

Examiner Questions and NKDC/PC Responses - Scopwick and KG Neighbourhood Plan

Examiner's clarifying questions

Responses are invited to the following questions from Scopwick and Kirkby Green PC and North Kesteven DC as appropriate.

Question 1

Does the Scopwick and Kirkby Green Design Code 2020 have any formal status ie has it been adopted by NKDC as a supplementary planning document?

No, the only status this design code will have is through the policies in the neighbourhood plan. Policy S53 of the emerging local plan includes reference to such design guides when it says "Design Codes may be produced for parts of Central Lincolnshire or in support of specific developments. The approach taken in these Design Codes should be informed by the National Model Design Code and where these codes have been adopted, developments will be expected to adhere to the Code." This approach also accords with paragraphs 128 and 129 of the NPPF where this design code has been produced as part of the plan rather than as a supplementary planning document.

Question 2

Non-designated heritage assets

2a) Policy 11 says that one structure - the Clapper bridge opposite the Holy Cross - 'has been added to the (local) list'. But paragraph 176 and Appendix refer to two structures (the Clapper bridge and the lychgate at Scopwick graveyard). NKDC suggest that there are actually three structures involved. Which is correct?

The Parish Council is seeking to designate both the Lychgate in Vicarage Lane and the Clapper Bridge opposite the church as assets to be included in the list. The wording in Policy 11 is erroneous. The reference to three structures by NKDC seems to relate to the Regulation 14 consultation response. You will note from the Regulation 16 response from NKDC that the reference to three structures is not retained as it was subsequently clarified (and the plan amended) so that it is clear that there are now only two structures proposed for adding to the list.

2b) More generally, am I correct in saying that the inclusion in Policy 11 of additions to the local list is effectively an advocacy stance at this stage, since there is no certainty just yet about whether they would meet the usual criteria for inclusion?

From reviewing the proposed structures, it appears as though both meet the criteria for inclusion on the list, but as yet, this addition has not been made. The intention is that these will be added to the list once the Neighbourhood Plan is made.