a slight decrease in the total number of houses to be provided – 12,063 in total, with 754 per year and 3,482 on sites with existing permissions.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	Any development arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 3 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS17 which seek to protect the internationally important sites. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).
CS8	CS7	Spatial Distribution of Housing Sites: This policy is similar to the previous 2009 version. The policy details the number of new dwellings to be built in Scunthorpe urban area, Lincolnshire Lakes and Market Towns. The spatial distribution has changed, with fewer houses to be provided in Crowle and Kirton in Lindsey. The exact location of any housing development to be provided is not given in this policy.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	Any development arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 3 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS17 which state that internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process. The locations of the housing will be specified in the North Lincolnshire Housing and Employment Land Allocations DPD, meaning the need for an Appropriate Assessment will be highlighted in the screening of this Plan).
CS9	CS8	Affordable Housing: This policy remains similar to the 2009 version with only very minor re-wording of the policy. The policy states the proportion of affordable housing to be provided in Scunthorpe urban area, market towns and rural areas.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	Any development arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 3 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS17 which state that internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).
CS10	CS9	Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Sites: This policy remains very similar to the 2009 version with only minor re-wording of the policy. It states	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	Any development of gypsy and traveller sites that arise from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 3 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS17 which state that internationally important sites are to be

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CS11	CS10	Provision and Distribution of Employment Land: This policy is similar to the previous 2009 version but with minor re-wording of the text. Furthermore the amount of land to be allocated for strategic employment sites has increased slightly at each of the three locations identified.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	Any development arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 3 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS17 which seek to protect the internationally important sites. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).
CS12	CS11	South Humber Bank Strategic Employment Site: This policy remains the same as the 2009 version with only very minor re-wording of the policy. This policy states that the South Humber Bank Strategic Employment Site (SHBSES) will be reserved for B1, B2 and B8 port relating activities. However, this policy has a very strong environmental emphasis and has an entire section relating to the protection of the SAC, SPA and Ramsar site (Section D – Environment).	No amendments recommended for this policy	n/a	No	Although this policy states that development may take place in the SHBSES it does not specify the location of the development or when it will be built. The policy has a strong environmental emphasis recognising the potential for impacts on the internationally important habitats of the Humber Estuary. Any development will be designed in line with the <i>Delivery Plan for Ecology and Industrial Development</i> as outlined in Section D of the policy (based on the work completed by North Lincolnshire Council with Natural England to date, as outlined in Section 4.2 above). Furthermore, Policy CS1 specifically mentions the South Humber Ports and the policy commits to protecting and enhancing the internationally important Humber Estuary. This policy also states that a strategic approach to habitat creation will be adopted in order to ensure the collective impacts of major developments are managed and designed to secure positive environmental benefits. All developments must take Policy CS1 into account and its words relating to the internationally important Humber Estuary. When taking in combination with Policy CS17 and the AA text in Section 3 of the Plan due consideration will be paid to the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary) thus ensuring that there are no likely significant effects on the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites as a result of this policy.
CS13	CS12	Lifelong Learning and Skills: This policy remains the same as the 2009 version with only very minor re-wording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	This policy specifically relates to the facilitate improvements to educational provision. Although development may arise as a result of this policy, this will have to take into account the AA text in Section 3 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS17 which state that internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced.
CS14	CS13	Retail Development: This policy remains the same as the 2009 version with only very minor re-wording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	Any development arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 3 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS17 which state that internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).
CS15	CS14	Culture and Tourism: This policy remains the same as the previous 2009 version with only very minor re-wording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	Any development arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 3 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS17 which state that internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).

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CS16	CS15	North Lincolnshire's Landscape, Green Space and Waterscape: This policy remains the same as the 2009 version. As such the key objectives of this policy remain the same.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	The policy seeks to protect and enhance green space and estuary and water environments. This includes the habitats present within the internationally important Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites and Ramsar sites or the Hatfield and Thorne Moors Natura 2000.
CS17	CS16	Biodiversity: This policy remains the same as the 2009 version with only very minor re-wording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	This policy specifically relates to the protection of internationally important sites and biodiversity within the North Lincolnshire.
CS18	CS17	Sustainable Resource Use and Climate Change: This policy remains the same as the 2009 version with only very minor re-wording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	Any development arising from this policy (i.e. for renewable energy sources such as hydropower in the Humber estuary) will have to take into account the AA text in Section 3 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS17. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).
CS19	CS18	Flood Risk: The policy remains the same as the 2009 version with only very minor re-wording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	This policy relates specifically to requirements that developments have to meet, rather than leading to development itself.
CS20	CS19	Sustainable Waste Management: The policy remains similar to the 2009 version. However, it now outlines the broad strategic areas where the Council will consider new and enhanced facilities for the treatment and management of waste(including Scunthorpe, South Humber Bank Employment Area, Flixborough Industrial Estate, Power station sites and other high energy usage installations and farms which will directly use organic agricultural products derived from waste management). However, the policy does not state when or if waste facilities will be provided at these locations.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	Although this policy states that development may take place in the South Humber Bank Employment Area (and as such, close to the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites) it does not specify the location of the development or when it will be built. Any development sites arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 3 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS17. Furthermore any development in this area will have to take into account the work completed by North Lincolnshire Council with Natural England to date, as outlined in Section 4.2 above. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).
CS21	CS20	Minerals: This policy remains similar to the 2009 version but now provides more detail on the locations of Mineral Safeguarding Areas. The key objectives of this policy remain the same.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	Any changes to current extraction sites or proposals for new minerals extraction sites arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 3 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS17. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).
CS22	CS21	Community Facilities and Services: This policy remains the same as the 2009 version. As such the key objectives of this policy remain the same.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	This policy specifically relates to the improvement of existing, and provision of new, community facilities. Any development arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 3 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS17 which state that internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).

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CS23	CS22	Sport, Recreation and Open Space: This policy remains the same as the 2009 version with only very minor re-wording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	<p>This policy specifies the location of a new leisure centre called 'The Pods' at Brumby Sports Ground. This site is located approximately 6 km from the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites and its construction is unlikely to have any significant effects on the integrity of this site. There will be no impacts during construction (through noise, vibration, lighting or other forms of disturbance) or operation (noise, lighting or increased visitor pressure). This is due to the distance of the proposed leisure centre from the Natura 2000 site and, with particular reference to increased visitor pressure, it unlikely the construction and operation of this site will increase visitor numbers to the Humber as people will be attending 'The Pods' specifically for the facilities it provides.</p> <p>Furthermore, any development arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 3 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS17 which state that internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).</p>
CS24	CS23	Health Care Provision: This policy remains the same as the 2009 version with only very minor re-wording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	<p>This policy relates specifically to the improving health care in North Lincolnshire.</p> <p>Should any development arise from this policy it will have to take into account the AA text in Section 3 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS17 which state that internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).</p>
CS25	CS25	Promoting Sustainable Transport: This policy remains very similar to the previous 2009 version with only minor re-wording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	<p>This policy specifically relates to how transport demand management and transport network management are completed. The policy will not lead directly to development.</p> <p>The policy does state that the movement of freight to and from South Humber Ports will be supported. This may include freight movement up and down the River Humber leading to possible impacts on the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites. However, were this to occur, the AA text in Section 3 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS17 which seek to protect the internationally important sites would have to be taken into account. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).</p>
CS26	CS24	Strategic Transport Infrastructure Proposals: This policy remains very similar to the previous 2009 version with only minor re-wording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	<p>Any development sites arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 13 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS17.</p> <p>As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).</p>
CS27	CS26	Planning Obligations: This policy remains the same as the 2009 version with only very minor re-wording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	<p>This policy will not lead directly to development but instead advises developers what standards they have to meet if infrastructure is required to support the proposal.</p> <p>Any development will have to take into account the AA text in Section 13 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS17. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).</p>

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Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).

Table 4-2: General recommendations made for the 2009 version of the Core Strategy DPD

Amendments Required from AA	Have amendments been made?	Where are amendments in Submission draft of Core Strategy	Are there any residual likely significant effects on the Natura 2000 sites?	Justification of finding
<p>Area between East Halton Skitter and Halton Clay Pits: Recommended that commitment to the production of a long-term Management Plan is put in place for this area (produced in association with Natural England and RSPB). This area can be used for managed realignment and inter-tidal creation, with associated freshwater/grassland habitats created behind the realigned coastal defences.</p>	Yes	<p>Chapter 9 of the Core Strategy. It states that: "A key issue will be to secure wildlife species in the designated protected areas where there is a proven economic need for development (for example at the South Humber Bank Employment Site). Within these sites appropriate replacement habitat areas will be agreed with the developer and relevant environmental agencies/bodies"</p>	No	<p>The work North Lincolnshire Council have carried out with Natural England (as outlined in Section 4.2 above) has included the identification of a potential mitigation area (at Goxhill). This includes areas of habitat between East Halton Skitter and Halton Clay Pits.</p>
<p>Thorne and Hatfield Moors: Recommended a commitment to the development of a Visitor Management Plan for the Thorne and Hatfield Moors SPA to ensure the protection of the nightjar from human disturbance. To be produced in association with Natural England and the RSPB.</p>	No	<p>n/a It has not been possible for North Lincolnshire Council to take this commitment forward in the Core Strategy</p>	No	<p>Although this recommended amendment has not been taken forward in the Core Strategy, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16 (and the supporting text of the latter policy) seeks to protect and enhance these sites.</p>

4.3 Summary of Updated AA Review Findings

It is considered that none of the policies within the Core Strategy Submission Draft DPD (or the Spatial Objectives) will lead to likely significant effects on the integrity of the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites and Ramsar sites or the Thorne and Hatfield Moors Natura 2000 sites.

However, in some circumstances further information will be required at the more detailed planning stage (e.g. preparation of Area Action Plans or other Development Plan Documents, Supplementary Planning Documents) and the development control stage for certain projects / proposals to allow the competent authority (in this case North Lincolnshire Council) to assess whether they are likely to have a significant impact on the international sites, and thus, determine whether a full Appropriate Assessment is needed. This is particularly the case for any development arising from the following policies: CS2, CS3, CS4, CS7, CS8, CS9, CS10, CS11, CS12, CS13, CS14, CS15, CS18, CS20, CS21, CS22, CS23, CS24, CS25, CS26 and CS27.

5. Conclusions

Atkins has completed a review of the North Lincolnshire Council *Local Development Framework - Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft* in relation to the findings of the AA Review carried out in November 2009 on the 2009 draft of the Core Strategy.

The review involved comparing the Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft with the 2009 version. This was to ensure that the amendments/improvements made in the 2009 AA Review had been incorporated into the Core Strategy and that the findings in the 2009 AA Review (that there would be no likely significant effect on the internationally important sites as a result of the Plan) had not altered.

Following the review of the Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft it considered that none of the Policies or the Spatial Objectives in the Plan as it currently stands will lead to likely significant effects on the integrity of the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites and Ramsar sites or the Thorne and Hatfield Moors Natura 2000 sites. However, in some circumstances further information will be required at the more detailed planning stage (e.g. preparation of Area Action Plans or other Development Plan Documents, Supplementary Planning Documents) and the development control stage for certain projects / proposals to allow the competent authority (in this case North Lincolnshire Council) to assess whether they are likely to have significant effects on the international sites. This is particularly the case for any development arising from the following policies: CS2, CS3, CS4, CS7, CS8, CS9, CS10, CS11, CS12, CS13, CS14, CS15, CS18, CS20, CS21, CS22, CS23, CS24, CS25, CS26 and CS27.

In conclusion, it is considered that the Core Strategy DPD Submission Draft agrees with the findings of the 2009 AA Review and continues to have no likely significant effect on the integrity of the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites and Ramsar sites or the Thorne and Hatfield Moors Natura 2000 sites.

Appendix A : Summary of Changes to the Policies in the Submission Draft Core Strategy

<p>CS1: Spatial Strategy for North Lincolnshire</p>	<p>The spatial vision and the future development requirements will be delivered, through the spatial strategy for North Lincolnshire as outlined below and on the key diagram.</p> <p>Accordingly, the spatial strategy will focus on:</p> <p>a) Delivering an urban renaissance in Scunthorpe and supporting its role as a <u>major</u> sub-regional <u>town centre</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scunthorpe will be the focus for the majority of new development and growth, including housing, employment, retail, sustainable transport links, and higher order services and facilities to serve North Lincolnshire. • High quality, well designed new housing will be provided on a range of previously developed sites within the urban area followed by a greenfield urban extension <u>site</u>, with a focus on areas to the west and south of the built up area. During the plan period Scunthorpe should contribute around 9,89240,200 new dwellings. • Opportunities for economic development will be provided within existing established employment locations as well as on additional sites. Focus will be on the town centre and areas to the north of the <u>Scunthorpe</u> urban area around the Normanby Enterprise Park employment zone. A range of sites and premises will be required to meet business needs and to meet the overall aim of diversifying the economy. A high quality business park will be developed in the Scunthorpe area in combination with the Lincolnshire Lakes development. During the plan period around <u>71</u> ha of employment land should be developed. It will be important all existing and future employment sites in Scunthorpe are accessible by sustainable modes of transport from existing and proposed residential areas. • The town centre will be the main focus of new retail, leisure, commercial office and cultural developments in the area. As part of the urban renaissance programme, significant regeneration will take place within the town centre to provide new retail opportunities, a new market hall, cultural and leisure facilities as well as enhancements to the public realm and urban fabric. The use of high quality and innovative design will be supported in the town centre. Mixed use development will be encouraged in the town centre. • Major flagship urban renaissance projects will be delivered which will enhance the town and its image. The largest of these is the Lincolnshire Lakes, which will be located to the west of the town creating a major new sustainable waterside setting that will soften the edge and provide an impressive gateway to the town and place it on a new economic trajectory. A knowledge campus will be created that develops the town's existing Further Education offer by bringing together local educational institutions to broaden the opportunities and encourage local people to access higher education. Also Elsewhere a major new state of the art leisure and sport development facility will be provided in the form of The Pods that will deliver sports, education and training. through a new state of the art sporting facility. Furthermore Work is <u>also</u> underway to create a new multi-use venue to host live performances, events and conferencing. This development, known as The Baths <u>Hall</u> and <u>regeneration of</u> Doncaster Road regeneration project, will <u>help</u> also regenerate Doncaster Road approach to Scunthorpe helping to create a quality gateway into the town. <p>b) Supporting the Market Towns of Barton upon Humber, Brigg, Crowle, Epworth, Kirton in Lindsey and Winterton as thriving places to live, work-and visit, and as important service centres serving the needs of local communities across North Lincolnshire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Lincolnshire's Market Towns will continue to provide important services for the area's rural communities and support the higher level services provided by Scunthorpe. Levels of growth and development will be more limited reflecting their position in the settlement hierarchy. All growth will take account of existing infrastructure, environmental constraints and ensure that the distinctive character of the town is protected. • An appropriate level and range of new housing development (including affordable housing) will be provided during the plan period to support the Market Towns as sustainable communities. During the plan period, the Market Towns will provide around 2,700 <u>2,300</u> <u>2,171</u> new dwellings. • Small and medium scale employment opportunities will be encouraged in order to meet the need to provide local jobs. The retention of existing local
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employment sites will be supported and where appropriate additional land will be allocated. ~~Around 10 hectares of employment land will be provided in the Market Towns, with the majority being focussed in Barton upon Humber and Brigg.~~

- The existing market town and service centres will be supported as key locations for shopping and services. Over the plan period limited levels of new retail development will be permitted and should be located within the town centres. The level of development will be dependent on local need and should be in keeping with the historic nature of these centres.
 - Transport links between the market towns and their surrounding settlements will be improved by working with public transport providers to ensure that services are convenient and accessible.
 - The ~~Rural Regeneration and Renaissance~~ programmes will be supported in Crowle to improve the fabric of the town centre, market place ~~environment~~ and to develop the range of services and employment opportunities available.
- c) Supporting thriving rural communities and a vibrant countryside through the protection and enhancement of local services, creating opportunities for rural economic diversification and the promotion of tourism.
- Rural settlements will be supported as thriving sustainable communities, with a strong focus on retaining and enhancing existing local services to meet local needs. Development will be limited and should take into account levels of local service provision, infrastructure capacity and accessibility. Any development that takes place should be in keeping with the character and nature of the settlement.
 - In the countryside, support will be given to development that promotes rural economic diversification and small-scale employment opportunities, particularly on previously used land or in existing rural buildings. Tourism development will also be supported, in particular the development of green tourism making the most of the area's important natural and built environments.
- d) Supporting the development of key strategic employment sites at the South Humber Bank, Humberside ~~International~~ Airport and Sandtoft Airfield.
- The development of the nationally important South Humber Bank ports will be supported by safeguarding land in and around the port complexes for estuary related development as well as to support the continued growth of the chemical and renewable process industries. To support increased development at the South Humber Bank, the Council will work with key partners to deliver improved rail and road access through major upgrades to the rail network in and around the ports and the dualling of the A160 between the A180 and the port. However, development of the ports will need to be weighed against the need to protect the adjacent internationally important sites of nature conservation and nearby nationally important archaeological sites.
 - Humberside Airport is a key ~~regionally important~~ location for economic growth and as such its growth will be supported. To facilitate further growth around ~~40~~ 20 hectares of land will be allocated. This will be for uses related to aviation and those that are ancillary to the airport. The council will work with partners to improve surface access particularly by public transport. However, development around the airport will need to protect the character and setting of nearby historic assets.
 - To support the growing logistics and distribution sector in North Lincolnshire, the potential of Sandtoft Airfield ~~will be investigated~~ as a strategic location for a logistics/distribution facility has been identified. This site is ideally placed to take advantage of the ports and nearby airports of Humberside and Doncaster Robin Hood as well as providing an important employment opportunity for the Isle of Axholme. In order to enable the development in this location, the council will work with partners to ensure that appropriate transport infrastructure is developed to provide access. ~~This will involve improvements to the A18 and local roads surrounding the site together with the provision of appropriate measures to promote and include sustainable transport.~~
- e) Supporting the protection and enhancement of North Lincolnshire's world class natural and built environment to ensure the continued attractiveness

	<p>of the area as place to live, work and visit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The internationally and nationally designated sites of nature conservation importance of the Humber Estuary and Thorne and Hatfield Moors will be protected and enhanced. In the Humber Estuary area, <u>particularly</u> where the expansion of the <u>South Humber</u> ports is likely to occur, a strategic approach to the creation of new habitats will be adopted. This will ensure that the collective impacts of major developments, particularly as result of development of the South Humber Bank ports, are designed to secure positive environmental benefits from flood management and development proposals • North Lincolnshire's townscapes and historic landscapes will also be protected and enhanced and high quality design encouraged. In particular, the nationally significant historic landscapes of the Isle of Axholme and Crowle Moors will be conserved and their potential as a tourist and educational resource realised. The character and landscape setting of the area's historic market towns will be safeguarded (especially Barton upon Humber, Crowle and Epworth) and the rich archaeological heritage of North Lincolnshire will be preserved and enhanced. <p>All future growth regardless of location, should contribute to sustainable development in particular respect of those criteria set out in policy CS2 <u>as well as the other policies of the plan</u>. All change will be managed in an environmentally sustainable way by avoiding/minimising or mitigating development pressure on the area's natural and built environment, its existing utilities and associated infrastructure and areas at risk of flooding. Where development is likely to have an impact on the local environment, mitigation measures should be used.</p>
<p>CS2: Delivering More Sustainable Development</p>	<p>In supporting the delivery of the spatial strategy set out in policy CS1, as well as determining how future development needs will be met in North Lincolnshire, a sequential approach will be adopted. Development should be focused on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Previously developed land and buildings within the Scunthorpe urban area, followed by other suitable infill opportunities within the town, then by appropriate greenfield urban extensions; 2 Previously developed land and buildings within the defined development limits of North Lincolnshire's Market Towns, followed by other suitable infill opportunities then appropriate small scale greenfield extensions to meet identified local needs; 3 Small scale developments within the defined development limits of rural settlements to meet identified local needs. <p>Any development that takes place outside the defined development limits of settlements or in rural settlements in the countryside will be restricted. Only development <u>which that</u> is essential to the functioning of the countryside such as that related to agriculture, forestry or other uses that require a countryside location will be allowed to take place. <u>This might include uses such as that related to agriculture, forestry or other uses which require a countryside location or that which will contribute to the sustainable development of the tourist industry.</u></p> <p>A 'sequential approach' will also be applied to ensure that development is, where possible, directed to those areas that have the lowest probability of flooding, taking account the vulnerability of the type of development proposed, its contribution to creating sustainable communities and achieving the sustainable development objectives of the plan. Where development does take place in the flood plain, mitigation measures should be applied to ensure that the development is safe.</p> <p>All future development in North Lincolnshire will be required to contribute towards achieving sustainable development. Proposals should comply with the overall spatial and locational strategy together with the following sustainable development principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be located to minimise the need to travel and to encourage any journeys that remain necessary to be possible by walking, cycling and public transport. It should be compliant with public transport accessibility criteria as set out in the Regional Spatial Strategy; • Be located where it can make the best use of existing transport infrastructure and capacity, as well as taking account of capacity constraints and

	<p>deliverable transport improvements particularly in relation to junctions on the Strategic Road Network;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where large freight movements are involved the use of rail and water transport should be maximised; • Contribute towards to the creation of locally distinctive, sustainable, <u>inclusive</u>, healthy and vibrant communities; • Contribute to achieving sustainable economic development to support a competitive business and industrial sector; • Ensure that everyone has access to health, education, jobs, shops, leisure and other community and cultural facilities that they need for their daily lives; • Ensure the appropriate provision of services, facilities and infrastructure to meet the needs of the development; • To be constructed and operated using a minimum amount of non-renewable resources including increasing the use of renewable energy in construction and operation; • Take account of local environmental capacity and to improve air, water and soil quality and minimise the risk and hazards associated with flooding; and • Be designed to a high standard, consistent with policy CS54, and use sustainable construction and design techniques. <p>All change will be managed in an environmentally sustainable way by avoiding/minimising or mitigating development pressure on the area's natural and built environment, its existing utilities and associated infrastructure and areas at risk of flooding. Where development is likely to have an impact on the local environment, mitigation measures should be used.</p> <p>A Plan, Monitor Manage approach will be adopted in order to respond to changes in levels of growth.</p>
<p>CS3: Development Limits</p>	<p><u>Development limits will be applied to the Scunthorpe Urban area, the Market Towns and Rural Settlements. They will not be applied to rural settlements in the countryside.</u></p> <p><u>In applying development limits the following considerations will be taken into account:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Existing development patterns - the development limit will be drawn around the main built up area of the settlement. Scattered, sporadic or dispersed development or buildings separated from the main body of the settlement by areas of undeveloped land, roads or industrial areas will not be included. Where possible, limits should follow clearly defined features or constraints such as roads.</u> • <u>Capacity - the ability of the settlement to accommodate future development based on existing and proposed infrastructure, on its access to facilities and services and levels of public transport. This also includes the availability of previously developed land.</u> • <u>Existing planning consents/development - land with planning consent for residential development or community facilities where development has been implemented.</u> • <u>Character - the limit will be drawn to reflect the need to protect and enhance settlement character. This means protecting areas of open space or land with the characteristics of open countryside within and adjacent to settlements by not including them within development limits. Large rear gardens or paddocks stretching well out the villages built form will also be excluded.</u> <p><u>Development outside of these defined boundaries will be restricted to that which is essential to the functioning of the countryside. This might include uses such as that related to agriculture, forestry or other uses which require a countryside location or that which will contribute to the sustainable</u></p>

	<p><u>development of the tourist industry.</u></p> <p><u>The extent of the development limited will be defined in the Housing and Employment Land Allocations Development Plan Documents and shown on the accompanying Proposals Map and settlement insets.</u></p>
<p>CS4_3: Creating A Renaissance in North Lincolnshire</p>	<p>The council will work with its partners to promote and secure area wide renaissance in North Lincolnshire through delivering the following major transformational projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Scunthorpe Town Centre – creation of a vibrant and attractive town centre including new well designed mixed use developments to the east and west of the retail core showcasing the latest in energy efficient design and sustainable construction techniques and an improved public realm 2 Central Park & The Pods, Scunthorpe –development of an iconic sports facility, together with the rejuvenation of Central Park will create a centre for sports, recreation and leisure 3 Knowledge Campus, Scunthorpe - development of a higher education concept working with existing education and business institutions including North Lindsey College, John Leggott College and the Kingsway Centre 4 New Century Garden Town - improvements to open spaces greenways and gateways into Scunthorpe 5 Lincolnshire Lakes - developing a major lake <u>lakeside</u> waterside setting to the west of Scunthorpe providing a high quality environment in which to live and work and a significant wildlife habitat. This will be delivered through the creation a masterplan as part of the development of an Area Action Plan. 6 Crowle – <u>development in the Market Place to expand the regeneration by expanding</u> the range and quality of shops and other facilities and <u>improving</u> the quality of the environment. <p>New development supported by this policy must be designed to the highest standards to meet energy efficiency, accessibility and sustainable waste management and construction techniques. Sustainable urban drainage systems will be promoted.</p>
<p>CS5_4: Delivering Quality Design in North Lincolnshire</p>	<p>All new development in North Lincolnshire should be well designed and appropriate for their context. It should contribute to creating a sense of place. The council will encourage contemporary design, provided that it is appropriate for its location and is informed by its surrounding context. Design which is inappropriate to the local area or fails to maximise opportunities for improving the character and quality of the area will not be acceptable.</p> <p>New development in North Lincolnshire should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute towards creating a positive and strong identity for North Lincolnshire by enhancing and promoting the image of the area through the creation <u>of</u> high quality townscapes and streetscapes. • Ensure it takes account of the existing built heritage from the earliest stages in the design process, in particular terms of scale, density, layout and access. • Incorporate the principles of sustainable development throughout the whole design process. This will include site layout, minimising energy consumption, maximising use of on-site renewable forms of energy whilst mitigating against the impacts of climate change for instance flood risk. • Create safe and secure environments, which reduce the opportunities for crime and increase the sense of security for local residents through the use of Secured by Design guidance. • Consider the relationship between any buildings and the spaces around them, and how they interact with each other as well as the surrounding area. Also <u>The</u> function of buildings should <u>also</u> be considered in terms of its appropriateness for the context in which it is located. • Create attractive, accessible and easily distinguished public and private spaces that complement the built form. • Support sustainable living and ensure that a mix of uses which complement one another are incorporated.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide flexibility in that new and existing buildings and spaces are able to respond to future social, technological, environmental and economic needs. • Be easily accessible to all users via recognisable routes, interchanges and landmarks that are suitably connected to public transport links, community facilities and services and individual communities and neighbourhoods in North Lincolnshire. Buildings and spaces should be accessible to all sections of the community, and ensure that the principles of inclusive design are reflected. • Incorporate appropriate landscaping and planting which enhances biodiversity or geological features whilst contributing to the creation of a network of linked greenspaces across the area. Tree planting and landscaping schemes can also assist in minimising the impacts of carbon emissions upon the environment. • Integrate car parking provision within the existing public realm and other pedestrian and cycle routes.
<p>CS6 5: Historic Environment</p>	<p>The council will promote the effective management of North Lincolnshire's historic assets through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding the nationally significant medieval landscapes of the Isle of Axholme (notably the open strip fields and turbaries) and supporting initiatives which seek to realise the potential of these areas as a tourist, educational and environmental resource. • Preserving and enhancing the rich archaeological heritage of North Lincolnshire particularly within the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The wetland areas of the Ancholme Valley, the Trent Valley and the Humber Coast • The North Lincolnshire Coversands • The Lincolnshire Wolds • Ensuring that development within Epworth (including and schemes needed to exploit the economic potential of the Wesleys or manage visitors) safeguards and, where possible, improves the setting of buildings associated with its Methodist heritage. • Ensuring that development within North Lincolnshire's Market Towns safeguards their distinctive character and landscape setting, especially Barton upon Humber, Crowle and Epworth. <p>The council will seek to protect, conserve and enhance North Lincolnshire's historic environment, as well as the character and setting of areas of acknowledged importance including historic buildings, conservation areas, listed buildings (both statutory and locally listed), registered parks and gardens, scheduled ancient monuments and archaeological remains.</p> <p>All new development must respect and enhance the local character and distinctiveness of the area in which it would be situated, particularly in areas with high heritage value.</p> <p>Development proposals should provide archaeological assessments where appropriate.</p>
<p>CS7 6: Overall Housing Provision</p>	<p>Between 2010 and 2026, North Lincolnshire's housing requirement is for <u>12,063</u> 12,750 new dwellings to be provided (7540 new dwellings per year):</p> <p>Of these new dwellings around <u>3,482</u> 3,511 444 will be provided from sites which already have planning permission or are under construction.</p> <p>All proposals for housing should include a variety of housing types, sizes and tenures to meet the local housing needs of North Lincolnshire. All new dwellings should be well designed and meet the Codes of Sustainable Homes. The exact housing mix on each site will be determined based on the information contained in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment - Market Review (November 2008) and any updates to this document.</p>

	<p>Housing land will be allocated, released and phased to ensure the delivery of additional dwellings remains close to the target identified above. <u>Previously developed land will take priority over greenfield land where it is in a sustainable location.</u> Based on the Annual Monitoring Report findings, allocated sites will be brought forwards as required to maintain the five year supply and distribution of land for housing in the most sustainable locations in accordance with the spatial development strategy.</p> <p>If over any continuous three year period the net additional housing requirement varies by more than 20%, the need for a partial review of the development plan will be considered in consultation with the Regional Planning Body.</p> <p>Housing development will be required to make efficient use of land but the density of new development should be in keeping with the character of the area and should support the development of sustainable, balanced communities.</p> <p>Dependant upon the location of a development site at least the following net density ranges should be achieved within the residential development site, or the residential element of a mixed use site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scunthorpe town centre: 45-70 dwellings per hectare • Within Scunthorpe and Market Town development limits: 40-45 dwellings per hectare • Within smaller settlements and the countryside: 30-35 dwellings per hectare.
<p>CS8.7: Spatial Distribution of Housing Sites</p>	<p>The allocation of sites for 42,750<u>12,063</u> new dwellings will be delivered in accordance with sustainable development principles and the following sequential approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The principal focus for housing is previously developed land and buildings within the development limits of Scunthorpe followed by greenfield urban extension to the west of the town. 82% of all new dwellings will be located in and adjacent to the urban area, equating to 9,892 40,455<u>200</u> new dwellings. <u>A total of 4,760 new dwellings will be provided within the Lincolnshire Lakes area during the plan period, with 2,490 being provided elsewhere within the urban area. Of these new dwellings 2,642 will be provided from sites that already have planning permission or are under construction.</u> • The Market Towns of Barton upon Humber, Brigg, Crowle, Kirton In Lindsey and Winterton will have approximately 20<u>18</u>% houses built overall equating to 2,171 2,295<u>550</u> new dwellings, of which 840 will be provided from sites that already have planning permission or are under construction. The overall provision will be divided as follows to enhance the level of services provided or meets the needs of the settlements and its immediate area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barton upon Humber 6% (724 765 dwellings) • Brigg <u>76%</u> (844 765 dwellings) • Crowle <u>1.242%</u> (145 255<u>510</u> dwellings) • Kirton In Lindsey <u>1.52%</u> (181 255 dwellings) • Winterton <u>2.3%</u> (277 255 dwellings) <p>New housing within the rural settlements will create opportunities for small scale infill development that maintains the viability of the settlement and meets identified local needs without increasing the need to travel.</p>

	<p>In rural settlements in the countryside (without development limits) and in the open countryside outside development limits, housing development will be strictly limited. Consideration will be given to development, which relates to agriculture, forestry or meet a special need associated with the countryside. All development should not have an adverse impact on the environment or landscape.</p> <p>Urban Extensions to support the <u>Scunthorpe Urban Renaissance of Scunthorpe</u> will be promoted particularly alongside proposals for Lincolnshire Lakes project. To ensure that the scale of the house building is in line with the housing allocation the western urban extension will be phased to release land in such a way as to allow for the control of the pattern and speed of urban growth, co-ordination of infrastructure, and delivery of the previously developed land target and or other sustainability objectives. The Lincolnshire Lakes project will be subject to the development and approval of an Area Action Plan.</p> <p>The first priority is to re-use previously developed land and buildings within North Lincolnshire's built up area which will be promoted by setting a target of 430% 30% of the housing provision on such land. Second priority will be given to other suitable infill opportunities in North Lincolnshire built up areas.</p> <p>Development on greenfield sites will only be allowed where it can be demonstrated that this will bring additional community benefits, contributing to building sustainable communities and is acceptable in terms of its impact on the high quality environment of the urban space and adjoining countryside.</p> <p>Flood risk will be taken into account, as this will be a determining factor in the distribution and location of housing.</p>
<p>CS9 8: Affordable Housing</p>	<p>New residential housing development of 15 or more dwellings in <u>the</u> Scunthorpe urban area, 5 or more dwellings in market towns and 3 or more dwellings in rural settlements must make provision for an element of affordable housing which is accessible to those unable to compete in the general housing market. This policy seeks to achieve the following proportion of affordable housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scunthorpe urban area and Market Towns 20% • Other Rural Settlements within development limits 10% <p>A target of 70% of the affordable homes will be provided for rent, with the remainder provided as an intermediate tenure, to be agreed on a site by site basis.</p> <p>Wherever possible, affordable housing should be provided on site, but an off site contribution may be acceptable where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of the affordable housing on-site cannot be secured effectively; or • Affordable housing provision elsewhere in more suitable settlements in more likely to contribute towards the creation of mixed communities. <p>Rural Exception Planning permission will be granted for the release of small rural exception sites within or adjacent to the development limits or within rural settlements for 100% affordable housing where a local need has been clearly identified. All proposals must be substantiated by evidence of need for <u>that</u> the scale of the development proposed in meeting <u>meets</u> the identified needs.</p> <p>The actual amount of affordable housing to be provided is a matter for negotiation at the time of a planning application, having regard to any abnormal costs, economic viability and other requirements associated with the development.</p>
<p>CS10 9: Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople &</p>	<p>Sites will be identified to meet the demand for approximately 46 residential Gypsy and Traveller pitches between 2007 and 2016 and a further 10 transit pitches jointly across North and North East Lincolnshire within the same period.</p> <p>1) The following considerations will be taken into account <u>to designate sites for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the Housing and Employment Land Allocations DPD</u> in the determination of locations for gypsy and traveller sites:</p>

<p>Traveller Sites</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe and convenient vehicular and pedestrian access to the site <u>including public transport</u>; • The site must be Be large enough to provide adequate on site facilities for parking, storage, play and residential amenity; • The site s Should be well located on the highway network; • <u>Be in or near to existing settlements with access to local services including shops, schools and healthcare; Safe and convenient access to schools and local facilities;</u> • Not have an adverse impact on environmental assets such as landscape, historic environment, biodiversity, open space and green infrastructure and be compatible with national flood risk policy; • The site s Should not be detrimental to amenities of adjacent occupiers; • The site m Must be suitable for such accommodation with a realistic likelihood that the site can come forward within the plan period. <p>2) <u>These criteria are also to be used to assess planning applications in advance of the adoption of the Housing and Employment Land Allocations DPD</u> Previously developed land, derelict land and land on the edge of urban areas will be considered before any rural sites as with all other types of accommodation.</p>
<p>CS11_9: Provision and Distribution of Employment Land</p>	<p>The Council will support the continued expansion and improvement of North Lincolnshire’s economy in order to create a step change in the area’s role regionally and nationally. <u>This will be achieved</u> through the identification and allocation in the Housing and Employment Land Allocations DPD of a range of appropriate sites for employment and economic uses that will meet the requirement for an additional 40 hectares of employment land between 2006 and 2021 identified within the Regional Spatial Strategy <u>as well as those set out in the Employment Land Review up to 2026</u>. This land will accommodate traditional land use (use classes B1, B2 & B8) as well as key priority growth sectors.</p> <p>Strategic employment sites will be identified in the following broad locations:</p> <p>Scunthorpe – 71 <u>42500</u> hectares</p> <p>1. To support the renaissance of Scunthorpe around <u>153</u> 42500 hectares will be identified and allocated. Principle locations will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scunthorpe North – B1, B2 and B8 - Town Centre – B1 and town centre uses - Scunthorpe West – B1- High quality business park – Lincolnshire Lakes. <p>Market Towns – 10 Hectares</p> <p>2. To support North Lincolnshire’s market towns as key hubs of the rural economy</p> <p>Humberside International Airport – 420 Hectares</p> <p>3 To support the key role of the airport in delivering economic growth both locally and regionally, around <u>420</u> hectares will be reserved for economic activities with airport links</p> <p>Sandtoft Business Park – 590 Hectares</p> <p>4 To support the growing logistics industry in North Lincolnshire and to take advantage of the connections provided by the international airports of <u>Humberside and Doncaster Robin Hood</u>, and the South Humber Bank ports, around <u>590</u> hectares will be allocated for a logistics and distribution park. The development of this strategic location will be subject to satisfactory access arrangements being put in place.</p> <p>General Provisions</p>

	<p>To support development elsewhere within <u>North Lincolnshire</u> the District that meet local employment needs and maximises other special locations.</p> <p><u>In considering all development proposals for employment purposes in North Lincolnshire, regard should be given to making all locations accessible by range of transport modes in particular by public transport, cycling and walking. Accordingly, travel plans will be required setting out how employment locations will be linked to settlements in the area.</u></p> <p>Rural Economy To deliver a thriving rural economy by supporting development or activities that assist in rural regeneration and that strengthen or diversify rural businesses.</p>
<p>CS12.4: South Humber Bank Strategic Employment Site</p>	<p>The South Humber Bank Strategic Employment Site (SHBSES) will be reserved for B1, B2 and B8 port related activities to take special advantage of its location, flat topography and adjacent a deep water channel of the River Humber as an extension to Immingham Port and the Humber Sea Terminal.</p> <p>The delivery of the SHBSES will be achieved through the following Plans, Boards and Delivery Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Humber Bank Master Plan (2004); • Individual South Humber Bank Infrastructure, Economic and Environmental Studies that up date the South Humber Bank Master Plan where relevant; • South Humber Bank Gateway Board (formed May 2009); • South Humber Bank Gateway Delivery Group and its South Humber Bank Ecology Sub-Group. <p>The Plans, Strategies and Investment Decisions and Programmes for the SHBSES should:</p> <p>A Role and Function of the Site Maintain, increase and enhance the role of Immingham Port as <u>part of</u> the busiest port <u>complex</u> in the UK by extending port related development northwards from Immingham Port to East Halton Skitter in harmony with the environmental and ecological assets of the Humber Estuary. This will include safeguarding the site frontage to the deep water channel of the River Humber for the development of new port facilities and the development of new pipe routes needing access to the frontage. The deep water channel offers the opportunity of developing a new port along the River Humber frontage between Immingham Port and the Humber Sea Terminal. The role of the South Humber Ports should be strengthened by providing an increased number of jobs particularly giving employment opportunities for North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire residents.</p> <p>B Economic Development Diversify and develop the economies of North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire Council areas within the Humber sub area's economy. This can be achieved in the following ways: by making the most of the multimodal transport links and the proposed highway improvements on site and to the port entrance along the A160 from the A180; by enhancing and improving the railway line between the East Coast Main Line at Doncaster and Immingham; by enhancing the established South Humber Ports; by taking the sustainable opportunity to transfer goods by trans-shipping goods from the southern and south eastern UK ports and by offering berths for transporting goods by barge/boat inland along the well connected inland waterways; and by utilising the workforces of the nearby towns of Scunthorpe, Immingham, Grimsby and Cleethorpes.</p> <p>Attract value added employment port-related activities and maximise opportunities around the ports by enhancing and improving skills. This can be achieved by encouraging the expansion of existing training centres such as CATCH near Immingham and taking opportunities to create new training centres within the South Humber Ports area. These opportunities should also benefit the existing and growing economic clusters of the energy, chemicals and food sectors. This will include the diversification of the energy sector into the development of renewable energy such as biomass opportunities.</p>

	<p>C Infrastructure Develop an infrastructure strategy to improve transport accessibility and movement, drainage and flood defence.</p> <p>Improve multimodal land access to the South Humber Ports and develop their complementary roles. The transport strategy includes the delivery of the South Humber Bank Transport Study outcomes within the SHBSES, the Highways Agency A160/A180 Highway Improvement Scheme (top priority in the Regional Transport Priorities) programmed to be completed by 2014/2015 and the Network Rail Freight Utilisation Strategy that programmes line speed and signalling improvements between Immingham and Doncaster (being carried out within the current strategy 2007 and 2014) and the <u>Killingholme Immingham Loop</u> (that will enable a one way freight rail route into the South Humber Ports) post 2015.</p> <p>In improving transport accessibility, it is vital that the ports can be assessed by a range of transport modes, including public transport, cycling and walking. According, robust travel plans should be developed to show how the area will be linked to the surrounding settlements.</p> <p>Development will be assisted by a drainage feasibility study, completed in May 2009. Works are programmed to be started and completed in autumn 2010. The outcome will include a surface water and sewage management solutions to accommodate development on the SHBSES.</p> <p>Safeguard and improve the flood defences of the SHBSES from tidal flooding through partnership working with the Environment Agency and its Humber Flood Defence Strategy (March 2008), North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire Councils, Yorkshire Forward, landowners and industry. This will include managing the predicted effects of climate change in harmony with the development of port related activities by managing and minimising the risk of flooding.</p> <p>D Environment Protect and enhance the biodiversity and landscape character of the Humber Estuary by harmonising the ecology, nature conservation and landscape with port related development activities. This can be largely achieved by the Delivery Plan for Ecology and Industrial Development with its aim of unlocking the economic development opportunity of the South Humber Bank Employment Site whilst ensuring the protection of the Humber Estuary Special Protection Area, <u>Special Area of Conservation</u> and Ramsar site and developing new green infrastructure. The delivery of this Ecology Plan will link directly to the Green Space Strategy for North Lincolnshire and will be produced by partnership working with Natural England, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), Lincolnshire Trust for Nature Conservation, Environment Agency, Yorkshire Forward, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire Councils, landowners and industry. New development will also need to harmonise with the North Killingholme Haven Pits SSSI and the local nature conservation designations such as Chase Hill Local Nature Reserve and the various local Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCS), including Birkenhaws Cove, East Halton Brick Pits and South Killingholme Ponds.</p>
<p>CS13 2: Lifelong Learning and Skills</p>	<p>The council will support improvements in education provision to enable everyone to share North Lincolnshire's growing prosperity by: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Assisting in the implementation of the Schools Organisation Plan and School Asset Management Plan 2003 – 2008 by identifying suitable sites that are accessible so that new schools can play their part in creating sustainable communities. 2 Helping to deliver the Building Schools for the Future programme 3 Supporting the extended role of schools in the community to enable wider community use of school facilities. 4 Working with the Learning and Skills Council, providers of further and higher education, employers and neighbourhood renewal partnerships to identify sites and premises for new or expanded provision for further/higher education, training and lifelong learning. 5 Supporting the development of a Knowledge Campus to deliver locally based higher education facilities in Scunthorpe focussed around John Leggott College, North Lindsey College and the Kingsway Centre <u>and other projects aimed at improving the skills and employability of local people.</u> <p>Where proposals are identified for the development of educational facilities that include school or further / higher education facilities should be:</p>

	<p>a) Of high quality design, well related to neighbourhood services and amenities, and easily accessible by sustainable transport modes. b) Include, where appropriate, provision for community use in addition to their educational use.</p> <p>Proposals for the redevelopment of redundant educational sites should support the creation of sustainable, linked communities including the wider need to protect open spaces and playing pitches.</p>
<p>CS14 3: Retail Development</p>	<p>The council will work with partner organisations to identify, protect and enhance the following hierarchy of vital and viable town, district, and local centres in North Lincolnshire:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Scunthorpe Town Centre: To fulfil its sub-regional role, identified in the RSS, Scunthorpe town centre will be the main location for all new retail, leisure, cultural and office development over the plan period. Development will be provided which meets the quantitative and qualitative needs for these uses. To support the Scunthorpe Urban Renaissance programme the town centre will be subject to major redevelopment with increased comparison and convenience retail floor space together with an improved market and enhanced cultural facilities. New development should make a positive contribution to improving the town centre's viability and vitality, support the creation of a comfortable, safe, attractive and accessible shopping environment, and improve both the overall mix of land uses in the centre and its connectivity to adjoining areas 2 Market Town Centres of Barton upon Humber, Brigg, Crowle & Epworth: To fulfil their role as key shopping and service centres in North Lincolnshire, the market town centres will be supported as locations for further retail, leisure, cultural and tourism development. Only development will be permitted that which is required to <u>will only be permitted that</u> which is required to meet the needs of the area served by the centre in a sustainable way will be permitted, is of a scale appropriate to the centre, and <u>that</u> will not adversely impact upon the vitality or viability of other nearby town and district centres will be allowed. Within the town centres, any new development should respect their historic character. 3 District Centres of Kirton in Lindsey and Winterton: To fulfil their role as key shopping and service centres in North Lincolnshire, the district centres will be supported as locations for further retail, leisure, cultural and tourism development. Only development will be permitted that which is required to <u>will only be permitted that</u> which is required to meet the needs of the area served by the centre in a sustainable way will be permitted, is of a scale appropriate to the centre, and will not adversely impact upon the vitality or viability of other nearby town and district centres will be allowed. Within the district centres, any new development should respect their historic character. 4 District Centres of Ashby High Street and Frodingham Road: These centres will continue to have an important role in providing shopping and services within the Scunthorpe urban area. However, no proposed development will take place within these centres, unless it can be demonstrated that it is to meet local needs, is of a scale appropriate to the centre and will not adversely impact upon the vitality or viability of other nearby centres. 5 Local Centres/Corner Shops: To fulfil their role in providing vital day-to-day shopping facilities for local communities in both urban and rural areas, their retention and enhancement of <u>Local Centres and Corner Shops</u> will be supported. <p>In supporting the vitality and viability of North Lincolnshire's network of town centres, it will be important to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The existing retail character and function of centres is safeguarded. Development which that <u>which that</u> detracts from vitality and viability of the area's town centres will be resisted; • New town centre development complies with the sequential approach to site selection, which prioritises development in existing centres, then edge-of-centre sites, and only then out of centre sites which are accessible by a choice of means of transport;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scale and type of development reflects the centre's existing and proposed function and its capacity for new development; • The retail <u>function</u> of town centres are protected by way of restricting non-A1 uses particularly within the defined town centres boundaries; • A balanced range of facilities and uses are encouraged within district and local centres in keeping with their size and function to meet the every day needs of the local population. Local shops located within <u>smaller settlements</u>, in particular in rural areas, rural settlements will be protected where they are important to the day-to-day needs of local communities; • Shopping facilities are accessible by a range of means including by car, walking, cycling and public transport; • New developments are of an appropriately high quality design particularly in the town centre.
<p>CS15 4: Culture and Tourism</p>	<p>A balanced and socially inclusive cultural and evening economy will be promoted within North Lincolnshire by supporting uses such as museums, theatres, restaurants, café bars and leisure uses within Scunthorpe town centre and the Market Towns provided that the proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are managed in order to minimise crime, disorder and public concern; • are of a high quality design; • do not have an unacceptable adverse impact on neighbouring uses in terms of noise, traffic and disturbance. <p>Elsewhere, schemes which that extend the range of cultural and evening economy uses will be supported where they are consistent with the size and function of the centre. The loss of leisure, arts or cultural facilities will be permitted only where there are overriding regeneration or community benefits from such a development, in which case consideration must be given to the replacement of the facilities elsewhere.</p> <p>Existing tourist facilities and infrastructure will be protected and enhanced and the development and promotion of sustainable tourism focusing on the area's District's natural and built assets will be supported, particularly the Humber Estuary, Thorne and Crowle Moors and the District's Market Towns</p>
<p>CS16 5: North Lincolnshire's Landscape, Green Space and Waterscape</p>	<p>The council will protect, enhance and support a diverse and multi-functional network of landscape, green space and waterscape through:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Identifying in supporting documents within or evidencing the Local Development Framework, a network of strategically and locally important landscape, green space and waterscape areas. Development on or adjacent to these areas will not be permitted where it would result in unacceptable conflict with the function(s) or characteristic of that area. 2 Requiring development proposals to improve the quality and quantity of accessible landscape, green space and waterscape, where appropriate. 3 Requiring development proposals to address local deficiencies in accessible landscape, waterscape and greenspace where appropriate. 4 Requiring the protection of trees, hedgerows and historic landscape to be specified where appropriate.
<p>CS17 7: Biodiversity</p>	<p>The council will promote effective stewardship of North Lincolnshire's wildlife through:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Safeguarding national and international protected sites for nature conservation from inappropriate development. 2 Appropriate consideration being given to European and nationally and important habitats and species. 3 Maintaining and promoting a North Lincolnshire network of local wildlife sites and corridors, links and stepping stones between areas of natural green space. 4 Ensuring development retains, protects and enhances features of biological and geological interest and provides for the appropriate management of these features. 5 Ensuring development seeks to produce a net gain in biodiversity by designing in wildlife, and ensuring any unavoidable impacts are appropriately mitigated for. 6 Supporting wildlife enhancements that which contribute to the habitat restoration targets set out in the North Lincolnshire's Nature Map and in national, regional and local biodiversity action plans. 7 Improving access to and education/interpretation of biodiversity sites for tourism and the local population, providing their ecological integrity is not

<p>CS18 7: Sustainable Resource Use and Climate Change</p>	<p>harmd.</p> <p>The council will actively promote development which utilises natural resources in as an efficient and sustainable way as possible. This will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Meeting high water efficiency standards, and incorporating new technologies to recycle and conserve water resources. 2 Promoting the use of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems where practicable. 3 Supporting the necessary improvement of flood defences and surface water infrastructure required against the actions of climate change, and preventing development in high flood risk areas wherever practicable and possible. 4 Requiring all developments, either new build or conversion, with a floor space of 500m² or five or more residential units, to incorporate on-site renewable and decentralised energy systems to reduce predicted CO₂ emissions by at least 35% in 2008 and 70% in 2009 and thereafter. 5 Ensuring building design reduces energy consumption by appropriate methods such as high standards of insulation, avoiding development in areas subject to significant effects from shadow, wind and frost, using natural lighting and ventilation, capturing the sun's heat, where appropriate. 6 Supporting development that minimises the consumption and extraction of minerals by making the greatest possible reuse or recycling of materials in new construction, and by making best use of existing buildings and infrastructure. 7 Supporting development that seeks to minimise waste and facilitates recycling and using waste for energy where appropriate. 8 Ensuring that development and land use in areas close to the Humber estuary and rivers responds appropriately to the character of the particular type of area, in the interests of preserving and making best use of a limited resources. 9 Supporting development that will help to reduce the need to travel for people using that development. 10 Ensuring development and land use helps to protect people and the environment from unsafe, unhealthy and polluted environments, by protecting and improving the quality of the air, land and water. 11 Supporting renewable sources of energy in appropriate locations, where possible and ensuring that development maximises the use of combined heat and power, particularly at the South Humber Bank employment site and where energy demands for more than 2MW are required for development. 12 Supporting new technology and development for carbon capture and the best available clean and efficient energy technology, particularly in relation to the heavy industrial users in North Lincolnshire, to help reduce CO₂ emissions. 13 Promote the use of a Green Infrastructure Strategy, where applicable, which could help reduce the effects of climate change.
<p>CS19 8: Flood Risk</p>	<p>The council will support development proposals that avoid areas of current or future flood risk, and which do not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere. This will involve a risk based sequential approach to determining the suitability of land for development that uses the principle of locating development, where possible, on land that has a lower flood risk, and relates land use to its vulnerability to flood. Development in areas of high flood risk will only be permitted where it meets the following prerequisites;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 It can be demonstrated that the development provides wider sustainability benefits to the community and the area that outweigh flood risk. 2 The development should be on previously used land. If not, there must be no reasonable alternative <u>developable</u> sites on developable previously developed land. 3 A flood risk assessment has demonstrated that the development will be safe, without increasing flood risk elsewhere by integrating water management methods into development. <p>In addition development will be required, wherever practicable, to incorporate Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) to manage surface water drainage. The Council will also seek to reduce the increase in flood risk due to climate change through measures to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.</p>
<p>CS20 49: Sustainable Waste Management</p>	<p>The council will <u>consider new and enhanced facilities for the treatment and management of waste in the following broad strategic areas</u> promote sustainable waste management by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Scunthorpe</u> • <u>South Humber Bank Employment Area</u>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flixborough Industrial Estate</u> • <u>Power station sites and other high energy usage installations</u> • <u>Farms which will directly use organic agricultural products derived from waste treatment</u> <p>In general a sequential search will be made for the location of waste management facilities from the highest to lowest preference as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-site management of waste where it arises at retail, industrial and commercial locations, particularly in the main urban areas (The Proximity Principle). • Pursuit of neighbourhood self-sufficiency, at the lowest practicable level for the waste stream concerned (The Self-Sufficiency Principle). • Encouraging co-location of waste facilities - at Materials or Resource Recovery Parks for example. • Locations at existing mineral extraction and waste landfill sites. • Locations at established and proposed industrial and business sites. • Locations in redundant farm buildings and associated land. • Use of other previously developed land. <p><u>The council will promote sustainable waste management by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requiring <u>Site Waste Management Plans</u> waste audits for future major developments in order to minimise waste. • Requiring the integration of facilities for waste minimisation, re-use, recycling and composting, in association with the planning, construction and occupation of new development (Site Waste Management Plans). • Providing guidance on minimising potential social, environmental and economic impacts that are likely to arise in the development of waste infrastructure. • Establishing a planning policy framework that identifies suitable locations for waste management.
<p>CS21 9: Minerals</p>	<p>The council will safeguard mineral resources in North Lincolnshire from other development that would prejudice future mineral extraction. To achieve this Mineral Safeguarding Areas are identified in the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silica sand reserves – <u>adjacent to/west of North Moor Road, Messingham; east of Scallow Grove and adjacent to/east of Kirton Road, Messingham; adjacent to/west of Lincoln edge to the north west Manton, and Black Nook Wood.</u> • Sand and gravel reserves – <u>west of Willow Holt, Flixborough and Cove Farm, Haxey.</u> • Clay reserves – <u>adjacent to/east of Barrow Tileries, Barrow Haven; adjacent to/north of Far Ings Road and north of South Marsh Farm to the east of Falkland Way, Barton upon Humber; and west of Low Melwood Farm adjacent to the C204 between Epworth and Owston Ferry.</u> • Ironstone reserves – East of Yarborough Gullet. <p>The sustainable extraction of minerals will be managed by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Providing buffer zones where necessary to alleviate the impacts of mineral extraction on natural resources and historic features, and to protect the amenities of occupiers of adjoining land and buildings; b. Reducing the consumption of non-renewable mineral resources by encouraging reuse and recycling of construction and demolition waste, particularly from land reclamation schemes, and the by-products of industrial processes, especially power generation and steel manufacture.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Incorporating methodology and phasing, where appropriate. d. Progressively using backfill of waste spoil into redundant parts of mineral sites. e. Safeguarding natural watercourses. f. Producing an Environmental Statement with planning applications for extraction
<p>CS22 4: Community Facilities and Services</p>	<p>The provision of new community facilities, or the improvement of existing community facilities, which meet the needs of local residents will be supported in principle.</p> <p>Good quality services and facilities will be provided which meets the needs of local communities and are accessible by public transport, cycling or on foot.</p> <p>The provision of new facilities should be focused in the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sites allocated for such purposes, or as part of a mixed use allocation. b. In town centres, Market Town centres, district centres or local centres subject to policies in the local development documents. c. In market towns, rural settlements and rural settlements in the countryside where the facility is needed to serve the immediate local area and could not be provided elsewhere. d. In residential areas where there is no adverse affect on the amenities of neighbouring properties. <p>The provision of services and facilities will be of the scale appropriate to the type and size of the settlement.</p> <p>The loss of community facilities or land allocated for such purposes will be resisted, unless there is no longer a need for the land or building in any form of community use, or there is an acceptable alternative means of meeting such need.</p> <p>Developers will be expected to make an appropriate contribution towards necessary improvements or additional provision for community services and facilities arising from their development proposals</p>
<p>CS23 2: Sport, Recreation & Open Space</p>	<p>The council will work with its partners, appropriate agencies and the voluntary sector to ensure the provision of good quality, well maintained leisure, recreation and open space facilities, which meet the needs of the local communities, will be secured and improved. In particular, provision will be sought to which addresses identified deficiencies or that will benefit deprived groups and meet the needs of local communities.</p> <p>To significantly enhance North Lincolnshire's leisure and recreation facilities by providing a new sport and leisure centre called 'The Pods' at Brumby Sports Ground, Central Park will be provided. The new facility will be which will form a centre of excellence for sports, recreation and a hub for the development and delivery of sports, education and leadership training.</p> <p>Development proposals for new leisure and recreation facilities, children's play facilities and open space or the extension/enhancement of an existing facility should be on a scale appropriate to the type and size of settlement. Wherever possible facilities which attract large numbers of people should be located in the larger settlements and be accessible by walking, cycling and public transport.</p> <p>Proposals will be permitted provided that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 There is no adverse impact to nearby properties or habitats, by reason of noise, general disturbance, fumes or external lighting; and 2 The development contributes to meeting identified shortfalls in provisions or enhances the quality of existing provision. <p>Development proposals that which will result in the loss of an existing leisure, recreation facility, natural green space, open space or playing pitches will</p>

	<p>not be supported unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is currently an excess of provision, or • Satisfactory alternative provision equivalent or better quality and quantity in a suitable location is made, or • The facility is no longer needed. <p>Developers will be expected to make an appropriate contribution towards necessary improvements or additional provision for recreation facilities and open space arising from their development proposals, in accordance with the standards set out in the LDF.</p> <p>The implementation of new facilities supported by this policy will be permitted subject to other relevant plan policies.</p>
<p>CS24 3: Health Care Provision</p>	<p>The council will support the implementation of health care provision in North Lincolnshire, in order to modernise and improve the primary health care facilities, and to improve the health of residents through safeguarding and enhancing open space, facilities for sports and recreation and improving walking and cycling routes.</p> <p>The Council will work with NHS North Lincolnshire to identify sites and premises for health facilities that are accessible by sustainable transport modes and contribute to strengthening sustainable communities <u>and that to</u> deliver a new Health and Social Care Centre within Scunthorpe.</p> <p>Proposals for new health care facilities should provide high standards of accessibility to all sectors of the community.</p> <p>The loss of health care facilities or land allocated for such purposes will be resisted, unless there is no longer a need for the land or building in any form of health care use, or there is an acceptable alternative means of meeting such need.</p> <p>Developers will be expected to make an appropriate contribution towards necessary improvements, or additional provision improvements or additional provision for health care services and facilities arising from their development proposals, in accordance with the Planning Obligations policy and Developer Contributions SPD.</p> <p>The implementation of new facilities supported by this policy will be permitted subject to other relevant plan policies.</p>
<p>CS25: Promoting Sustainable Transport</p>	<p>The council will support and promote a sustainable transport system in North Lincolnshire which offers a choice of transport modes and reduces the need to travel through spatial planning and design and by utilising a range of demand and network management tools.</p> <p>Transport Demand Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the need to travel and improve accessibility for all as part of all future spatial design within North Lincolnshire. • Introduce appropriate demand-management measures, to reduce car based travel by ensuring highway safety, improving and encouraging walking and cycling and integrate such measures with a high quality public transport network. • Require that transport provision is integrated into the design of all development from the start of any development project. • Apply maximum car parking standards and a car parking charging regime within the context of urban and rural renaissance. • Support the progressive improvements of a high quality public transport network by working in partnership with public transport operators and community transport providers to ensure a cohesive, flexible approach to improve the public transport network in North Lincolnshire and public transport connections beyond its boundaries.

	<p>Transport Network Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and encourage a Rural Transport Strategy for the rural parts of North Lincolnshire. • Support the improvement and enhancement (significant upgrades) of transport inter-changes (relating to high quality facilities) in North Lincolnshire principally at Scunthorpe, Barton upon Humber, Brigg and Humberside International Airport. • Integrate and enhance the whole spectrum of local transport services to feed into and be complementary with a high quality public transport network. • Support the development of a freight strategy to include lorry parking sites, HGV route management and provision of facilities for (and promote the benefits of) transferring freight delivery from road to rail and/or water transport, wherever practical, particularly in relation to the movement of freight to and from the South Humber Ports and Trent Wharves. • Support the progressive introduction of network management technology, to maximise existing and future capacity and investment across all transport modes and to reduce congestion and delay for the benefit of both business and domestic travellers in North Lincolnshire • Establish local, regional and national priorities for transport infrastructure investment. • Promote the continuation and improvement of North Lincolnshire's network of safe walking and cycling routes, including the Viking Way, the Public Rights of Way network and the National Cycle Route (part of the Boston to Hull leg is routed through North Lincolnshire) as well as the local footway and cycleway network and linking them to key locations in the urban and rural areas of North Lincolnshire (communities, recreational and tourist areas) of North Lincolnshire.
<p>CS26 4: Strategic Transport Infrastructure Proposals</p>	<p>The Council will support strategic infrastructure proposals to enhance North Lincolnshire's internal and external transport connections and provide access to the area's key strategic economic development locations by road, rail, air, water and information technology. In particular, the following key pieces of transport infrastructure and improvements to the area's communications technology will be supported:</p> <p>1. Strategic Road Schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dualling of the A160 South Humber Bank access road between the A180(T) and South Killingholme including associated improvements to junctions along the route and at the port entrance. • The longer term dualling or upgrading of the A15 between the M180 junction 4 and the A46(T) Lincoln bypass to enable a more efficient movement of freight between the South Humber Ports and the A1(T) at Newark. • Access improvements to Scunthorpe from the west to relieve existing congestion, <u>via improvements to the Berkeley Circle, and to provide access to the proposed Lincolnshire Lakes area., via improvements to Berkeley Circle and along the M181 between the A18 and M180 with the provision of a new roundabout to link the Lakes area with Scotter Road.</u> • Improvements to the A18 and local roads to provide access to proposed logistics park at Sandtoft Airfield. • In the longer term, the potential realignment of the A1077 <u>west of in the</u> South Ferriby, should the Environment Agency no longer continue to maintain all flood defences along the Humber Estuary. <p>2. Rail Schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrades to the South Humber Main Line between Doncaster and Immingham and improvements to the Brigg line and in the Wrawby junction area to support access to the South Humber Bank ports. • Restoration of the rail access to northern section of the South Humber Bank Industrial Area to create the Killingholme Loop, through the use of the former rail alignment between Goxhill and the South Humber Bank area.

	<p>3. Airport Surface Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting improved international connections at Humberside Airport by ensuring road and rail surface access improvements (from the M180 and the Barnetby to Cleethorpes railway line) are delivered commensurate with the expected growth of the airports. <p>4. Water Transport Schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraging increased barge/boat movements inland from the South Humber Bank ports to transfer goods. <p>5. Scunthorpe Urban Renaissance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting transport improvements which will assist in the delivery of the key transformation projects proposed as part of the Scunthorpe Urban Renaissance programme. This will involve road and potentially rail access improvements to provide better quality access to Scunthorpe and developments such as the Lincolnshire Lakes. <p>6. Electronic and Telecommunications Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the introduction of the latest electronic and telecommunications technology subject to consideration of any impact on the environment and public health. <p>In delivering they key infrastructure schemes and programmes it is vital to ensure that necessary nature conservation, landscape and flood risk issues are addressed and mitigated against, particularly at the South Humber Bank area and, potentially, Sandtoft Airfield. In addition, in delivering the key strategic infrastructure schemes and programmes, It will <u>also</u> be necessary, where relevant and appropriate, for this policy to apply the promotion of sustainable transport measures set out in Policy CS2543.</p>
<p>Policy CS27_6: Planning Obligations</p>	<p>Where a development proposal generates an identified need for additional infrastructure, North Lincolnshire Council will, through the negotiation of planning obligations pursuant to Section 106 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 and in accordance with guidance set out in Circular 05/2005, seek to ensure that the development proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meets the reasonable cost of new infrastructure and improvements to existing infrastructure made necessary by the proposal in order to support, for example, affordable housing, maintenance payments, highway infrastructure, nature conservation, transport initiatives, utilities, education, community facilities, health, leisure and recreation provision, public art and waste management; and/or Mitigates the impact(s) of the development; and/or Offsets the loss of any significant amenity or resource through compensatory provision elsewhere; and/or Provides for the ongoing maintenance of facilities provided as a result of the development.

Appendix B -Comparison of Policies in the 2008 and 2009 Versions of the Core Strategy

Table B-1 lists the results of the AA Review undertaken in September 2009:

- a summary of each of the 2009 policies (including, where relevant, similarities and differences to the 2008 version of each policy);
- the amendments recommended in the AA completed in 2008 for each equivalent 2008 policy and whether the amendments have been incorporated into the 2009 draft of the Core Strategy;
- whether or not each policy in the 2009 Plan will have a likely significant effect (LSE) on the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites and Ramsar sites or the Thorne and Hatfield Moors Natura 2000 sites and a justification for this finding.

The general amendments recommended for the Core Strategy in the 2008 AA Review (i.e. those which were not specific to one policy alone) are summarised in Table B-2. This table also states whether these amendments have been incorporated in the 2009 draft of the Core Strategy.

Table B-1: Comparison of 2009 policies to 2008 policies (including required amendments and an assessment of likely significant effects)

2009 Policy	Equivalent 2008 Policy/Policies	Does New 2009 Policy differ from 2008 Policy/Policies?	Amendments Required from 2008 AA Review	Have Amendments Been Made?	Will 2009 Policy Have a LSE on Natura 2000 sites?	Justification
CS1	CS1	<p>Spatial Strategy for North Lincolnshire: This policy remains very similar to the 2008 version with only minor re-wording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same. The policy provides information on areas of focus in the policy such as Scunthorpe, Market Towns, Rural Communities and Key Strategic Employment Areas. For example, the policy now specifies housing numbers that should be supplied in areas such as Scunthorpe during the Plan period.</p>	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	<p>No significant changes have been made to this policy.</p> <p>The policy specifies housing numbers they are approximated and no specific locations are given (although these will be concentrated in existing urban areas).</p> <p>Other areas of development are also highlighted in this policy. However consideration to the protection and enhancement of internationally important sites will have to be taken into account prior to allocation of land for development.</p> <p>Any development arising from this policy will also have to take the Appropriate Assessment text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policy CS16: Biodiversity and its supporting text into account. The text in Section 1 states that "Any development that cannot demonstrate that it would not have a significant adverse effect upon the integrity of a site of European or international importance to nature conservation will be refused" and Policy CS16 states that internationally important sites will be safeguarded from inappropriate development and that development must retain, protect and enhance features of biological interest (see below). The supporting text of the policy states that any proposed development likely to have a significant effect on a wildlife site of international importance will be subject to a thorough ecological assessment and an AA under the Habitat Regulations will be made by the local authority in order to inform development control decisions. Where it cannot be demonstrated that a development proposal will not have an adverse effect on the integrity of a site of European or international importance to nature conservation, such development is not supported by this Plan and will not be permitted.</p> <p>As such, due consideration must be paid to internationally important sites during the planning process.</p>
CS2	CS2	<p>Delivering More Sustainable Development: This policy remains similar to the 2008 version. However, it now provides a larger number of sustainable development principles which development proposals must comply with.</p>	Recommended that the supporting text of the policy was cross referenced to the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan, the Biodiversity part of Section 11 (previously Section 10 in the 2008 version of the Core Strategy) and/or Policies CS1 and CS16 (previously CS15).	No: However, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan refers to this Policy (thus highlighting the need for AA to be considered).	No	<p>The words added to this policy seek to protect internationally important sites.</p> <p>Furthermore, any development arising from this policy will also have to take into account the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16 (which also state internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced). As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).</p>
CS3	CS3	<p>Creating a Renaissance in North Lincolnshire: This policy remains very similar to the 2008 version with only minor re-wording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same. The policy seeks to promote the regeneration of Crowle by expanding the range and quality of shops/facilities and improve the quality of the environment.</p>	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	<p>Any development arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16 which state that internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).</p>
CS4	CS4	<p>Delivering Quality Design in North Lincolnshire: This policy remains very</p>	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	<p>This policy relates specifically to the design of new development and provisions to be included in development design.</p>

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		similar to the 2008 version with only minor re-wording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same. The focus of this policy remains the aim that all new development in North Lincolnshire is well designed and appropriate for their context.				As such it is considered that this policy continues to have no likely significant effect on the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites and Ramsar sites or the Hatfield and Thorne Moors Natura 2000 sites.
CS5	CS5	Historic Environment: This policy has been changed significantly from the 2008 version. This policy has been strengthened in relation to the protection, conservation and enhancement of North Lincolnshire's historic environment.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	This policy relates specifically to the protection, conservation and enhancement of North Lincolnshire's historic environment. As such it is considered that this policy continues to have no likely significant effect on the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites and Ramsar sites or the Hatfield and Thorne Moors Natura 2000 sites.
CS6	CS6	Overall Housing Provision: This policy has been amended significantly from the 2008 version (particularly in relation to the efficient use of land and density of housing). It still states that a total of 750 houses are to be provided per year between 2009 and 2026 although does not specify locations.	Recommended that the supporting text of the policy was cross referenced to the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan, the Biodiversity part of Section 11 (previously Section 10 in the 2008 version of the Core Strategy) and/or Policies CS1 and CS16 (previously CS15).	No: However, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan refers to this Policy (thus highlighting the need for AA to be considered).	No	Any development arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16 which seek to protect the internationally important sites. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).
CS7	CS7	Spatial Distribution of Housing Sites: This policy is similar to the previous 2008 version. The policy details the number of new dwellings to be built in Scunthorpe and North Lincolnshire's Market Towns. The number of houses to be provided in each location has increased (apart from in Epworth where housing provision has been removed). However, the exact location of any housing development to be provided is not given.	Recommended that the supporting text of the policy was cross referenced to the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan, the Biodiversity part of Section 11 (previously Section 10 in the 2008 version of the Core Strategy) and/or Policies CS1 and CS16 (previously CS15).	No: However, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan refers to this Policy (thus highlighting the need for AA to be considered).	No	Any development arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16 which state that internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process. The locations of the housing will be specified in the North Lincolnshire Housing and Employment Land Allocations DPD, meaning the need for an Appropriate Assessment will be highlighted in the screening of this Plan.
CS8	CS8	Affordable Housing: This policy has been changed substantially from the 2008 version. The policy has been re-worded and simplified (this is specifically the case when considering Rural Exception as the list of criteria to be met before planning permission can be granted for the release of small rural exception sites has been removed).	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	Any development arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16 which state that internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).
CS9	CS14	Gypsy and Traveller Sites: Minor changes have been made to this policy. The policy is now less specific (e.g. no longer stating minimum density of the sites).	Recommended that the supporting text of the policy was cross referenced to the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan, the Biodiversity part of Section 11 (previously Section 10 in the 2008 version of the Core Strategy) and/or Policies CS1 and CS16 (previously CS15).	No: However, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan refers to this Policy (thus highlighting the need for AA to be considered).	No	Any development of gypsy and traveller sites that arise from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16 which state that internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).

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CS10	CS10	<p>Provision and Distribution of Employment Land: This policy is similar to the previous 2008 version but reference to the South Humber Bank has been removed and the areas of land to be allocated in the broad locations have been reduced for Humberside International Airport and Sandtoft Business Park.</p>	<p>Recommended that the supporting text of the policy was cross referenced to the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan, the Biodiversity part of Section 11 (previously Section 10 in the 2008 version of the Core Strategy) and/or Policies CS1 and CS16 (previously CS15).</p>	<p>No: However, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan refers to this Policy (thus highlighting the need for AA to be considered).</p>	No	<p>Any development arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16 which seek to protect the internationally important sites. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).</p>
CS11	NEW POLICY	<p>South Humber Bank Strategic Employment Site: This is a new policy and expands on the information previously contained in Policy CS10 relating to the South Humber Bank. This policy states that the South Humber Bank Strategic Employment Site (SHBSES) will be reserved for B1, B2 and B8 port relating activities. However, it does not give the location or details of any development that may take place in this area. The policy states that the delivery of the SHBSES will be achieved through a number of Plans, Boards and Delivery Groups (including the South Humber Bank Ecology Sub-Group). The SHBSES is located directly adjacent to the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites. However, this policy has a very strong environmental emphasis and has an entire section relating to the protection of the SAC, SPA and Ramsar site (Section D – Environment). This part of the policy states that port related development activities will protect and enhance the biodiversity of the Humber Estuary by harmonising with the ecology and nature conservation interest of the area. This will be achieved through the <i>Delivery Plan for Ecology and Industrial Development</i> which the policy states will ensure the protection of the Humber Estuary SPA, SAC and Ramsar site. The policy states that the delivery of this Ecology Plan will be produced by working with the following environmental and nature conservation bodies: Natural England, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), the Lincolnshire Trust for Nature Conservation and the Environment Agency.</p>	n/a	n/a	No	<p>Although this policy states that development may take place in the SHBSES it does not specify the location of the development or when it will be built. The policy has a strong environmental emphasis recognising the potential for impacts on the internationally important habitats of the Humber Estuary. Any development will be designed in line with the <i>Delivery Plan for Ecology and Industrial Development</i> as outlined in Section D of the policy. Furthermore, Policy CS1 specifically mentions the South Humber Ports and the policy commits to protecting and enhancing the internationally important Humber Estuary. This policy also states that a strategic approach to habitat creation will be adopted in order to ensure the collective impacts of major developments are managed and designed to secure positive environmental benefits. All developments must take Policy CS1 into account and its words relating to the internationally important Humber Estuary. When taking in combination with Policy CS16 and the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan due consideration will be paid to the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary) thus ensuring that there are no likely significant effects on the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites as a result of this policy.</p>

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CS12	CS11	Lifelong Learning and Skills: No changes have been made to this policy	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	This policy specifically relates to the facility improvements to educational provision. Although development may arise as a result of this policy, this will have to take into account the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16 which state that internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced.
CS13	CS12	Retail Development: This policy remains similar to the 2008 version. The key change is the addition of more information about the role of Kirton in Linsley and Winterton district centres than previously provided.	Recommended that the supporting text of the policy was cross referenced to the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan, the Biodiversity part of Section 11 (previously Section 10 in the 2008 version of the Core Strategy) and/or Policies CS1 and CS16 (previously CS15).	No: However, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan refers to this Policy (thus highlighting the need for AA to be considered).	No	Any development arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16 which state that internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).
CS14	CS13	Culture and Tourism: The basis of this policy is very similar to the previous 2008 version with only minor re-wording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same.	Recommended that the supporting text of the policy was cross referenced to the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan, the Biodiversity part of Section 11 (previously Section 10 in the 2008 version of the Core Strategy) and/or Policies CS1 and CS16 (previously CS15).	No: However, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan refers to this Policy (thus highlighting the need for AA to be considered).	No	Any development arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16 which state that internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced.
CS15	CS14	North Lincolnshire's Landscape, Green Space and Waterscape: Minor changes have been made to this policy. The key change to the policy is that there is no longer an emphasis on the need for archaeological assessments.	Recommended that the supporting text of the policy was cross referenced to the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan, the Biodiversity part of Section 11 (previously Section 10 in the 2008 version of the Core Strategy) and/or Policies CS1 and CS16 (previously CS15).	No: However, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan refers to this Policy (thus highlighting the need for AA to be considered).	No	The policy seeks to protect and enhance green space and estuary and water environments. This includes the habitats present within the internationally important Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites and Ramsar sites or the Hatfield and Thorne Moors Natura 2000.
CS16	CS15	Biodiversity: This policy is similar to the previous 2008 version. However, the policy has been strengthened in relation to tourism stating that improving access to and education/interpretation of biodiversity sites for tourism will be encouraged but only where their ecological integrity will not be harmed.	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	This policy specifically relates to the protection of internationally important sites and biodiversity within North Lincolnshire.
CS17	CS16	Sustainable Resource Use and Climate Change: This policy remains very similar to the 2008 version. The key change to the policy relates to the promotion of the use of a green space strategy and green infrastructure plan (to help reduce the effects of climate change).	No amendments recommended for this policy.	n/a	No	Any development arising from this policy (i.e. for renewable energy sources such as hydropower in the Humber estuary or the construction of wind farms) will have to take into account the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).
CS18	CS17	Flood Risk: The basis of this policy is very similar to the previous 2008 version with only minor re-wording of the policy.	Recommended that the supporting text of the policy was cross referenced to the AA text in Section	No: However, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan refers	No	This policy relates specifically to requirements that developments have to meet, rather than leading to development itself.

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		The key objectives of this policy remain the same.	1 of the Plan, the Biodiversity part of Section 11 (previously Section 10 in the 2008 version of the Core Strategy) and/or Policies CS1 and CS16 (previously CS15).	to this Policy (thus highlighting the need for AA to be considered).		
CS19	CS19	Sustainable Waste Management: The policy has changed significantly from the 2008 version. The focus of the policy now relates to the promotion of sustainable waste management (e.g. actions to be taken to minimise waste). A brief list relating to the search for the location of waste management facilities is also provided (but the detail relating to this is significantly reduced from the previous policy).	Recommended that the supporting text of the policy was cross referenced to the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan, the Biodiversity part of Section 11 (previously Section 10 in the 2008 version of the Core Strategy) and/or Policies CS1 and CS16 (previously CS15).	No: However, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan refers to this Policy (thus highlighting the need for AA to be considered).	No	Any development sites arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).
CS20	CS18	Minerals: This policy is now more detailed. The policy now identifies the locations of Mineral Safeguarding Areas The policy now states that the sustainable extraction of minerals will be managed through six criteria (including providing buffer zones where necessary to alleviate impact on natural resources and producing an Environmental Statement with planning applications for extraction).	Recommended that the supporting text of the policy was cross referenced to the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan, the Biodiversity part of Section 11 (previously Section 10 in the 2008 version of the Core Strategy) and/or Policies CS1 and CS16 (previously CS15).	No: However, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan refers to this Policy (thus highlighting the need for AA to be considered).	No	Any changes to current extraction sites or proposals for new minerals extraction sites arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).
CS21	CS20	Community Facilities and Services: This policy remains the very similar to the previous 2008 version with only minor rewording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same.	Recommended that the supporting text of the policy was cross referenced to the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan, the Biodiversity part of Section 11 (previously Section 10 in the 2008 version of the Core Strategy) and/or Policies CS1 and CS16 (previously CS15).	No: However, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan refers to this Policy (thus highlighting the need for AA to be considered).	No	This policy specifically relates to the improvement of existing, and provision of new, community facilities. Any development arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16 which state that internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).
CS22	CS21	Sport, Recreation and Open Space: This policy is similar to the previous 2008 version. However this policy has now been strengthened in relation to the protection of the natural environment. It now states that proposals will only be permitted providing that there is no adverse impact to nearby habitats and that development proposals that result in the loss of natural green space will not be supported unless alternatives that are equivalent or better quality are provided.	Recommended that the supporting text of the policy was cross referenced to the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan, the Biodiversity part of Section 11 (previously Section 10 in the 2008 version of the Core Strategy) and/or Policies CS1 and CS16 (previously CS15).	No: However, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan refers to this Policy (thus highlighting the need for AA to be considered).	No	This policy specifies the location of a new leisure centre called 'The Pods' at Brumby Sports Ground. This site is located approximately 6 km from the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites and its construction is unlikely to have any significant effects on the integrity of this site. There will be no impacts during construction (through noise, vibration, lighting or other forms of disturbance) or operation (noise, lighting or increased visitor pressure). This is due to the distance of the proposed leisure centre from the Natura 2000 site and, with particular reference to increased visitor pressure, it unlikely the construction and operation of this site will increase visitor numbers to the Humber as people will be attending 'The Pods' specifically for the facilities it provides. Furthermore, any development arising from this policy will have to take into account the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16 which state that internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced. As such, due consideration will be paid

2009 Policy	Equivalent 2008 Policy/Policies	Does New 2009 Policy differ from 2008 Policy/Policies?	Amendments Required from 2008 AA Review	Have Amendments Been Made?	Will 2009 Policy Have a LSE on Natura 2000 sites?	Justification
						to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).
CS23	CS22	Health Care Provision: This policy remains very similar to the previous 2008 version with only minor re-wording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same. The policy relates to the provision of health care in the County and aims to modernise and improve primary health care facilities.	Recommended that the supporting text of the policy was cross referenced to the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan, the Biodiversity part of Section 11 (previously Section 10 in the 2008 version of the Core Strategy) and/or Policies CS1 and CS16 (previously CS15).	No: However, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan refers to this Policy (thus highlighting the need for AA to be considered).	No	This policy relates specifically to the improving health care in North Lincolnshire. Should any development arise from this policy it will have to take into account the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16 which state that internationally important sites are to be protected and enhanced. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).
CS24	CS23	Strategic Transport Infrastructure Proposals: This policy remains very similar to the previous 2008 version with only minor re-wording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same.	Recommended that the supporting text of the policy was cross referenced to the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan, the Biodiversity part of Section 11 (previously Section 10 in the 2008 version of the Core Strategy) and/or Policies CS1 and CS16 (previously CS15).	No: However, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan refers to this Policy (thus highlighting the need for AA to be considered).	No	Any development works arising from this policy will have to take into account Policy CS1 and Policy CS16. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).
CS25	CS24	Promoting Sustainable Transport: This policy remains very similar to the previous 2008 version with only minor re-wording of the policy. The key objectives of this policy remain the same.	Recommended that the supporting text of the policy was cross referenced to the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan, the Biodiversity part of Section 11 (previously Section 10 in the 2008 version of the Core Strategy) and/or Policies CS1 and CS16 (previously CS15).	No: However, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan refers to this Policy (thus highlighting the need for AA to be considered).	No	This policy specifically relates to how transport demand management and transport network management are completed. The policy will not lead directly to development. The policy does state that the movement of freight to and from South Humber Ports will be supported. This may include freight movement up and down the River Humber leading to possible impacts on the Humber Estuary Natura 2000 sites. However, were this to occur, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16 which seek to protect the internationally important sites would have to be taken into account. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).
CS26	CS25	Planning Obligations: This policy is similar to the previous 2008 version. However, this policy has now been strengthened in relation to nature conservation. The policy states that proposals have to meet the reasonable costs of new infrastructure and improvements to existing infrastructure made necessary by the proposal (an example of which is nature conservation).	Recommended that the supporting text of the policy was cross referenced to the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan, the Biodiversity part of Section 11 (previously Section 10 in the 2008 version of the Core Strategy) and/or Policies CS1 and CS16 (previously CS15).	No: However, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan refers to this Policy (thus highlighting the need for AA to be considered).	No	This policy will not lead directly to development but instead advises developers what standards they have to meet if infrastructure is required to support the proposal. Any development will have to take into account the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16. As such, due consideration will be paid to these sites during the planning process (meaning a project specific Appropriate Assessment will be carried out where necessary).

Table B-2: General recommendations for the 2009 version of the Core Strategy

Amendments Required from AA	Have amendments been made?	Where are amendments in 2008 version of Core Strategy	Are there any residual likely significant effects on the Natura 2000 sites?	Justification of finding
<p>Area between East Halton Skitter and Halton Clay Pits: Recommended that commitment to the production of a long-term Management Plan is put in place for this area (produced in association with Natural England and RSPB). This area can be used for managed realignment and inter-tidal creation, with associated freshwater/grassland habitats created behind the realigned coastal defences.</p>	No	n/a	No	Although this recommended amendment has not been taken forward in the Core Strategy, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16 (and the supporting text of the latter policy) seeking to the protect and enhance these sites.
<p>Thorne and Hatfield Moors: Recommended a commitment to the development of a Visitor Management Plan for the Thorne and Hatfield Moors SPA to ensure the protection of the nightjar from human disturbance. To be produced in association with Natural England and the RSPB.</p>	No	n/a	No	Although this recommended amendment has not been taken forward in the Core Strategy, the AA text in Section 1 of the Plan and Policies CS1 and CS16 (and the supporting text of the latter policy) seek to the protect and enhance these sites.

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