

PRELIMINARY CENTRAL LINCOLNSHIRE SETTLEMENT HIERARCHY STUDY

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. A settlement hierarchy ranks settlements according to their size and their range of services and facilities. When coupled with an understanding of the possible capacity for growth, this enables decisions to be taken about the most appropriate planning strategy for each settlement.
- 1.2. One of the primary aims of establishing a settlement hierarchy is to promote sustainable communities by bringing housing, jobs and services closer together in an attempt to maintain and promote the viability of local facilities and reduce the need to travel to services and facilities elsewhere. A settlement hierarchy policy can help to achieve this by concentrating housing growth in those settlements that already have a range of services (as long as there is capacity for growth), and restricting it in those that do not.
- 1.3. In general terms, larger settlements that have a higher population and more services and facilities are more sustainable locations for further growth. However, this may not always be the case. A larger settlement may, for example, have physical constraints that cannot be overcome and therefore restrict the scope for further development. Conversely, a smaller settlement may be well located and with few constraints, and suitable for new development on a scale that might be accompanied by the provision of new services and facilities.
- 1.4. The purpose of this study is to identify and recommend a possible settlement hierarchy for Central Lincolnshire, based primarily on an analysis of population, services and facilities in the area's settlements. It is important to note that the study itself cannot establish a settlement hierarchy as a policy tool. That is a matter for a statutory planning document – specifically, the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan.
- 1.5. Therefore, this study presents the analysis and evidence, with recommendations, to underpin the settlement hierarchy which is to be included in a policy of the Local Plan.

2. Policy Context

- 2.1. Decisions about a possible settlement hierarchy for Central Lincolnshire must take into account the national policy context as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and interpreted in the National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG).
- 2.2. The most relevant aspects of the NPPF on settlement strategy matters includes:
 - The Core Principle that planning should actively manage patterns of growth to make the fullest possible use of public transport, walking and cycling, and focus significant development in locations which are or can be made sustainable (para 17)
 - To promote sustainable development in rural areas, housing should be located where it will enhance or maintain the vitality of rural communities (para 55)
 - Local planning authorities should avoid new isolated homes in the countryside unless there are special circumstances (examples given in NPPF) (para 55)
- 2.3. The NPPG states:

“Assessing housing need and allocating sites should be considered at a strategic level and through the Local Plan and/or neighbourhood plan process. However, all settlements can play a role in delivering sustainable development in rural areas – and so blanket policies restricting housing development in some settlements and preventing other settlements from expanding should be avoided unless their use can be supported by robust evidence.” (Ref ID 50-001-20140306)

3. Methodology

- 3.1. The process, in simple terms, for identifying a settlement hierarchy for Central Lincolnshire is as follows:
 1. Identify the settlements in Central Lincolnshire
 2. Determine the settlement categories within the hierarchy
 3. Identify the criteria to be used in allocating each settlement into one of the categories
 4. Apply the criteria to each settlement using published data and other relevant sources of information, including a survey of Parish Councils requesting services and facilities information. The high number of settlements in Central Lincolnshire prevents comprehensive on-site survey work taking place, but all attempts will be made to verify results.

4. Central Lincolnshire’s Settlements

- 4.1. There are more than 400 settlements and small collections of dwellings that have been identified within Central Lincolnshire for consideration within the settlement hierarchy. The principal settlement is the city of Lincoln, which together with the neighbouring town of North Hykeham, has by far the largest (population 110,000) and provides a regional role, followed by the market towns of Gainsborough (population 18,500) and Sleaford (population 15,600), both of which are important centres for the surrounding rural areas, providing employment opportunities, retail and other services.
- 4.2. These three settlements stand out as having clearly defined roles within Central Lincolnshire. Outside of these the roles of the area’s towns and villages are less well-defined.

5. The Settlement Categories

- 5.1. The top two tiers within the hierarchy are ‘Lincoln Area’ (comprising the Lincoln, North Hykeham, Waddington Lower Field and South Hykeham Fosseyway together with, in time, any identified villages near to Lincoln which are identified to accommodate some of Lincoln’s growth) and ‘Main Towns’, referring to size and levels of services and facilities on offer in these locations.
- 5.2. As the basic vision for Central Lincolnshire is one of sustainable growth, it is suggested that other smaller towns and the largest villages, which provide a key service centre function for the surrounding area, should fall into a category of settlement that identifies these as Small Towns and Growth Villages.
- 5.3. The Appendix contains details of all the places in Central Lincolnshire that might warrant consideration as villages, and it is clear that there is a considerable range in

the size of villages and the services and facilities that they possess. This suggests that a single tier beneath Growth Villages would be inappropriate. It is therefore proposed that there should be a category of 'Villages identified for Limited Growth' for villages which contain some services and facilities, but not enough for the village to qualify for inclusion as a growth village.

- 5.4. Small villages with very few services and facilities should fall into the next category of the hierarchy, 'Small Villages'.
- 5.5. All other hamlets and collections of dwellings, with a population of less than 50, that do not fall within any of the five above categories should be regarded as being part of the 'Countryside'. These are identified in the Appendix.
- 5.6. Therefore, in summary, it is proposed that there should be six levels to the Central Lincolnshire settlement hierarchy, as follows:

Settlement Category	Description
1. Lincoln Area	Largest urban area with a regionally significant service centre role providing employment, retail, and other facilities, and a key role in driving growth in Central Lincolnshire PLUS surrounding large villages that support the role of Lincoln.
2. Main Towns	Large towns providing employment, retail, and other facilities for a wide area.
3. Small Towns and Growth Villages	Small towns providing employment, some retail, and key services and facilities for the local area PLUS Large villages which act as key service centres for the surrounding rural area by virtue of the range of services and facilities they possess
4. Limited Growth Villages	Villages which benefit from a modest range of services and facilities.
5. Small Villages	Small villages with few, if any, services and facilities
6. Countryside	Development elsewhere (i.e. in an area not falling into one of the above categories)

6. The Criteria

- 6.1. The purpose of this section of the study is to identify and present the criteria to be used in assigning each settlement into a category within the hierarchy. This section excludes Lincoln, Gainsborough and Sleaford, as these three settlements quite apparently fall within the top two levels of the hierarchy, and no further detailed appraisal is necessary. The focus of this section is, therefore, all other settlements.

- 6.2. The starting point for any analysis is the size of the settlement, as expressed by its population. Therefore the first criterion is the most up-to-date population estimate for the settlement. Population data has been sourced from the Lincolnshire County Council Research Group which has provided estimates for each settlement based on Census 2011 figures.
- 6.3. For facilities and services, the selection criteria are the presence of a post office facility (not necessarily a separate post office), a convenience shop, public house or social club, library/mobile library, place of worship, village/church hall, doctor's surgery and primary school.
- 6.4. If there is a facility such as a shop, school or doctor's surgery in a village, there will be some employment, but it is important to consider additional employment opportunities as a separate criterion, as the presence of employment offers the potential for more sustainable patterns of development. In this respect an indication of the scale of employment opportunities has been provided making use of non domestic rates data.
- 6.5. For accessibility, the criteria to be used relate to access to secondary schooling, scheduled bus frequency and the presence of a railway station.
- 6.6. In respect of secondary schools, settlements have been rated according to distance, with a score of 2 given where the settlement includes a secondary school and a score of 1 where the nearest secondary school is within 5 road miles. For bus frequency, villages have been awarded a rating score in accordance with the following table:

Score	Frequency*
5	Hourly or more frequently between 0900-2100, starts before 0800, finishes after 2100
4	Hourly or more frequently between 0900-2100, starts before 0800, finishes before/ at 2100
3	Hourly or more frequently between 0900-2100
2	Daily service - less than hourly between 0900-2100
1	Weekly service

* Only scheduled services have been assessed. CallConnect services have not been taken into account (see para 6.7)

- 6.7. It is important to note that the routes and frequency of bus services can change at any point in time and there is no guarantee that a rating that exists at one point in time will always be the case. For this reason, the current ratings should be treated only as a guide to accessibility, and they should not be used as an absolute criterion. In those areas of Central Lincolnshire where there are no frequent scheduled bus services, a demand responsive service, 'CallConnect' operates.
- 6.8. There are five villages with railway stations. Saxilby, Metheringham and Ruskington are on the Peterborough to Doncaster line providing regular connections to both Lincoln and Sleaford. Swinderby is on the Lincoln to Leicester line and has trains regularly stopping there. Heckington also has a regular train service stopping at the village, linking it to Nottingham and Skegness, with connections via Sleaford to Lincoln. The presence of a railway station with a regular service could be a significant factor in considering where in the hierarchy a village should sit where other services and facilities are lacking.

- 6.9. A survey of Parish Councils has highlighted the presence of additional services and facilities at a number of villages over and above those identified as the criteria for establishing the position of a settlement in a hierarchy. Consideration has been given to whether these might also contribute as a measure of a village's possible position in a hierarchy, however the presence and quality of open spaces and play spaces, for example, are considered to be of less significance than the criteria identified above and could unduly influence the outcome if given weight.
- 6.10. Having established the basic criteria, it is now necessary to determine which ones are required to be met in order for a village to be assigned into the most appropriate category in the hierarchy.
- 6.11. **Lincoln Area:** In addition to the City of Lincoln, North Hykeham, Waddington Lower Field and South Hykeham Fosseyway, the Lincoln Area includes the larger surrounding settlements of 1,500 or more population, within a suggested 7 miles (maximum) of the city centre, which rely upon Lincoln for much of their employment and service needs. These settlements must, however, possess a reasonable range of facilities and services, with at least some (small) range of shops. Therefore, they should have a daily post office facility, at least one convenience shop and some other shop or takeaway/restaurant, a primary school, a doctor's surgery and some degree of employment base. These are the minimum requirements which should be expected for a village to be placed into this category, and if there are additional services and facilities, they will all help to improve its sustainability credentials.
- 6.12. **Small Towns and Growth Villages:** Such settlements need to be one of the small towns and larger villages located beyond around 7 miles of the Lincoln city centre, with a recommended population of 1,500 or more. As it must act as a service centre for its rural hinterland, it must possess all of the basic facilities and services, with at least some (small) range of shops. Therefore, it should have a daily post office facility, at least one convenience shop and some other shop or takeaway/restaurant, a primary school, a doctor's surgery and some employment base. These are the minimum requirements which should be expected for a village to be placed into this category, and if there are additional services and facilities, they will all help to improve its sustainability credentials.
- 6.13. **Limited Growth Villages:** A 'Limited Growth Village' cannot be small in population terms, and could reasonably be expected to have at least 750 residents. Since it must have a basic range of facilities and services, it is suggested that the additional qualifying criteria should be the presence of at least one convenience shop, a primary school and some source of local employment.
- 6.14. **Small Villages:** A 'Small Village' will be one that fails to meet the qualifying criteria for any of the above categories. It may possess some facilities or benefit from a service (including for example, public transport), but the absence of a range of the most important facilities will render it the least sustainable type of settlement to accept development on any significant scale.
- 6.15. In concluding this section, it is worth emphasising that the criteria are based around the characteristics and assets of a village. They do not take into account any constraints to development. It does not necessarily follow that the amount of new development which could or should be accommodated in and around a village will

correspond precisely to its position in the hierarchy, as levels of development are likely to be determined by a number of other factors such as the overall strategic policy and direction of growth, developer interest, the availability of sites and the presence of constraints to development. See also commentary at section 8.

7. Applying the Criteria

- 7.1. Information for each of the criteria was gathered from a number of sources including internal databases, Census material, a survey of parish councils (early 2014), the 2012 Central Lincolnshire City and Town Centres Study, and various internet sites.
- 7.2. The Appendix to this Study sets out the services and facilities information collected for each of the settlements, including for hamlets and other collections of dwellings with a population of less than 50.
- 7.3. **Lincoln Area Villages:** Analysis of the data in the Appendix suggests 12 settlements which qualify as Lincoln Growth Villages, when assessed against the criteria identified in paragraph 6.11. These are:

Bracebridge Heath	Saxilby
Branston	Skellingthorpe
Cherry Willingham	Waddington (village)
Dunholme	Washingborough
Heighington	Welton
Nettleham	Witham St Hugh's

- 7.4. Each one has a population in excess of 1,500 together with all the facilities and services necessary for a Lincoln Area Village. In addition, all of these villages have some form of employment base. They also each have regular (an hour or more frequently) bus services that start before 8 a.m., although a late evening return (after 9 p.m.) is not possible apart from Saxilby, which additionally has a regular rail service into Lincoln and elsewhere. Each also has a pharmacy and Branston, Cherry Willingham and Welton have secondary schools in addition to one or more primary school. Access to a secondary school for Saxilby students is, however, more than 5 miles away by road.
- 7.5. **Small Towns and Growth Villages:** There are 11 settlements that can be identified as Small Towns Growth Villages, when assessed against the criteria in paragraph 6.12. These are:

Bardney	Middle Rasen
Billinghay	Metheringham
Caistor	Navenby
Heckington	Ruskington
Keelby	Scotter*
Market Rasen	

- 7.6. Middle Rasen aside for now, each one has a population in excess of around 1,500 together with, apart from Navenby, all the facilities and services necessary for this tier within the hierarchy. Navenby does not possess a post office, however such a daily service is available at the immediately adjacent village of Wellingore. In addition, all of these villages have some form of employment base. They also each have daily bus

services, some more frequent than others, however Market Rasen, Heckington, Metheringham and Ruskington additionally benefit from regular rail services. All but Keelby has a pharmacy and Ruskington and Caistor have secondary schools, two in Caistor's case. Access to a secondary school for Bardney students is, however, more than 5 miles away by road.

- 7.7. Middle Rasen does not necessarily meet the criteria to fall in this category. However, due to its geographical closeness to Market Rasen (and thus access to good range of Market Rasen facilities), it is appropriate to include the settlement in this level of the hierarchy.

**For Scotter, please see section 8 of the report as to why on a 'policy-off' approach, it is included in this category, but in terms of the Local Plan 'policy-on' approach it is proposed to be included in the lower category of 'Villages identified for Limited Growth'.*

- 7.8. **Limited Growth Villages:** From the Appendix, it can be seen that 14 settlements meet the criteria for Limited Growth Village classification. These are:

Bassingham	Martin
Blyton	Morton
Fiskerton	Quarrington
Helpringham	RAF Scampton
Hemswell Cliff	Reepham
Ingham	Scothern
Leasingham	Sturton By Stow

- 7.9. Apart from Martin, each one has a population in excess of 750, together with the facilities and services identified in paragraph 6.13. In addition Bassingham, Hemswell Cliff, Ingham and Sturton by Stow each benefit from a doctor's surgery. All of these villages apart from Hemswell Cliff have at least one public house/social club and all have daily bus services, although the regularity differs. Whilst Martin only has a population of 645 as it has each of the other qualifying requirements it has been included in this category. RAF Scampton refers to former Base housing now available to civilians to occupy. This area also includes a primary school and convenience store.

- 7.10. **Small Villages:** The 175 villages that qualify as Small Villages are:

Aisthorpe	Great Limber	Rowston
Anwick	Greetwell	Scampton
Apley	Greylees	Scopwick
Ashby de la Launde	Hackthorn	Scotter Common
Aubourn	Harmston	Scotterthorpe
Aunsby	Harpswell	Scotton
Beckingham	Heapham	Scredington
Bigby	Heckington Fen	Searby
Bishop Norton	Hemswell	Silk Willoughby
Blankney	Holdingham	Snarford
Blankney Fen	Holton cum Beckering	Snelland
Bleasby Moor	Holton le Moor	Snitterby
Blyborough	Ingleby	Somerby
Blyton Carr	Kettlethorpe	South Carlton

Boothby Graffoe	Kexby	South Hykeham
Brampton	Kirkby	South Kelsey
Branston Booths	Kirkby Green	South Kyme
Brant Broughton	Kirkby La Thorpe	South Rauceby
Brattleby	Knaith	Southrey
Broadholme	Knaith Park	Spridlington
Brocklesby	Langworth	Springthorpe
Brookenby	Laughterton	Stainfield
Broxholme	Laughton	Stainton By Langworth
Burton	Lea	Stapleford
Burton Pedwardine	Leadenham	Stow
Burton Waters	Legsby	Stragglethorpe
Cabourne	Linwood	Sudbrooke
Caenby	Lissington	Susworth
Cammeringham	Little Hale	Swallow
Canwick	Martin Dales	Swarby
Carlton le Moorland	Marton	Swaton
Chapel Hill	Moortown	Swinderby
Claxby	Nettleton	Swinhope
Coleby	New Toft	Tattershall Bridge
Corringham	Newton	Tealby
Cranwell	Newton On Trent	The Elms
Culverthorpe	Nocton	Thoresway
Digby	Normanby By Spital	Thorpe On The Hill
Doddington	Normanby Le Wold	Threekingham
Dorrington	North Carlton	Thurlby
Dunston	North Greetwell	Timberland
Eagle	North Kelsey	Torksey
Eagle Moor	North Kelsey Moor	Torksey Lock
East Ferry	North Kyme	Upton
East Heckington	North Owersby	Waddingham
East Stockwith	North Rauceby	Walcot
Evedon	North Scarle	Walcott
Ewerby	North Willingham	Walesby
Faldingworth	Northorpe	Walkerwith
Fenton	Norton Disney	Welbourn
Fillingham	Osbournby	Wellingore
Friesthorpe	Osgodby	West Rasen
Glentham	Owmbly	Whisby
Glentworth	Owmbly By Spital	Wickenby
Goltho	Potterhanworth	Wildsworth
Grasby	Riby	Willingham By Stow
Grayingham	Riseholme	Willoughton
Great Hale	Rothwell	Wilsford
		Wrawby

8. Policy and ‘Localism’ Aspirations

- 8.1. The recommendations of Section 7 are based on a factual assessment of settlements against a range of criteria. It is entirely reasonable for a Council to take the above recommendations as a starting point and if, as a matter of policy or strategy, the Council wants to actively promote/restrict development in certain settlements, it can do so by moving them higher/lower in the hierarchy. This is described as a ‘policy-on’ hierarchy, rather than a ‘policy-off’ hierarchy as set out in this report.
- 8.2. At this stage of plan preparation (Preliminary Draft 2014), the plan consultation is on a ‘policy-off’ version of the hierarchy, though the consultation includes questions on this approach which will help determine a ‘policy-on’ hierarchy, which will subsequently be used in the next draft local plan for consultation. For example, the consultation aims to identify which, if any, of the villages identified in the Lincoln Area (or potentially a brand new settlement) should be awarded significant growth targets as part of meeting the housing requirements for Lincoln. Through the consultation process, other settlements may also be identified for greater or lower levels of growth than suggested by its level in the ‘policy off’ hierarchy as set out in this current version of the Settlement Hierarchy Study.
- 8.3. There is one exception to the above approach which has been taken at this current stage of the Study preparation. This exception relates to the settlement of Scotter, which is situated in the north-west of West Lindsey and is just over 1km from the boundary with North Lincolnshire and 6km from the town of Scunthorpe. The authorities believe that it is appropriate, as a ‘policy on’ approach in the Local Plan, to place Scotter one place lower in the hierarchy than is otherwise indicated by a ‘policy-off’ settlement hierarchy.

9. Next steps

- 9.1. This report is to help inform discussions and comments on the Preliminary Draft Local Plan, consultation on which is scheduled for October-November 2014. We welcome any views on this report, especially any correction of errors.
- 9.2. An update of this report will be published alongside the next draft local plan due in mid 2015.

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Important Note: the following tables are set out as a 'policy-off' settlement hierarchy (i.e. with no adjustments made to reflect a 'policy-on' approach)

APPENDIX NOTES

Population	Source: Lincolnshire County Council
Post Office	YY = open on at least 5 days per week Y = open on less than 5 days per week M = mobile A settlement is identified as having a Post Office even if it is combined within a Convenience Store or other facility. Source: Post Office website
Convenience Store	Only 'convenience' stores are included, e.g. food shops, newsagents, etc Sources: Central Lincolnshire City and Town Centres Study 2012, non-domestic rates data, various websites, e.g. Spar, Lincolnshire Co-op
Other Shop / Retail Service	Source: Central Lincolnshire City and Town Centres Study 2012, non-domestic rates data
Bank / Building Society	Source: Central Lincolnshire City and Town Centres Study 2012, non-domestic rates data
Takeaway/Restaurant	Source: non-domestic rates data
Public House/Social Club	Source: non-domestic rates data
Pharmacy	Source: NHS website
Doctors Surgery	Source: NHS website
Dentist	Source: NHS website
Library	Y means "yes"
Mobile Library	Y means "yes"
Place of Worship	Source: GIS mapping
Village/ Church Hall	Source: local authority democratic services information
Primary School	Source: Lincolnshire County Council website
Secondary School	Source: Lincolnshire County Council website
Access to Secondary School	A score of '1' indicates that the nearest secondary school is within 5 road miles of the centre of the village. Source: Lincolnshire County Council website, GIS mapping
Bus Route frequency	The method for awarding scores in the 'Bus Frequency' column appears in paragraph 6.6
Railway Station	Y means "yes"
Employment	y = minimal sources of employment Y = modest sources of employment YY = moderate sources of employment YYY = more substantial sources of employment Source: non domestic rates data was used as the basis to provide an indication of the numbers of businesses, etc, within the locality, which could provide employment opportunities.

Lincoln Growth Villages

Settlement	Population	Post Office	Convenience Store	Other Shop / Retail Service	Bank/ Building Society	Takeaway/Restaurant	Public House/Social Club	Pharmacy	Doctors Surgery	Dentist	Library	Mobile Library	Place of Worship	Village/ Church Hall	Primary School	Secondary School	Access to Secondary School	Bus Route frequency	Railway Station	Employment
Bracebridge Heath	5705	YY	2	3			3	1	1		Y	Y		1	1		1	4		YYY
Branston	3824	YY	2			2	2	1	2		Y		1	2	1	1	1	4		YYY
Cherry Willingham	3399	YY	3	1		3	2	1			Y		1	2	1	1	1	4		YY
Dunholme	1908	YY	2				1				Y		1	1	1		1	4		YY
Heighington	2855	YY	1				2				Y	Y	1	3	1		1	4		YY
Nettleham	3433	YY	3	6	1	1	3	1	1		Y	Y	1		1		1	4		YYY
Saxilby	3905	YY	3	4		3	2	1	2		Y		1	2	1			3	Y	YYY
Skellingthorpe	3457	YY	2				2	1	1		Y	Y	2	1	2		1	4		YYY
Waddington	6097	YY	2				3	1	1		Y	Y	1	1	2		1	4		YYY
Washingborough	3381	YY	1				3	1	1		Y	Y	1	2	1		1	4		YYY
Welton	4319	YY	2				2	1	1		Y	Y	1	1	1	1	1	4		YYY
Witham St Hughs	2256		1			2		1				Y		2	1			4		Y

Small Towns and Growth Villages

Settlement	Population	Post Office	Convenience Store	Other Shop / Retail Service	Bank/ Building Society	Takeaway / Restaurant	Public House / Social Club	Pharmacy	Doctors Surgery	Dentist	Library	Mobile Library	Place of Worship	Village/ Church Hall	Primary School	Secondary School	Access to Secondary School	Bus Route frequency	Railway Station	Employment
Bardney	1613	YY	2	3			3	1	1			Y	3	2	1			2		YY Y
Billinghay	2176	YY	1		1		3		1			Y	1		1		1	2		YY Y
Caistor	2666	YY	4	8	2	7	1	1	1		Y		2	1	1	2	2	2		YY Y
Heckington	3163	YY	3	6	1	3	2	1	1				1	1	1		1	3	Y	YY Y
Keelby	2003	YY	2	2		1	1		1		Y	Y		2	1		1	4		YY
Market Rasen	4296	YY	10	40	8	11	6	1	1	1	Y		1	1	1	1	2	4	Y	YY Y
Metheringham	3584	YY	4	5		2	3	1	2		Y		2	3	1		1	2	Y	YY Y
Middle Rasen	1480	YY	1				1					Y	2	3	1		1	4		Y

Navenby	2146	*	3	8		5	2	1	1		Y	1	3	1		1	4		YY Y
Ruskington	5601	YY	7	17		7	1	1	1		Y	4	3	2	1	2	2	Y	YY Y
Scotter	2833	YY	3	5		4	2	1	1		Y	Y	2	1		1	4		YY

* Post Office at Wellingore within one mile of centre of Navenby

Limited Growth Villages

Settlement	Population	Post Office	Convenience Store	Other Shop / Retail Services	Bank/ Building Society	Takeaway / Restaurant	Public House / Social Club	Pharmacy	Doctors Surgery	Dentist	Library	Mobile Library	Place of Worship	Village/ Church Hall	Primary School	Secondary School	Access to Secondary School	Bus Route frequency	Railway Station	Employment
Bassingham	1440	YY	1				3		1			Y	1	1	1		1	2		YY
Blyton	1223	Y				1	3					Y	1	1	1		1	4		YY
Fiskerton	1211	Y	1				2					Y	1		1		1	4		YY
Helpringham	898	YY	1			1	1					Y	1	1	1			3		YY
Hemswell Cliff	769	Y	1						1			Y			1			2		YYY
Ingham	910	YY	1				3		1			Y	1		1			2		YY
Leasingham	1531	YY	1				1					Y	1	1	1		1	2		YY

Martin	645	YY	1				1		1			Y	1	1	1		1	4		YY
Morton	1312		1				2					Y	1		2		1	4		YY
Quarrington	1190		1										1				1	3		y
RAF Scampton	1098	Y	1												1					y
Reepham	855	YY	1				1					Y	2	1	1		1	4		Y
Scothern	851		1				1					Y	2	1	1		1	4		Y
Sturton By Stow	1344	Y	1				2		2			Y	1	1	1			4		YY

Small Villages

Settlement	Population	Post Office	Convenience Store	Other Shop / Retail Service	Bank/ Building Society	Takeaway / Restaurant	Public House / Social Club	Pharmacy	Doctors Surgery	Dentist	Library	Mobile Library	Place of Worship	Village/ Church Hall	Primary School	Secondary School	Access to Secondary School	Bus Route frequency	Railway Station	Employment
Aisthorpe	101												1				1	2		y
Anwick	372	Y (M)											2	1			1			Y
Apley	56						1					Y	1				1			
Ashby de la Launde	799												1		1		1	2		y
Aubourn	278		1				1					Y	1	1			1	2		YY
Aunsby	83											Y	1							y

Beckingham	335		1								Y		1			1	2		y
Bigby	313												1			1			
Bishop Norton	258	Y									Y		1			1	2		y
Blankney	105											1	1				2		Y
Blankney Fen	69																		
Bleasby Moor	65																		y
Blyborough	117											1				1	2		y

Small Villages (cont)

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Blyton Carr	55																			y
Boothby Graffoe	219												1				1	4		y
Brampton	66																1			
Branston Booths	170																1			y
Brant Broughton	701	Y					1		1			Y		1	1		1	2		YY
Brattleby	111												1				1	2		
Broadholme	92																1			y
Brocklesby	69																1			y

Brookenby	625											Y	1	1						y
Broxholme	68															1				
Burton	185												1				1	2		Y
Burton Pedwardine	113												1				1	2		y
Burton Waters	440																			y
Cabourne	60												1				1	2		
Caenby	58																			y

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Cammeringham	117											Y	1				1			
Canwick	306						1					Y	1	1			1			y
Carlton le Moorland	503	Y					1					Y	1	1						Y
Chapel Hill	133											Y					1			y
Claxby	120											Y	1	1			1	1		y
Coleby	405						2					Y	1	1	1		1	4		y
Corringham	429	Y					1					Y	1	1	1		1	2		Y
Cranwell	TBC		1									Y	1	1	1		1	2		Y

Culverthorpe	60														1			y
Digby	598		1				1				Y	1	1	1	1	2		Y
Doddington	135		1								Y	1			1			Y
Dorrington	312						1				Y	1			1	2		Y
Dunston	683	Y					2				Y	2	1	1	1	3		Y
Eagle	549	YY					1				Y	1	1	1	1			Y
Eagle Moor	136																	

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East Ferry	100																1			
East Heckington	141																			Y
East Stockwith	239											Y	1				1			y
Evedon	91												1				1			
Ewerby	302						1						1	1			1			Y
Faldingworth	423	Y					1					Y	1		1		1	4		Y
Fenton	274						2					Y					1	2		y
Fillingham	242											Y	1							y

Friesthorpe	64											1			1			
Glentham	422	Y	1								Y	1	1			1		Y
Glentworth	328										Y	1	1			2		y
Goltho	100																	y
Grasby	464						1				Y	1	1	1		1		y
Grayingham	118										Y				1	2		y
Great Hale	734										Y	1	1			2		Y

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Great Limber	267	Y	1				1					Y	1	1	1		1	4		Y
Greetwell	159												1							y
Greylees	961																			y
Hackthorn	166											Y	1	1	1		1	1		y
Harmston	702						1					Y	1	1			1	4		y
Harpswell	58												1							Y
Heapham	102												1				1			y
Heckington Fen	83																			y

Hemswell	333	Y					1				Y	1	1				2		y
Holdingham	324															1			Y
Holton cum Beckering	185											1				1			y
Holton le Moor	141						1					1							y
Ingleby	62																		Y
Kettlethorpe	111											1	1			1			Y
Kexby	334	Y									Y		1			1	2		Y

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Kirkby	106											Y	1							
Kirkby Green	131												1				1			y
Kirkby La Thorpe	426						1						1					2		y
Knaith	75						1						1	1			1	2		y
Knaith Park	262											Y								
Langworth	437	Y					1					Y	1	1			1	2		Y
Laughterton	311	YY	1				1					Y		1			1	2		Y
Laughton	388						1					Y	2				1	4		y

Lea	945											Y	1	1			1	4		y
Leadenham	395	YY	2				1					Y	1	1	1		1	4		YY
Legsby	96												1		1		1			y
Linwood	89												1				1	2		y
Lissington	143						1						1				1	2		y
Little Hale	209													1				2		y
Martin Dales	216						1										1			Y

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Marton	669						1		1			Y	1	1	1			2		Y
Moortown	130																1	1		y
Nettleton	685		1				1					Y	1	1	1		1	4		YY
New Toft	282																			y
Newton	74						1					Y	1				1	2		y
Newton On Trent	374	YY					1					Y	1		1			2		Y
Nocton	842	Y										Y	1	1	1		1	4		y
Normanby By Spital	400	YY					1					Y			1			2		Y

Owmbly By Spital	313								1			Y					2			
Potterhanworth	797						2					Y	1	1	1		1	1		Y
Riby	132												1	1			1			
Riseholme	244												1							y
Rothwell	204						1						1	1			1			Y
Rowston	136												1							y
Scampton	137						1					Y	1		1		1	2		

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Scopwick	612						1					Y	2	1				2		Y
Scotter Common	68																			y
Scotterthorpe	69																1			
Scotton	552												1				1	4		y
Scredington	276												1				1	2		Y
Searby	163												1				1			
Silk Willoughby	299	Y										Y	1	1			1	2		Y
Snarford	62																1			

Snelland	56											Y				1	2		
Snitterby	225						1					Y		1		1	1		y
Somerby	72																		
South Carlton	98												1	1		1	2		y
South Hykeham Village	TBC											Y	1		1	1	2		y
South Kelsey	470						2						1	1		1	1		
South Kyme	387						1					Y	1	1		1	1		y

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South Rauceby	345						1							1			1	2		y
Southrey	205		1				1					Y		1				2		y
Spridlington	213												1	1			1	1		
Springthorpe	104												1	1			1	2		y
Stainfield	116																1	2		y
Stainton By Langworth	68											Y	1				1			
Stapleford	81												1					2		y
Stow	301												1					2		y

Stragglethorpe	58																1		
Sudbrooke	1725		1								Y	1	1				1	5	Y
Susworth	91																1		y
Swallow	171						1					1	1				1		y
Swarby	76											1						1	
Swaton	203											1	1				1	2	Y
Swinderby	641	Y	1				2				Y	1	1	1			1	2	Y

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Swinhope	149											Y								y
Tattershall Bridge	287											Y					1	2		Y
Tealby	554	Y	1				2		1			Y	1		1		1			Y
The Elms	479																			
Thoresway	81												1				1			
Thorpe On The Hill	522						1					Y	1	1	1		1	2		YY
Threekingham	179						1						1					1		y
Thurlby	64												1				1			

Timberland	493	YY	1				1				Y	2	1			1	2		Y
Torksey	214	YY	1				1		1		Y	1				1	2		Y
Torksey Lock	105										Y								Y
Upton	430						1				Y	1				1	2		Y
Waddingham	575	YY	1				1		1		Y	1	1	1		1	1		Y
Walcot	73											1				1	2		
Walcott	561						1				Y	1	1	1		1			Y

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Walesby	248											Y	2	1			1			y
Walkerwith	70																			
Welbourn	640	YY	1				1					Y	1	1	1		1	4		Y
Wellingore	776	YY	1				2					Y	1	1			1	1		YY
West Rasen	65												1				1			y
Whisby	149																			Y
Wickenby	216																1	2		Y
Wildsworth	89																			y

Willingham By Stow	441						2		1			Y	1	1			1	4		Y
Willoughton	338	YY					1					Y	1	1	1		1	2		Y
Wilsford	387	YY					1							1			1	2		y
Wrawby	107																			y

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Aisby	41											Y								
Anwick Fen							2					Y		1			1	4		
Asgarby	2												1							
Aswarby													1				1			y
Atterby	39																1			y
Atterby Carr	37																			
Bardney Dairies	30																			
Binbrook Technical Park	31																			YYY

Bishopbridge	15																			y
Blankney Barff	16																			
Bleasby	28																1			
Bloxholm	3											1								
Bonsdale	33																1			
Brandy Wharf	12																			
Bransby	33																			y

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Branston Fen	46												1					1		
Branston Moor	27																			
Brauncewell	28																			y
Bullington	19																			y
Buslingthorpe	14												1							
Byard's Leap	32											Y					1	2		
Caenby Corner	38													1						YY
Caythorpe	7																			

Clixby	40																1			
Coates By Stow	1																1			
Cold Hanworth	30																			y
Croxby	46																1		1	
Croxby Top	49																			
Cuxwold	34																1			
Dembleby	37																1			y

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Digby Fen	14																			
Dogdyke	39																1	1		
Dunsby St Andrews	5																			
Eagle Barnsdale	29																			
Eagle Hall	6																			
East Firsby	49																			y
East Torrington	10												1							y
Ewerby Fen	10																			

Ewerby Thorpe	11																	1			y
Fulnetby	9																				y
Gate Burton	11																				
Grange De Lings	11																				
Haceby	7																				
Haddington	36																				
Hardwick	30																				

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Howell	15												1								
Huckerby	47																				
Kelby	5											Y									
Kettleby	5																				
Kingerby	7																				y
Kingthorpe	24																				y
Kirmond Le Mire	18												1								
Laughton Warren	10																				

Laughton Wood Corner	1																			
Leasingham Moor	4																			
Limber	3																			
Little London Park	2																			
Low Apley	9																		1	
Metheringham Fen	45																		1	
New Apley	35																			

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Newball	44												1	1						y
Newton By Toft	38																1			y
Nocton Heath	3																			y
Normanby	10																			
North Gulham	46																			
North Harby	36																	2		
Orford	14																			
Owersby	6																			

Owersby Moor	43																		1				
Pilham	35																		1				y
Potterhanworth Booths	10																						
Rand	45																		1	1			YY
Reasby	6																						
Roxholm	2																						
Saxby	31																		1				y

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Scott Willoughby	6													1									
Searby Top	8																						y
Sixhills	48												1										
Snitterby Carr	29																						y
Snitterby Sandhayes	21																						
South Gulham	40																						
South Owersby	3																						
Spanby	10																						y

Spital In The Street	29																			
Stainton Le Vale	7						1													
Swallow Vale	43																			
Swinethorpe	11																			
Swinthorpe	10																			y
Temple Bruer	13												1							
The Hollow	45																			

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Thonock	33																1			y
Thorganby	25																			y
Thornton Le Moor													1							
Thorpe Le Fallows	24																			
Thorpe Tilney	15																1			
Thurlby Moor	9																			
Timberland Dales	8																			
Toft Next Newton	6																	2		

Usselby	18													1						1						
Welton Cliff	5																									
Welton Hill	29																									
West Firsby	10																									