



**Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2012-2036
Examination**

**MATTER 15: Green Wedges, Open Space and Green
Infrastructure
Issue 15a, Question 4**

Written Statement

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Q4. What is the justification for the Green Wedges identified on the Policies Map (Inset Map 1 – Lincoln) including Anglian Water’s Recycling Centres at Lincoln, Waddington and South Hykeham? How does Policy LP22 respond and relate to existing, established premises? Does it allow for the sustainable consolidation or expansion of such operations? Is it effective in this regard?

There are existing water recycling centres (Canwick, North Hykeham and South Hykeham) in the ownership of Anglian Water located within the proposed green wedge as identified on inset map 1 (City of Lincoln) of the submitted Local Plan. As set out in our original consultation response we have concerns that the operation of the water recycling centres would be constrained by the inclusion of these sites in the green wedge policy designation.

Following the submission of the Local Plan we have had further discussions with the Joint Committee relating to this issue. We have agreed that additional supporting text should be included in the Local Plan relating to what is considered to be essential development within the green wedge for the purposes of Policy LP22. The proposed text includes reference to development proposed by Anglian Water within the green wedge.

It is therefore suggested that additional wording to follow paragraph 5.7.3 should be included in the Local Plan as follows:

“5.7.4 There are various existing ‘non-open space’ uses within the Green Wedges. Such uses should not develop in a way which harms the role and function of the Green Wedge within which they are situated. Acceptable development proposals within a Green Wedge may include agricultural and forestry related development, green space, sport and recreation land uses, re-use of rural buildings and minor extensions or alterations to existing dwellings, provided they do not adversely affect the overall character of the Green Wedge and meet the terms of other relevant Local Plan policies. Essential development, such as required by a public or private utility to fulfil their statutory obligations, or the provision of strategic transport infrastructure, will be acceptable provided other relevant Local Plan policies are satisfied”.