

# BURTON BY LINCOLN PARISH COUNCIL

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This is the response by Burton Parish Council

The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan

Main Modifications Document.

**Burton by Lincoln Parish Council** are obliged to the Inspector for his courtesy during the Public Inquiry and for the opportunity to respond to the Main Modifications document.

## **LP2 and LP4**

**Burton by Lincoln Parish Council** are content with their designation as;-

Medium Village	Burton Waters
Small Village	Burton
Hamlet or Countryside	Odder

**Burton by Lincoln Parish Council** in relation to Medium , Small Villages and Hamlet are content with the definition of “appropriate locations”.

**Burton by Lincoln Parish Council** in relation to Medium and Small Villages are content with the definition of “clear community support”.

**Burton by Lincoln Parish Council** in relation to Hamlet are content with the existing definition of “developed footprint” appearing in LP2 and then in in LP4 the development, the sequential test extends this to Medium and Small Villages.

However, they are surprised to see that in Hamlet and Countryside there is no direct reference to either a Neighbourhood Plan or “clear community support” which seems an oversight as both those settlement categories still have the need for local support in equal need to those in the settlement hierarchy 1-6 inclusive. It is accepted that in paragraphs 3.4.11 and 3.4.12 reference is made to Neighbourhood Plans. However LP 4 relates to villages.Paragraph 3.4.8 refers to clear community support only in cases where the proposed development exceeds identified growth.

Therefore, there is a gap where the growth is as identified but there is no Neighbourhood Plan, there does not seem the same onus to open clear community support. It is suggested that Hamlet and Countryside should be amended to include direct reference to “clear community support” for all development proposals.

**Burton Parish Council** in relation to Countryside agree that it is appropriate that it is in a separate category. However, they are concerned as to the reference to development within the Countryside. In view of the 8 (b) it is not clear how other policies will affect development within the area. The Parish Council believes that this will provide uncertainty in the approach to development and should be deleted.

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**Burton by Lincoln Parish Council** note in relation to section 8 what is then considered appropriate as development in the countryside there is reference to renewable energy. The Parish Council would suggest that that this amended to read :

“renewable energy generation that is suitable both in terms of size and scale on the surrounding area”

This merely reflects what is specified in LP55 Part E (d) as the size and scale for non residential development “has to be commensurate with the proposed location.”

The Inspector will be aware that renewable energy installations can be large and overpowering and therefore unsuited to rural locations.

## **LP22**

**Burton Parish Council** are pleased to note that there is some definition as to type if any development in the Green Wedge. However, they would request that the word “outdoor” to sport and recreational use”. It is appreciated that the intention may have been to preserve the outdoor nature of the area, however, many sports are conducted only in indoor space and clarity would prevent unintended development consequences.

## **LP32**

**Burton Parish Council** are pleased to note that the Inspector has identified development at Riseholme to be education, teaching and research which are the direct and primary function of the teaching bodies who own and/or operate from the site. They are also pleased to see the direct link to the Neighbourhood Plan. However, they consider that lack of clarity is introduced by the reference to “wider planning policies” and that phraseology should be deleted. The Inspector will be aware that development at Riseholme will have an impact on Burton by Lincoln.

## **LP55**

**Burton Parish Council** agree that Hamlet and Countryside should be separated. However in LP55 there is reference to “developed footprint” but no clarity as to whether that relates to settlements 1-7 or also in settlement 8. The definition as set out in the modification to LP2 should be explicitly referenced in this section.

**S. North: Chairman : Burton by Lincoln Parish Council February 2017**

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