

Response to Central Lincolnshire Local Plan

Riseholme Parish Council

Matter 3

Issue 3b Settlement Hierarchy Policy LP2

Q 7. How have the 'Small Villages' been distinguished from 'Hamlets and Countryside'? What is the rationale behind this? For example, the *Central Lincolnshire Settlement Hierarchy and Growth Distribution Study*⁴ identifies that some small villages have no convenience store, primary school or employment and are not within 2km of a strategic employment area or 5km of a key service centre, yet 10% growth is proposed compared to none in hamlets? Is this justified?

Q20. What is the justification for the maximum 10-15% growth levels identified for tier 5-6 settlements in Policy LP4? For example, is the aim of the policy to help ensure that development is focused in locations which are sustainable and/or to protect the character of villages and the surrounding countryside? Should the aim of the policy be clearly set out in the Local Plan? Will the policy be effective in achieving its aims?

Q21. What evidence is there to justify higher 15% growth rates in some villages in Policy LP4?

Q22. If Policy LP4 establishes that in principle, tier 5 and 6 villages will be permitted to grow by 10%, why are certain villages listed in the Table with a growth level of 10% alongside those permitted to expand by 15%?

Reply

We would seek to respond to all these questions in one answer.

RPC have none of the facilities as stated above in question 7 nor are within the 2km consideration or arguably 5Km requirements. However, RPC are happy to accept their designation as a small village and accept 15% and not the 10% recommended growth. However, no further growth allocation is considered appropriate or justified by the parish this is identified in the recent Neighbourhood Plan. (Q27).

Issue 3f Growth in Villages Policy LP4

Q31. Policy LP2 states that medium villages will accommodate a 'limited amount of development' and small villages 'small scale development' unless "...otherwise promoted via a neighbourhood plan..." Is this consistent with paragraph 184 of the Framework which requires neighbourhood plans to be in general conformity with, and reflect the strategic policies of the Local Plan?

Q32. Does the Committee have a list of Parish Council's currently preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and confirmation of those that have been made? Do any of these include proposals for housing and if so, how do they relate to the policies in the Local Plan?

Reply

RPC have produced a Neighbourhood Plan which accepts their 15% housing growth and has been accepted by the Inspector as compliant with NPPF 184 and the Local Plan. It is entirely in agreement with paragraph 184 of the NPPF.

Issue 3g – Category 5 and 6 Villages – Policy LP4

Q36. Is the proposed level of growth for each of the category 5 and 6 villages appropriate and justified having regard to their size, role, function and accessibility to employment, services and facilities?

Reply

RPC confirm that the proposed level for growth is justified having regard to the above criteria.