

Response to Central Lincolnshire Local Plan

Riseholme Parish Council

Matter 9

Issue 9a – Lincoln

Q3. Policy LP32 supports higher and further education establishments in the City, but what about any located elsewhere? How are they considered in the Local Plan?

Reply

LP32 supports ongoing development of higher and further education establishments in the City and in particular supports the University of Lincoln's Masterplan on the Brayford Pool.

RPC are only aware of one establishment outside the City providing Higher Education and that facility is at Riseholme Campus.

RPC are only aware of Further Education facilities outside the City which are affiliated to schools apart from that located at Riseholme Campus.

Therefore, it seems unnecessary to extend the parameters of LP32 outside the City boundary. Development of higher and further educational institutions within the City have their own particular requirements which are met by LP32.

However, development of higher and further educational facilities outside the City namely at Riseholme Campus have a completely different set of planning considerations which are particular to that site.

Development at Riseholme is covered by way of other policies in this Local Plan. Inter alia it is designated entirely appropriately as a Green Wedge Policy LP22. The site is identified as a Historic Park and Garden by English Heritage and has listed buildings Policy LP25 applies. It falls within LP2 as a small village.

Any extension of LP32 would be potentially in direct conflict with the other policies of the Local Plan.

This direct conflict is evidenced by the University of Lincoln in their response as they look to removing these policy protections from Riseholme in order to facilitate their housing development on this site. (by way of example para 3.3 and, 3.21 response dated May2016). They suggest an extension to the current LP32.

The University in their response dated May 2016 have confused these two issues. One is the development of specific education targets at Riseholme Campus by way of Agri- Tech expansion and development, the second is housing development on the Riseholme Campus. These two applications are very different and different planning considerations apply to each type of application.

The only link that the University have sought to make is that of capital receipt. The financial gain from the housing development would fund the education development. This is not a material planning consideration when looking at developing housing on Riseholme Campus.

This confusion would be exacerbated by extending policy LP32 outside the City limits when other policies are available and applicable when considering a housing application at Riseholme Campus.

Further, how would an extension in relation to Riseholme Campus be justified in isolation when there are other similar institutions albeit affiliated to schools.

RPC are of the view that any amendment to LP32 to extend its ambit outside the City is unnecessary and counter productive. Other more pertinent policies apply to those areas.