

Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee

Central Lincolnshire Local Development Scheme 2020

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Preface

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If you require any further information regarding the Scheme, please contact a planning policy officer on 01529 414155 or by email to talkplanning@central-lincs.org.uk.

A 'live' update is published on our website at regular intervals. This sets out the current and next stages of preparation, with dates, of each of the documents included in this LDS.

This LDS is produced under section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended.

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a timetable which sets out the Development Plan Documents (DPDs) that a local planning authority intends to produce over the next few years. Such DPDs are also known as the Local Plans for an area.
- 1.2. This Central Lincolnshire LDS sets out the timetable for any DPDs to be prepared in the period 2019 to 2022. It explains when the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee intends to reach key stages in the preparation of a new Local Plan. This LDS replaces the Central Lincolnshire LDS which was adopted on 14 January 2019.

The Local Plan and Supporting Documents

- 1.3. Responsibility for DPD and LDS preparation for the districts of West Lindsey, City of Lincoln and North Kesteven has been passed to the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee (the Joint Committee).
- 1.4. In summary, the framework of strategic planning in Central Lincolnshire is:
 - **Development Plan Documents (DPDs):** These are documents (often referred to as 'Local Plans') that form part of the statutory development plan for the area and are subject to independent examination by a planning inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. For Central Lincolnshire, as at September 2020, they comprise:
 - **The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan –** Adopted on 24 April 2017, it provides land use planning policies, allocates sites for development and identifies other areas designated for protection, shaping the growth of the Central Lincolnshire area over the next 20 years. It covers the administrative areas of North Kesteven District, the City of Lincoln and West Lindsey District and replaced all previously adopted DPDs for those districts; plus
 - **Minerals and Waste Local Plans –** Lincolnshire County Council Minerals and Waste Local Plans comprise the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Local Plan (adopted on 1 June 2016) and the Minerals and Waste Site Locations Document (adopted on 15 December 2017). The Minerals and Waste Local Plans covers the county of Lincolnshire; plus
 - **Neighbourhood Plans:** Local communities, including Parish and Town Councils, can prepare Neighbourhood Plans putting in place policies to guide the future development of the area. These must be in general conformity with 'strategic policies' in DPDs and be consistent with national policy. It is up to local communities to decide if they want to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and so it is not appropriate for this LDS to specify when or where they will be produced. Neighbourhood Plans that have been 'made' (brought into legal force) becomes part of the statutory development plan. A number of Neighbourhood Plans have been made across Central Lincolnshire, and many more are under preparation.
 - **Policies Map:** This is a map on an Ordnance Survey base for the whole of a local planning authority's area which shows where policies in DPDs apply. The Central Lincolnshire Policies Map includes inset maps for some areas to show information at a larger scale.

- **Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs):** These can cover a wide range of issues on which the planning authority wishes to provide guidance to supplement the policies and proposals in its DPDs (Local Plan). They do not form part of the statutory development plan and are not subject to independent examination. The Joint Committee or the individual districts can decide to produce an SPD on any appropriate subject whenever the need arises. There is no requirement for this LDS to set out a timetable for the production of any SPDs, but for completeness and clarity they will be listed on the Central Lincolnshire web site.
- **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI):** This is a document that explains how the local planning authority will engage the community in the preparation, alteration and review of planning documents, and in development control decisions. It is required to specify how and at what stages people will have the opportunity to be involved in planning for their area. The latest Central Lincolnshire SCI was adopted in September 2020.
- **Authority's Monitoring Report (AMR):** This is a report which must be produced by the local planning authority (on an annual basis) to explain how the local development scheme is being implemented and the extent to which policies in the Local Plan are being achieved. AMRs are produced by North Kesteven District, the City of Lincoln and West Lindsey District and will be published on the Central Lincolnshire web site.

Joint Working Arrangements and Joint Local Plans

- 1.5. The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan is prepared through a formal Joint Committee (set up under section 29 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004), as confirmed by the Order coming into force on 12 October 2009. The Joint Committee will fulfil its responsibilities under the duty to co-operate requirements of s33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by the Localism Act 2011.

2. Local Plan Timetable

- 2.1. Through monitoring of the Local Plan and as a result of changes to National Planning Policy, the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee decided to review the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan at its meeting on 14 January 2019.
- 2.2. Work has been ongoing on the plan review since making this decision. This revised LDS has been produced to take account of the work being produced and the changing national and international context and the anticipated timescales for the plan's production.
- 2.3. There are a number of stages involved in the preparation of a DPD (Local Plan). This process allows for opportunities for the public to be involved, early resolution of conflicts and objections, and an Independent Examination. The stages in producing a Local Plan, and the intended timescales of those stages for the review of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan, are set out in Table 1.

Table 1: Timetable for Production of Development Plan Document

	2019						2020						2021						2022															
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
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No.	Stage	Description	Dates stage will/ is proposed to take place
1	Public Participation (Regulation 18)	Opportunities for interested parties and statutory consultees to consider the options for the plan before the final document is produced. This stage can involve one or more public consultation rounds. We intend two rounds for the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan.	June-July 2019 & January-February 2021
2	Pre-submission Publication (Regulation 19)	The Joint Committee publishes the Local Plan which is followed with a 6 week period when formal representations can be made on the Local Plan.	June-July 2021
3	Submission (Regulation 22)	The Joint Committee submits the Local Plan to the Secretary of State together with the representations received at Regulation 19 stage.	August 2021
4	Independent Examination Hearing	Held by a Planning Inspector into objections raised at Regulation 19 stage on the Local Plan	September 2021-February 2022 (estimate: dates set by inspector)
5	Inspector's Report Issued	This will report whether if the Plan is 'Sound' or 'Not Sound'. The Inspector may make recommendations to make the plan 'sound'	March 2022 (estimate)
6	Adoption of DPD (Local Plan)	Final stage, the Council will formally need to adopt the Local Plan and it will then be used in making planning decisions.	April 2022 (dependent on timescales for examination)