Dear Sir/Madam

Hykeham Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above Neighbourhood Plan it is partly within the Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board district.

The Board supports North Kesteven District Council Planning Policies.

Below are general Board comments for Neighbourhood Plans.

- It is suggested that the Neighbourhood Plan should support the idea of sustainable drainage and that any proposed development should be in accordance with Local, National and Regional Flood Risk assessments and Management plans.

- No new development should be allowed to be built within flood plain. The ‘Flood Maps’ on the Environment Agency website provides information on areas at risk. Also risk from surface water flooding should also be considered, information can also be found on the Environment Agency website.

- Under the terms of the Land Drainage Act. 1991 and the Board’s Byelaws, the prior written consent of the Board is required for any proposed works or structures within any watercourse within the District. This is independent of the Planning Process.

- Outside the District under the provisions of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, and the Land Drainage Act. 1991, the prior written consent of the Lead Local Flood Authority (Lincolnshire County Council) is required for any proposed works or structures in any watercourse outside those designated main rivers and Internal Drainage Districts. At this location this Board acts as Agents for the Lead Local Flood Authority and as such any works, permanent or temporary, in any ditch, dyke or other such watercourse will require consent from the Board.

Through the planning process the Board will continue to comment on the individual planning applications, as and when they are submitted. Many of the proposed areas for development have been subject to multi-agency discussions including this Board with regard to flood risk and surface water discharge.
An extract of the Board’s District is attached for your information.

Regards

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