

# Central Lincolnshire The Historic Environment Evidence Base

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. A comprehensive local evidence base exists to support the development and implementation of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan with respect to the historic environment. This document clarifies the sources of information, studies and reports that form this evidence base and signposts to where these are located.

## 2. National Heritage List for England

- 2.1. The National Heritage List for England is a register of all nationally protected historic buildings and sites in England - listed buildings, scheduled monuments, protected wrecks, registered parks and gardens, and battlefields.

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/>

## 3. Heritage at Risk Registers

- 3.1. Historic England's National 'Heritage at Risk Register' provides the most up to date record of those sites that are most at risk of being lost as a result of neglect, decay or inappropriate development and is updated every year.

[Search the Heritage at Risk Register | Historic England](#)

- 3.2. The document "Heritage at Risk 2021 Midlands" documents all the entries across the East Midlands by Local Planning Authority and can be viewed using the following link: <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/har-2021-registers/mid-har-register2021/>

## City of Lincoln

- 3.3. The Council maintains a local buildings at risk register, which can be searched online:

<https://www.lincoln.gov.uk/directory/10/buildings-on-the-register>

## 4. Historic Characterisation

### Lincolnshire Historic Landscape Characterisation Project (2011)

- 4.1. Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC) was a project that investigated how our landscape has been shaped by both natural and human activities over time. The project divided Lincolnshire into several defined character areas and zones. These were used to illustrate the historical development of the Lincolnshire landscape.

[The Historic Character of The County of Lincolnshire Report](#)

## 5. Townscape Assessment

- 5.1. The Extensive Urban Survey (EUS) is part of a national programme to document the historical and archaeological background, and analyse the character of 30 of Lincolnshire's towns, taking a snap shot of how they look and behave in the 21st century. The project will to run until September 2022 and will produce 30 reports, one for each of the towns. In addition to this, a GIS data set will be compiled documenting the development of the town through the creation of character types and areas.

<https://www.lincsabout.town/>

- 5.2. The Lincoln Townscape Assessment has developed and used a new method of characterisation to describe the inherited character of all parts of the city of Lincoln.
- 5.3. Throughout the Heritage Connect website information is structured according to the 108 distinct places, or 'Character Areas', defined in the LTA. Information was recorded for each Character Area in Lincoln, both through the integration of existing heritage and ecological information, as well as the results of thorough ground survey. Each 'Character Area' is described according to its historical development and its urban form, with emphasis placed on how the traces of previous activity, be it recent or ancient, are manifested in the current character of an area. Written statements produced for each Character Area are factual and objective in content, free from value judgement.

<http://www.heritageconnectlincoln.com/>

## 6. Archaeology

### City of Lincoln

- 6.1. The Lincoln Heritage Database is a comprehensive record of all known archaeological excavations and discoveries in the city of Lincoln. The database covers the present Lincoln City area and records information about all known recorded archaeological investigations, and other recording events (c10800 entries), and contains a monuments section (c8900 entries) and sources of information (c2700 entries).
- 6.2. As a GIS (Geographic Information System), the database can be interrogated geographically in relation to various unique map backgrounds and layers, showing the locations of archaeological events and monuments as point data and drawn objects.
- 6.3. LARA (Lincoln Archaeological Research Assessment) is available online as part of the Heritage Connect Lincoln web site. It is an authoritative, up to date statement of what we know of Lincoln's archaeology up to 1945, and identifies which areas of the City can fill in gaps in knowledge. Lincoln is the first historic city whose archaeology has been analysed in this way and has been produced in conjunction with English Heritage.

6.4. There are 7 eras. Within each Era there is a geographic character division into Research Agenda Zones (RAZs), ranging in number from just 5 RAZs in the Prehistoric Era to 163 in the Industrial Era.

- i. Prehistoric Era ( BC10000- c.AD60)
- ii. Roman Military Era (c.60AD-c.90AD)
- iii. Roman Colonia Era (c.90-c.410)
- iv. Early Medieval Era (c.410-c.850)
- v. High Medieval Era (c.850-c.1350)
- vi. Early Modern Era (c.1350-c.1750)
- vii. Industrial Era (c.1750-c.1945)

<http://www.heritageconnectlincoln.com/>

## 7. Conservation Area Appraisals, Reviews and Management Plans

7.1. Conservation areas exist to manage and protect the special architectural and historic interest of a place - the features that make it unique. Most conservation areas are designated by the Council as the local planning authority. In conservation areas there are some extra planning controls and considerations in place to protect the historic and architectural elements which make the place special.

7.2. Under section 71 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 local planning authorities have a statutory duty to draw up and publish proposals for the preservation and enhancement of conservation areas in their districts. Conservation Area Appraisals describe the character and significance of Conservation Areas. Conservation Area Management Plans set out how Conservation Areas can be improved along with local priorities for targeted enhancements.

### City of Lincoln

#### Conservation Area Appraisals

[St Peter-at-Gowts](#)

[Gowts Bridge](#)

[Sibthorp](#)

[Wragby Road The Dell](#)

### North Kesteven

#### Conservation Area Appraisals/Reviews

[Bassingham](#)

[Beckingham](#)

[Billinghay](#)

[Branston](#)

[Coleby](#)

[Harmston](#)

[Heckington](#)

[Metheringham](#)

[Navenby](#)

[Nocton](#)

[Rauceby](#)

[Silk Willoughby](#)

[Sleaford](#)

[Waddington](#)

[Welbourn](#)

[Wilsford](#)

## Conservation Area Management Plans

[Bassingham](#)

[Beckingham](#)

[Branston](#)

[Coleby](#)

[Heckington](#)

[Metheringham](#)

[Navenby](#)

[Rauceby](#)

[Silk Willoughby](#)

[Sleaford](#)

[Waddington](#)

[Welbourn](#)

## West Lindsey

## Conservation Area Appraisals

[Welton](#)

[Tealby](#)

[Tealby Thorpe](#)

[Springthorpe](#)

[Spridlington](#)

[South Carlton](#)

[Saxilby Bridge Street](#)

[Reepham](#)

[Nettleham](#)

[Market Rasen](#)

[Ingham](#)

[Holton-le-Moor](#)

[Hemswell](#)

[Hackthorn](#)

[Great Limber](#)

[Glentworth](#)

[Glentham](#)

[Gainsborough Town Centre](#)

[Gainsborough Riverside](#)

[Gainsborough Britannia Works](#)

[Fillingham](#)

[East Stockwith](#)

[Caistor](#)

[Burton](#)

[Brattleby](#)

## 8. Article 4 Directions

- 8.1. An article 4 direction is made by the local planning authority. It restricts the scope of permitted development rights either in relation to a particular area or site, or a particular type of development anywhere in the authority's area. Where an article 4 direction is in effect, a planning application may be required for development that would otherwise have been permitted development. Article 4 directions are used to

control works that could threaten the character of an area of acknowledged importance, such as a conservation area.

## City of Lincoln

[Article 4 list](#)

[Article 4 Direction – Houses in Multiple Occupation](#)

[Article 4 Direction Map – Houses in Multiple Occupation](#)

[Houses in Multiple Occupation Supplementary Planning Document](#)

## North Kesteven

### Heckington

- [Letter to residents](#)
- [Certified Completed Article 4](#)
- [Station Conservation Area Map](#)
- [Village Conservation Area Map](#)

### Leasingham

- [Certified Completed Article 4 Document 1](#)
- [Certified Completed Article 4 Document 2](#)

### Wilsford

- [Article 4 Direction](#)
- [Article 4 Direction Map](#)

## West Lindsey

[Tealby](#)

[Spridlington](#)

[Nettleham](#)

[Market Rasen](#)

[Caistor](#)

## 9. Listed Buildings

- 9.1. Listed Buildings are identified for their special architectural or historic interest and are of national importance. They make a special contribution to the character of both urban and rural areas and every listed building is protected by law, inside and out.



## City of Lincoln

- 9.2. There are 418 listed buildings in Lincoln, comprising 551 separate structures, ranging in date from the Roman period through to the 1950s.

<https://www.lincoln.gov.uk/downloads/file/501/listed-buildings-in-lincoln>

## North Kesteven

- 9.3. There are almost 1,000 listed buildings in North Kesteven.

- 49 Grade I
- 49 Grade II\*
- 902 Grade II

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/advanced-search-results>

## West Lindsey

- 9.4. There are 950 listed buildings in West Lindsey:

- 1 Grade A
- 59 Grade I
- 79 Grade II\*
- 809 Grade II
- 2 Grade C

<https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-02/Listed%20Buildings%20in%20West%20Lindsey.pdf>

# 10. Conservation Plans

## City of Lincoln

- 10.1. Conservation plans have been produced for some of Lincoln's most important historic buildings. Their aim is to explain and assess the significance of the building, and how to sustain and protect it in the future during repairs, alteration, management and development. Further information on the plans can be obtained from the Heritage team: [heritage@lincoln.gov.uk](mailto:heritage@lincoln.gov.uk).

- 10.2. Buildings with conservation plans:

- Lincoln Castle
- Lincoln's Roman Monuments
- Greyfriars, Broadgate (former Greyfriars Museum)
- Medieval Bishop's Palace
- Lincoln Cathedral & Close
- The Museum of Lincolnshire Life

- St Mary's Guildhall

## 11. Scheduled Monuments

11.1. Scheduled monuments are nationally important archaeological sites that are given legal protection by being placed on a list (known as the 'schedule'). Scheduling is applied only to sites of national importance. Scheduled monuments are not always ancient, or visible above ground. Scheduling is reserved for carefully selected sites, which create a representative sample of sites from different epochs.

### City of Lincoln

11.2. There are 42 structures and areas designated as Scheduled Monuments in Lincoln.

11.3. An on-line map can be viewed as part of the [National Heritage List for England](#), and the [Lincs to the Past](#) web site contains information on SAMs in Lincoln and Lincolnshire

### North Kesteven

11.4. There are 65 structures and areas designated as Scheduled Monuments in Lincoln.

### West Lindsey

There are 100 structures and areas designated as Scheduled Monuments in Lincoln.

[List of Scheduled Monuments in West Lindsey](#)

## 12. Registered Historic Parks and Gardens

12.1. Registered historic parks and gardens are considered heritage assets like listed buildings or scheduled monuments. Development is not generally acceptable if it will cause substantial harm to or loss of these nationally important sites. These designed landscapes cover many types and are the result of centuries of work by both private individuals and public bodies. They make a special contribution to the historic environment of our countryside and towns.

### City of Lincoln

Boultham Park Grade II

Hartsholme Park Grade II

Lincoln Arboretum Grade II

### North Kesteven

Coleby Hall Grade II  
Culverthorpe Hall Grade II  
Doddington Hall Grade II\*  
Rauceby Hall Grade II  
Aswarby Park Grade II  
Riseholme Hall Grade II  
Norton Place Grade II

## West Lindsey

Brocklesby Park Grade I  
Fillingham Castle Grade II  
Hackthorn Hall Grade II

## 13. Local Lists

- 13.1. Local Heritage Lists help to highlight key heritage assets, which are of special local interest and shape the character of the area in which they are found.
- 13.2. Heritage Lincolnshire is leading the Lincolnshire Local Heritage List Campaign to identify significant historic buildings, landscapes, archaeological remains and civic structures that are not formally recognised by a national designation but play an important role in defining the character of our communities.

## City of Lincoln

[Buildings and structures of local importance](#)

## North Kesteven

- 13.3. Not currently available on the website. Advice on whether a property is currently included on the local list can be obtained from the Planning team by emailing [planning@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:planning@n-kesteven.gov.uk).

## West Lindsey

- 13.4. Not currently available on the website. Currently being prepared under the Heritage Lincolnshire Local List Campaign.

## 14. Shop Front Improvement/Grant Schemes

14.1. The aim of the Shop Front schemes is to improve the historic environment of the city or town centres.

### City of Lincoln

14.2. As part of the [High Street Heritage Action Zone \(HSHAZ\) scheme](#), which saw the city council receive a successful bid for funding of £1.68 million in April 2020, the city council has created a programme of historic building restorations designed to revitalise the area and uncover its rich history.

14.3. Included in this is plans to revitalise Lincoln's historic shopfronts to bring them back to their former glory. Through the [Shop Front Grant Scheme](#), commercial property tenants, business owners or landlords within the designated HSHAZ area may be eligible for a non-repayable grant of up to 90% of the costs for restoration and/or shop front refurbishment, subject to the availability of funding.

### North Kesteven

14.4. The [Shopfront Design Guide \(2016\)](#) aims to improve the quality and design of shopfronts within North Kesteven. It supplements and supports the relevant policies in the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan.

14.5. The [Shopfront Grant Scheme](#) is a joint venture between Historic England, North Kesteven District Council and Sleaford Town Council. Grants are available to fund up to 80% of the costs for the reinstatement of architectural features (such as traditional shopfronts), and for 60% of the costs for repairs and essential maintenance (including to windows, roofs and rainwater goods), up to £25,000.

### West Lindsey

14.6. It is the ambition of West Lindsey District Council to transform the heart of our town centres through heritage-led regeneration.

14.7. The [Shop Front Improvement Scheme](#) is available to both owners of vacant units and existing or prospective tenants. It provides a one-off discretionary financial contribution to eligible individuals or businesses to cover up to 75% (to a maximum value of £15,000) towards the total costs of physical improvements works and enhancements to the premises and that are located within the following locations:

- Gainsborough (Lord Street, Market Place, Market Street and Silver Street)
- Market Rasen (Market Place)
- Caistor (Market Place)

## 15. Masterplans and Concept Plans

### Gainsborough Town Centre Heritage Masterplan

- 15.1. The document sets out the strategies and principles that will restore and repair Gainsborough's historic core and safeguard its Conservation Area status, whilst delivering wider economic and social benefits.

<https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/my-business/growth-and-regeneration/gainsborough-heritage-led-regeneration/>

### Lincoln South East Quadrant Broad Concept Plan and Design Code (December 2020)

- 15.2. The [Broad Concept Plan](#) identifies in principle the disposition of land uses and infrastructure, and this then is used to identify a series of character areas. The Design Code then explains the 12 individual character areas in terms of their influences and this then informs the various design factors that development within these character areas should respond to in terms of issues such as height, massing, landscaping, appearance, access etc.

### Sleaford Masterplan

- 15.3. The Council is currently undergoing a procurement procedure for the provision of a consultancy services to review the original Sleaford Masterplan, to identify any challenges and impact of COVID-19, and to produce recommendations for the Council to consider on how to proceed with Sleaford town.

## 16. Neighbourhood Plans

- 16.1. A neighbourhood plan gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. A neighbourhood plan, is written by local people, 'made' or adopted by the district council and becomes part of the development plan, which helps to decide planning applications.
- 16.2. The Historic England advice note [Neighbourhood Planning and the Historic Environment Historic England Advice Note 11 \(Second Edition\)](#) sets out why the historic environment should be considered in a neighbourhood plan and how to understand the historic environment in a neighbourhood plan area.
- 16.3. Information on neighbourhood plans under preparation and adopted across Central Lincolnshire can be found on each district council website:

### City of Lincoln

<https://www.lincoln.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/1>

### North Kesteven

<https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/residents/living-in-your-area/localism-your-community/neighbourhood-plans/>

## West Lindsey

<https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/planning-building-control/planning/neighbourhood-planning>