

Note by: The Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee
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**Note Title: Housing White Paper – Implications for the Central
 Lincolnshire Draft Local Plan and Current Examination**

Context

On 7 February 2017, Government launched the Housing White Paper, together with other linked papers and reports.

On 14 February 2017, the Inspectors examining the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan asked the Committee (via the Programme Officer) *'to provide a short statement setting out its views on what, if any, implications the white paper has for the draft plan and current examination'*.

This note fulfils that request.

Committee Response

The Committee has carefully reviewed the Housing White Paper (and associated linked announcements).

The Committee's view is that, whilst the White Paper includes a large number of proposed measures, it is clear that no substantive measures are introduced with immediate effect. Instead, the White Paper is predominantly in the format of a consultation document, setting out what Government *intends* to do, or what it *might* do, subject to the outcome of the consultation.

The Committee's understanding is that:

- the NPPF and the NPPG have not been amended since the White Paper was launched, with the Government suggesting such changes to these two policy documents will take place much later in the year;
- no Written Ministerial Statement or other similar statement has been issued which has any effect on Local Plan formulation.

It is clear in the Committee's mind, therefore, that, in respect of the Housing White Paper, there are no implications for either the Draft Local Plan or on the current Examination of that draft Local Plan.

Once the Housing White Paper has gone through its consultation stage, and national policy or legislation subsequently amended accordingly, it will be a matter for the Committee to determine at that point whether and when any review (full or partial) of the Local Plan will be necessary.