

Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee Hearing Statement

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[MATTER 10: Ministry of Defence Establishments \('MoD'\)](#)



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Issue1- Development Related to Operational Purposes and Development Affecting MoD Establishments – Policy S84

Q1 – How does part two of Policy S84 assist in safeguarding against inappropriate development close to key Defence sites which would adversely affect matters of National Defence?

As part of applications near to MoD establishments, the MoD will be consulted. Should the MoD identify that there are issues that would affect the operation of the site this will be raised. Part 2 of the policy provides a clear position on this so that applicants and decision makers are fully aware of the policy position where such conflict arises. This is consistent with paragraph 97 of the NPPF.

Issue 2 - Development of MoD Land and Assets Surplus to Requirements – Policy S84

Q1 – Part three of Policy S84 supports the redevelopment or change of use of MoD land and assets surplus to requirements. Are all MoD sites suitably located for redevelopment or change of use? How would a decision maker balance the support for a proposal under Policy S84 with the requirement of other policies in the plan, such as the distribution of housing and employment development in Policies S1, S2, S3 and S4?

Firstly, it is not anticipated that any further sites will become surplus to requirements. As with RAF Scampton, there is usually a long lead in to a site being disposed which provides an opportunity to work up a specific framework, strategy or masterplan.

The five sites currently in MoD use are listed in paragraph 15.1.2 of the supporting text and this includes RAF Scampton. All of these sites are in locations which are not overly remote and are well connected by road. This policy sets out the criteria that must be applied should a proposal for the disposal of an MoD site be proposed. This provides clarity in these very specific cases, should they arise, as an exception to the general spatial strategy.

Q2 – Is the policy sufficiently clear as to which former MoD sites should be developed and how, particularly in relation to infrastructure requirements and the provision of adequate services and facilities? Is Policy S84 effective?

The policy is not proposing that MoD sites are developed. It is providing a framework for considering proposals should they be disposed of by MoD. Paragraph 15.1.2 sets out the current MOD sites and the policy specifically excludes RAF Scampton as this is subject to a specific policy (S75), making it clear which sites this policy applies to. It provides clarity for the matters that must be addressed as part of any proposal to dispose of a site, including the infrastructure needed if it is to become a civilian community.

In short, the policy provides sufficient clarity over how such proposals should be considered, including the need to provide infrastructure to meet the needs of the development being proposed. As such this policy is effective, should it be triggered in the plan period.