



Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee

Central Lincolnshire Local Development Scheme 2015

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Preface

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Each month we publish an update on our website. This sets out the current and next stages of preparation, with dates, of each of the documents included in this LDS.

This LDS is produced under section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a timetable which sets out the Development Plan Documents (DPDs) that a local planning authority intends to produce over the next few years. Such DPDs are also known as the Local Plan for an area.
- 1.2 This Central Lincolnshire LDS sets out the timetable for Central Lincolnshire DPD preparation for the period 2015 to 2017. It explains when the Central Lincolnshire Joint Committee intends to reach key stages in the preparation of a new Local Plan. This LDS replaces the Central Lincolnshire LDS which was adopted in March 2014.

The Local Plan and Supporting Documents

- 1.3 National planning policy is headlined by the 'National Planning Policy Framework' (NPPF). Locally, responsibility for strategic planning policy preparation for the districts of West Lindsey, City of Lincoln and North Kesteven has been passed to the Central Lincolnshire Joint Committee. Only the Joint Committee is permitted to prepare an LDS for the area covered by the three districts.
- 1.4 In summary, the framework of strategic planning in Central Lincolnshire is:
- **Development Plan Documents (DPDs):** These are documents (often referred to as 'Local Plans') that form part of the statutory development plan for the area. They are prepared by the relevant plan-making authority and are subject to independent examination by a planning inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. For Central Lincolnshire, as at June 2015, they comprise the current district-wide Local Plans prepared and adopted by the three individual Councils prior to the setting up of the Joint Committee, plus Lincolnshire County Council's Minerals Local Plan (1991) and Waste Local Plan (2006). The three district-wide documents are proposed to be replaced by a new, single Local Plan covering the whole of Central Lincolnshire. Separately, the two Minerals and Waste plans are in the process of being refreshed by new DPDs as determined by the County Council (see Lincolnshire County Council website for details).
 - **Policies Map:** This is a map on an Ordnance Survey base for the whole of a local planning authority's area which shows where policies in DPDs apply. The Policies Map may include inset maps for particular areas to show information at a larger scale. The Policies Map is updated each time that a DPD is adopted. At present, the Policies Map comprises the three maps produced by the three districts, but this will be replaced by a single Central Lincolnshire Policies Map on adoption of the new Central Lincolnshire Local Plan.
 - **Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs):** These can cover a wide range of issues on which the planning authority wishes to provide guidance to supplement the policies and proposals in its DPDs (Local Plan). They do not form part of the statutory development plan and are not subject to independent examination. The Joint Committee or the individual districts can decide to produce an SPD on any appropriate subject whenever the need arises. There is no requirement for this LDS to set out a timetable for the production of any SPDs.
 - **Neighbourhood Plans:** Local communities, including Parish and Town Councils, can now prepare Neighbourhood Plans (NPs) putting in place policies to guide the future development of the area. Any NP must be in general conformity with 'strategic policies' in DPDs (Local Plan) and with national policy. NPs are not able

to propose lower levels of development than those set out in up to date Local Plans but could propose higher levels, or offer other detailed policy proposals. It is up to local communities to decide if it wants to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and so it is not appropriate for this LDS to specify when, or for where, they will be produced. Any NP, if adopted, has the same status as a DPD.

- **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI):** This is a document that explains how the local planning authority will engage the community in the preparation, alteration and review of planning documents, and in development control decisions. It is required to specify how and at what stages people will have the opportunity to be involved in planning for their area. The Central Lincolnshire SCI was adopted in May 2014.
- **Authority's Monitoring Report (AMR):** This is a report which must be produced by the local planning authority (on an annual basis) to explain how the local development scheme is being implemented and the extent to which policies in the Local Plan are being achieved. The responsibility for preparing the AMR is retained with each individual district, not the Joint Committee.

Joint Working Arrangements and Joint Local Plans

- 1.5 The preparation of the new Central Lincolnshire Local Plan is done so through a formal Joint Committee (set up under section 29 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004), as confirmed by the Order coming into force on 12 October 2009. The Joint Committee will fulfil its responsibilities under the duty to co-operate requirements of s33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act.

2.0 Local Plan Timetable

- 2.1 There are a number of stages involved in producing a DPD (Local Plan). This process allows for opportunities for the public to be involved, early resolution of conflicts/objections, and an Independent Examination. The stages in producing a Local Plan, and the intended time of those stages for the new central Lincolnshire Local Plan, are set out in Table 1.

3.0 Subject Matter and Geographical area of the new DPD (Central Lincolnshire Local Plan)

- 3.1 To meet the requirements of section 15 (2)(b) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, it is confirmed that the subject matter of the new Central Lincolnshire Local Plan will include:
- A vision for the future of Central Lincolnshire
 - Housing policies and allocations for housing
 - Employment allocations and policies
 - Retail policies
 - Transport policies
 - Culture, Leisure and Tourism policies
 - If required, policies and land allocations on other subject matters
- 3.2 The Local Plan will cover the whole administrative area of Central Lincolnshire (i.e. the districts of West Lindsey, Lincoln and North Kesteven). Other than the Minerals and Waste DPDs, the Local Plan will replace all other existing DPDs currently in force in Central Lincolnshire.

Table 1: Timetable for Production of Development Plan Document

	2014							2015												2016							2017											
	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April			
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No.	Stage	Description	Dates stage proposed to take place
1	Consult on a sustainability appraisal (SA) / Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) scoping report	The IIA scoping report sets out the sustainability and other objectives proposed to be used to appraise the economic, social and environmental effects of the emerging Local Plan policies. The IIA scoping report is subject to consultation.	<i>Complete: July 2014</i>
2	Public participation (Regulation 18)	Opportunity for interested parties and statutory consultees to consider the options for the plan before the final document is produced. This stage may involve one or more public consultation rounds. We intend two rounds for the new Central Lincolnshire Local Plan.	<i>Complete: Oct – Nov 2014</i> Oct – Nov 2015
3	Pre-Submission Publication (Regulation 19)	The Joint Committee publishes the Local Plan which is followed with a 6 week period when formal representations can be made on the Local Plan.	Mar – April 2016
4	Submission (Regulation 22)	The Joint Committee submits the Local Plan to the Secretary of State together with the representations received at Regulation 19 stage.	May 2016
5	Independent Examination Hearing	Held by a Planning Inspector into objections raised at Regulation 19 stage on the Local Plan	Aug - Sept 2016 (estimate: dates set by Inspector)
6	Inspector's Report	This will report whether if the Plan is 'Sound' or 'Not Sound'. The Inspector may make recommendations to make the plan 'sound'	Nov 2016 (estimate)
7	Adoption of DPD (Local Plan)	Final stage, the Council will formally need to adopt the Local Plan and it will then be used in making planning decisions.	Dec 2016