

CENTRAL LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

ANNEX D

REVISED APPENDIX B

Introduction

Policy LP2 sets out the settlement hierarchy for Central Lincolnshire and clarifies that settlements in categories 5 (Medium Villages) and 6 (Small Villages) have (with the exception of Hemswell Cliff) not been allocated sites in the Local Plan. Policy LP4 goes on to explain what growth levels will be expected for these smaller settlements including the characteristics used for determining these growth levels.

The information in this appendix details how Policy LP4 will be applied by decision makers, and in turn gives clarity to applicants and communities as to how the policy will work in practice.

Calculating growth in villages

Through Policy LP4, each village in categories 5 and 6 of the settlement hierarchy will, in principle, be able to grow by 10-15% in dwelling numbers, from the number of dwellings present in the settlement in April 2012 (the base date of this plan).

The dwelling numbers for each settlement (as at April 2012) are primarily based on Council Tax information. Because the number of dwellings in each settlement is an expression of fact, should any future dispute be received about the 2012 base number of dwellings being used in the calculations, the position will be reviewed and the April 2012 base number of dwellings may be amended where appropriate. The 10/15% growth allowance will subsequently be derived from that amended base figure.

Districts (West Lindsey / North Kesteven) will be responsible for monitoring the growth occurring in their respective settlements, to ensure that an up to date position for each settlement is available. The 10/15% growth level for each settlement is for the entire plan period of 2012-2036 and, as such, calculations on remaining growth available (before the 10/15% allowance is reached) will take account of:

- a) dwellings completed since 1 April 2012;
- b) dwellings with planning permission yet to be built; and
- c) any sites allocated through a 'made' neighbourhood plan.

Should a planning permission lapse, it will be removed from the calculations as part of the monitoring process (i.e. it could 'free up' spare capacity in that settlement, if the lapsed permission is removed from the 'commitments, and provided it brings the total back below the 10/15% allowance).

It should be noted that where a planning permission is granted for a dwelling(s) not physically within or immediately adjoining the developed footprint of a settlement (i.e. it is classed as a development in the 'countryside', as defined by level 8 of the settlement hierarchy), it will not count against the 10/15% growth level for any village.

Publishing the data

The amount of growth occurring (including committed growth) in each settlement in these categories of the settlement hierarchy will be monitored by the applicable district council and will be regularly published in a 'live' table.

This 'live' data will be published every quarter (as soon as reasonably practical after 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December each year), and between quarters where this is appropriate (for example, it may be prudent to publish an extra edition of the data if a permission is granted very

soon after a quarterly update which has a material effect on the contents of the update, such as a settlement reaching its 10/15% growth level). It will be published on the applicable district website and, as a minimum, a cross link to such data from the Central Lincolnshire website.

It is intended that the data will be published in the following format (unless otherwise improved following a period of implementation of it):

Settlement Name	April 2012 Base Number of Dwellings	Local Plan (LP4) Growth Level	Growth Allowance (in dwellings) (2012-36) (a) x (b)	Completions (1 April 2012 – 31 March xxxx)	Commitments (from 31 March xxxx)	Total of Completions and Commitments (d) + (e)	Remaining Allowance (in dwellings) (c) – (f)	Comments (including any approved recent schemes or, if possible, a full list of commitments)
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	
Anyvillage	179	10%	18	3	1	4	14	
Othervillage	62	10%	6	3	4	7	-1	Growth Allowance already reached / exceeded
Villageham	467	15%	70	12	38	50	20	Scheme of 9 units approved 15/3/2018 (ref xxxx)

Given that district councils can have no control about when applications are submitted, it is strongly recommended that applicants who are considering making a planning application for housing in a small or medium village should contact the applicable Council to establish the remaining growth capacity in the village before submitting the application.

Application of the policy

Whilst villages will, in principle, be able to grow up to the applicable percentage, this does not mean that all proposals will be suitable for development, and decision makers will consider schemes on their merits against all applicable policies in the Local Plan and in the NPPF.