

Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2012-2036 Examination

MATTER 13: Design and the Natural Environment
Issue 13d, Questions 11, 12 and 13

Statement of Common Ground between:

Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee
Environment Agency
Anglian Water

October 2016

Introduction

This is a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) between the following parties:

- The Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee ('the Committee')
- The Environment Agency and
- Anglian Water

The SoCG has been prepared in relation to Questions 11, 12 and 13 of Matter 13.

The Statement sets out the confirmed points of agreement between the Committee, the Environment Agency and Anglian Water on matters relating to the setting of higher water efficiency standards in the submitted Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2012-2036, which will assist the Inspector during the examination of the Plan.

The Areas of Common Ground

The Committee, the Environment Agency and Anglian Water have worked together closely over the development of emerging Local Plan policies and relevant supporting evidence including the Central Lincolnshire Water Cycle Studies (2010) and Update (2016).

All parties acknowledge that Central Lincolnshire lies within the East of England area of serious water stress as identified by the "Water Stressed Areas – Final Classification" report (2013) where drought is a cause for concern. It is also agreed that this requires the careful conservation and management of water resources to ensure that meeting the demand for water across the whole area can be achieved in a sustainable manner. It is also acknowledged that planned growth in homes, jobs, services and facilities in the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan to meet evidenced need as well as growth that does not require planning permission poses a particular challenge.

The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan also reflects the aims and objectives of other important strategies that affect Central Lincolnshire's future, ensuring that they are as closely aligned as possible and that strategies support each other. The Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership (GLLEP), within their Strategic Economic Plan, identify water management as a strategic priority. In their Water Management Plan they have a stated aim 'for water management across Greater Lincolnshire to act as an incentive to investment for the GLLEP's priority industries and for effective water management to be a positive contributor to economic growth'. They have identified the delivery of water efficiency measures through housing growth as a priority in order to address future water resource issues, and to support an increased need for both housing and employment growth, particularly prudent within sectors where water is a key and significant requirement e.g. agri food.

The Central Lincolnshire Water Cycle Study work undertaken in 2010 stated that Lincoln was projected to have a deficit in water resources by 2036-37. To overcome the forecast deficit a number of solutions were proposed by Anglian Water as part of their Water Resources Management Plan (2015) to ensure that future development would not be significantly constrained by a lack of sufficient water supply. Along with the new £44m water treatment works near Newton-on-Trent that started supplying water to the Lincoln area in 2014, Anglian Water also intended to manage the demand for water through leakage control, household metering and water efficiency.

To meet anticipated future demands and meet growth aspirations across the entire Central Lincolnshire area for all uses, including those that do not require planning permission, it is agreed that all water management measures need to be pursued.

The Preliminary Draft version and Further Draft version of the Local Plan included a requirement for developers to demonstrate how efforts had been made by them to maximise the efficient use of water, including water storage and harvesting wherever practical. However, following further discussions with the Environment Agency and Anglian Water, it was agreed that in order to reflect and support Anglian Water's Resources Management Plan (2015), the GLLEP Strategic Economic

Plan (2014) and its supporting Water Management Plan and provide clearer, less ambiguous guidance to developers, the policy in the Proposed Submission Local Plan should clearly include the standard of 110 litres per person per day.

In considering the introduction of the specific standard, regard has been had to the Housing Standards Review Cost Impact report prepared for DCLG by EC Harris, Appendix A5 (2014) which advises that the cost of introducing the standard would be between £6-£9 per dwelling.



https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/353387/021c_Cost_Report_11th_Sept_2014_FINAL.pdf

All parties of this SoCG therefore consider that the addition of the optional higher water efficiency standard and associated cost will not make the Plan unviable.

Conclusion/ Any Suggested Modification

The signatories of this SoCG agree that there is a need for and support the inclusion of the 110 litres per person per day standard in the Submission Draft Local Plan policy and do not consider any Modifications are necessary in respect of the issues raised in this SoCG.

Signatures

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