

North Kesteven District Council

Authority Monitoring Report

Monitoring Period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, Regulation 34 requires Local Planning Authorities to produce an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). This AMR is structured around meeting the requirements of Regulation 34.
- 1.2 Compliance with this Regulation builds on the monitoring reports produced and published for the District historically between 2005 and 2016 under the title 'Annual Monitoring Report'.
- 1.3 During this monitoring period, the Authority, along with its partner authorities, City of Lincoln Council and West Lindsey District Council, has adopted the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan. This document sets out the strategic planning policies for the area, including the housing requirement, and growth distribution.
- 1.4 For the purposes of this 2017/18 monitoring report, the following key documents relevant during this period will be referenced:
 - Central Lincolnshire Local Development Scheme (LDS) 2015
 - Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Adopted April 2017The above documents are available to view at the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan website <http://www.central-lincs.org.uk/> and www.n-kesteven.gov.uk
- 1.5 The source of the information used in this report is North Kesteven District Council unless otherwise stated.
- 1.6 This AMR covers the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018.

Key findings of this Monitoring Report

- 1.7 The following summarise the key findings of this AMR:
 - During 2017/18 progress on the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan is summarised as follows:
 - The 2012-2036 Central Lincolnshire Local Plan was adopted by the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee on 24th April 2017.
 - During the monitoring period:
 - 577 new homes were completed (net);
 - There were 105 affordable housing completions (gross);
 - At 31st March 2018, North Kesteven has a developable housing supply of 13,145 dwellings which comprises 4,621 dwellings with planning permission but not built out and 8524 dwellings on allocated sites (included within the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Adopted April 2017) without planning permission;

- 21,881.5 square metres of new employment floor space was completed;
- 1,601.7 square metres of development was completed for town centre uses;
- There is a total area of 120.72 hectares of land designated as Local Nature Reserves in North Kesteven;
- There are seven Sites of Special Scientific Interest totalling an area of 156.89 hectares. 89.7% of this land is in favourable or unfavourable but recovering condition;
- There are 151 Local Wildlife Sites and eight Local Geological Sites with 33% of these locally designated sites in positive conservation management status.

Detailed Portrait of North Kesteven

- 1.8 Detailed information on topics such as population, households, economy, health and education can be found in the District Area profiles published by the Lincolnshire Research Observatory <http://www.research-lincs.org.uk/area-profiles.aspx>.

Location

- 1.9 North Kesteven is one of seven districts located in the centre of Lincolnshire and covers an area of 356 square miles. The district is characterised by small settlements and large areas of arable farmland. There are many small villages and several larger service villages. The main concentration of residents are located however in the market town of Sleaford, with a population of over 17,000 and North Hykeham, which adjoins the neighbouring City of Lincoln.

Figure 1 – The North Kesteven District



Source: Google

Population

1.10 The table below sets out countywide information on population change. There has been a 1.4% increase in population between 2016 and 2017 according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS) mid-year estimates. This is in line with the overall estimated growth for Lincolnshire. An estimated rise from 108,500 in 2011 to 115,200 in 2017 is recorded for North Kesteven.

Table 1 – Lincolnshire and Districts Population Estimates 2011 to mid-2017

Local Authority Area	2011 Census	2012 mid-year estimate	2013 mid-year estimate	2014 mid-year estimate	2015 mid-year estimate	2016 mid-year estimate	2017 mid-year estimate	% change 2012-2017	% change 2016-2017
Boston	64,600	64,800	65,900	66,500	66,900	67,700	68,500	5.7%	1.2%
East Lindsey	136,700	136,600	136,700	137,600	137,900	138,700	139,700	2.3%	0.7%
City of Lincoln	93,100	94,600	95,600	96,200	97,100	97,400	98,400	4%	1%
North Kesteven	108,500	109,300	109,800	111,000	111,900	113,600	115,200	5.4%	1.4%
South Holland	88,400	88,500	89,200	90,400	91,200	92,500	93,300	5.4%	0.9%
South Kesteven	134,100	135,000	136,400	138,000	138,900	140,900	141,700	5%	0.6%
West Lindsey	89,400	90,000	90,700	91,800	92,800	93,900	94,300	4.8%	0.4%
Lincs	714,800	718,900	724,400	731,500	736,700	744,800	751,200	4.5%	0.9%

Source – ONS mid-year estimates. Numbers may not total due to rounding

2.0 Authority Monitoring Reports and the Local Planning Regulations 2012

Regulation 34(1) – Local Plan and Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Progress

34. (1) A local planning authority's monitoring report must contain the following information—

(a) the title of the local plans or supplementary planning documents specified in the local planning authority's local development scheme;

(b) in relation to each of those documents—

(i) the timetable specified in the local planning authority's local development scheme for the document's preparation;

(ii) the stage the document has reached in its preparation; and

(iii) if the document's preparation is behind the timetable mentioned in paragraph (i) the reasons for this; and

(c) where any local plan or supplementary planning document specified in the local planning authority's local development scheme has been adopted or approved within the period in respect of which the report is made, a statement of that fact and of the date of adoption or approval.

- 2.1 A Local Development Scheme (LDS) is the project plan setting out the timetable for the delivery of any Development Plan Documents (DPD) or 'Local Plans' for an area that the Local Planning Authority intends to produce. Since the establishment of the Central Lincolnshire Joint Planning Committee in 2011 the District has been working jointly with neighbouring Districts, Lincoln City Council and West Lindsey District Council to produce a Joint Local Plan. The Local Development Scheme 2015 is relevant to this monitoring period.
- 2.2 The 2012-2036 Central Lincolnshire Local Plan was adopted by the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee on 24th April 2017.
- 2.3 Following adoption of the Local Plan a revised LDS was developed. It was approved by the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee on 19 June 2017 and came into effect immediately replacing the previous LDS, dated June 2015.
- 2.4 This Central Lincolnshire LDS sets out the timetable for any DPDs to be prepared in the period 2017 to 2020, following adoption of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan on 24th April 2017.

Table 2 – Local Development Scheme 2017 targets

Stage	Description	Date stage will/is to take place
Adoption of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan DPD	Following an independent examination and receipt of the inspector’s report, the Joint Strategic Planning Committee formally adopted the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan on 24th April 2017. It will now be used in making planning decisions.	24th April 2017
Ongoing monitoring of Local Plan policies and updating the policies map to reflect adopted/made DPDs	Ongoing monitoring of the adopted Local Plan policies to ensure that they are effective, up to date and relevant. This will be informed in part by the yearly AMRs produced by each district council, usually in the autumn. The policies map will be updated with relevant land use allocations, as appropriate, as other DPDs or Neighbourhood Plans are adopted or made.	AMRs produced by North Kesteven, City of Lincoln and West Lindsey District Council, usually in the autumn of each year. Ongoing.

Regulation 34(2) Non-Implementation of a Policy

34. (2) Where a local planning authority are not implementing a policy specified in a local plan, the local planning authority’s monitoring report must—

(a) identify that policy; and

(b) include a statement of—

(i) the reasons why the local planning authority are not implementing the policy; and

(ii) the steps (if any) that the local planning authority intend to take to secure that the policy is implemented.

2.5 The Council is implementing all polices in the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan.

3.0 Housing in North Kesteven

Regulation 34(3) – Net Additional Dwellings

34. (3) Where a policy specified in a local plan specifies an annual number, or a number relating to any other period of net additional dwellings or net additional affordable dwellings in any part of the local planning authority’s area, the local planning authority’s monitoring report must specify the relevant number for the part of the local planning authority’s area concerned—

(a) in the period in respect of which the report is made, and

(b) since the policy was first published, adopted or approved.

- 3.1 The Local Plan identifies a total of 36,960 dwellings to be completed during the Plan period across the whole of the Central Lincolnshire area with an annual net completion figure set at 1,540 dwellings per year. This figure however is for all three Districts that make up the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan area and is not separated out at District level.
- 3.2 It is confirmed that 577 net additional dwellings were completed in the monitoring period and in terms of affordable dwellings, 105 (gross) were completed.
- 3.3 It is not currently possible to monitor *net* affordable dwellings completed, as data is not available for affordable dwelling losses and indirect gains. By its nature such data is difficult to collect as the Local Authority is not notified of conversions to a non-affordable dwelling or vice versa as a matter of course. The Authority does however have data on council house losses from stock through the 'Right to Buy' which is shown in Table 9.
- 3.4 In respect of Regulation 34(3)(b), the net cumulative total and annual average completions since 2012/13 is also set out.
- 3.5 Over the past two years significant time and resources has been invested to improve the monitoring processes and work has been done to make sure that the data contained within the five year land supply report is up to date and accurate. Therefore the net housing figures reported have been altered to reflect this additional work carried out to ensure that the data and evidence base is effective and accurate. The figures published in relation to housing provision in the previous reports should therefore be replaced with the data provided in this report.

Table 3 – North Kesteven net dwelling completion totals

Please note – Figures in brackets are those previously reported, however following extensive work on the monitoring processes, the figures in bold are the corrected figures and should be utilised.

Net dwelling completion totals	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Net completions	348 (319)	379 (237)	458 (443)	473	468	577
Cumulative since the start of the plan period	348 (319)	727 (556)	1185 (999)	1658	2126	2703
West Lindsey District Council net completions	256	289	378	284	300	259
City of Lincoln Council net completions	233	236	166	235	188	191

Table 4 – North Kesteven gross dwelling completions

Gross dwelling completions	2017/18
Gross completions	585
Demolitions and losses to other uses	8
Net dwelling completions	577

Table 5 – North Kesteven net cumulative dwelling completions and annual averages since start of plan period

Net cumulative dwelling completions and annual averages	Cumulative total	Annual average
2012/13	348	348
2013/14	727	364
2014/15	1185	395
2015/16	1685	421
2016/17	2126	425
2017/18	2703	451

Table 6 – Net dwelling completions by settlement 2017/18

Settlement	Settlement designation in Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Adopted April 2017	2017/18
Anwick	Small Village	0
Ashby de la Launde	Small Village	1
Aubourn	Small Village	0
Bassingham	Medium Village	2
Beckingham	Small Village	2
Billinghay	Large Village	4
Blankney	Small Village	1
Boothby Graffoe	Small Village	0
Bracebridge Heath	Large Village	11
Branston	Large Village	11
Branston Booths	Small Village	0
Brant Broughton	Medium Village	14
Canwick	Small Village	0
Carlton Le Moorland	Small Village	0
Chapel Hill	Small Village	0
Coleby	Small Village	0
Cranwell	Medium Village	1
Digby	Medium Village	2
Doddington	Small Village	0

Dorrington	Small Village	1
Dunston	Medium Village	0
Eagle	Medium Village	0
East Heckington	Small Village	0
Ewerby	Small Village	0 (1 completion & 1 demolition)
Great Hale	Medium Village	1
Greylees	Medium Village	0
Harmston	Medium Village	0
Heckington	Large Village	8
Heighington	Large Village	5
Helpringham	Medium Village	0
Kirkby Green	Small Village	1
Kirkby La Thorpe	Small Village	0
Leadenham	Small Village	1
Leasingham	Medium Village	3
Little Hale	Small Village	0
Martin	Medium Village	2
Martin Dales	Small Village	0
Metheringham	Large Village	0 (1 completion & 1 demolition)
Navenby	Large Village	10
Nocton	Medium Village	3
North Hykeham	Lincoln Urban Area	184
North Kyme	Small Village	5
North Rauceby	Small Village	0
North Scarle	Medium Village	-1
Norton Disney	Small Village	0
Osbournby	Small Village	1
Potterhanworth	Medium Village	4
Rowston	Small Village	0
Ruskington	Large Village	36
Scopwick	Small Village	0
Scredington	Small Village	0

Silk Willoughby	Small Village	1
Skellingthorpe	Large Village	5
Sleaford	Main Town	117
South Hykeham Fosseyway	Lincoln Urban Area	13
South Hykeham village	Small Village	0
South Kyme	Small Village	0
South Rauceby	Small Village	0
Swaton	Small Village	0
Swinderby	Medium Village	1
Tattershall Bridge	Small Village	0
Thorpe on the Hill	Small Village	-1
Threkingham	Small Village	0
Timberland	Small Village	1
Waddington	Large Village	1
Waddington Low Fields	Lincoln Urban Area	40
Walcott	Small Village	0
Washingborough	Large Village	17
Welbourn	Medium Village	1
Wellingore	Medium Village	2
Wilsford	Small Village	0
Witham St Hughs	Large Village	54

Gypsy and Traveller Pitches

- 3.6 The Central Lincolnshire Gypsy and Travellers Accommodation Assessment 2013 summarises accommodation needs in Central Lincolnshire and North Kesteven. Seven additional pitches within North Kesteven were identified as being required in the first five years (2013-2018). Monitoring information relates to the delivery of pitches for gypsy and traveller families. For the purposes of monitoring, a pitch is defined as an 'area of land demarked for the use as accommodation by a single gypsy and traveller household, sometimes including extended families which may require space, within one pitch, to provide for more than one caravan.' (Core Output Indicators - Update 2/2008).
- 3.7 Table 7 details the net total number of pitches available for use in North Kesteven since 2012/13. For the 2017/18 monitoring period there were no additional pitches granted planning permission in the district. A planning application for the siting of one mobile home and a stable block off Eagle Road in North Scarle (17/0124/FUL) was refused in June 2017.

Table 7 – Gypsy and traveller and travelling show people pitches in North Kesteven

Net pitches for gypsy and traveller granted planning permission	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Current total
Permanent planning permission	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
Temporary planning permission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caravans on travellers own land – ‘tolerated’	0	2	2	2	2	2	2

Affordable Housing Completions (Gross)

3.8 Affordable housing is monitored as gross completions (see earlier commentary). Between 1st April 2017 and 31st March 2018 there were 105 affordable dwelling completions which represents 18.2% of total net dwelling completions in that year.

3.9 Table 8 sets out affordable housing completions over the past six years.

Table 8 – Affordable Housing Completions (Gross) 2012-2017

Please note – Figures in brackets are those previously reported, however following extensive work on the monitoring processes, the figures in bold are the corrected figures and should be utilised.

Gross affordable dwellings completed	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Total net number of all dwellings completed	348 (322)	379 (239)	458 (447)	473	468	577
Gross number of affordable dwellings completed	148	15	88	76	101	105
Percentage of total dwellings completed that are affordable	42 (46)	4 (6)	19.2 (19.7)	16.1	21.6	18.2

Right to Buy Sales

3.10 North Kesteven district currently owns 3,851 homes. 34 properties have been sold during the monitoring period under the Right to Buy scheme.

Table 9 – Right to buy sales of publically owned housing stock in North Kesteven

Right to buy sales	Total stock	Gross right to buy sales	Cumulative right to buy sales
2012/13	3832	18	18
2013/14	3828	17	35
2014/15	3830	10	45
2015/16	3884	25	70
2016/17	3869	28	98
2017/18	3851	34	132

Housing Land Supply in North Kesteven

3.11 At 31st March 2018, North Kesteven has a developable housing supply of 13,145 dwellings which comprises 4,621 dwellings with planning permission but not built out and 8524 dwellings on allocated sites (included within the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Adopted April 2017) without planning permission. This figure identifies the number of dwellings under construction and those that have a live permission but have not yet been built.

3.12 The Central Lincolnshire Five Year Land Supply Report for 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2023 was published in January 2019. This confirms that Central Lincolnshire has 5.87 years of housing supply. The five year land supply report can be viewed on the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan website at <https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/central-lincolnshire/planning-policy-library/>

Regulation 34(4) – Neighbourhood Planning

34. (4) Where a local planning authority have made a neighbourhood development order or a neighbourhood development plan, the local planning authority's monitoring report must contain details of these documents.

3.13 During the monitoring period, four Neighbourhood Plans have been adopted. These are Bassingham, Coleby, Nocton & Potterhanworth and Thorpe on the Hill. All Neighbourhood Plans can be found online at <https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/residents/living-in-your-area/localism/neighbourhood-plans/dunston-parish-neighbourhood-plan>

Work is continuing on Billingham, Bracebridge Heath, Branston & Mere, North & South Hykeham, Silk Willoughby, Leasingham & Roxholme, Eagle and Sleaford & Kirkby La Thorpe Neighbourhood Plans, all of which have an area designated.

Table 10 – Neighbourhood Plans 2017/18

Monitoring year	Number of Neighbourhood Plan areas designated	Total Number of Neighbourhood Plan areas designated	Number of Neighbourhood Plans adopted
2012/13	1	1	0
2013/14	1	2	0
2014/15	5	7	0
2015/16	3	10	1
2016/17	4	14	1 <i>(this was reported as 2 last year, but figure was incorrect)</i>
2017/18	0	14	4

Table 11 reports that £1,876,645.96 was collected from developers during 2017/18. Throughout this reporting year, £188,816.34 was released to Lincolnshire County Council's highways and education departments and to various parish councils for the improvement or maintenance of public open space (POS).

Table 11 – S106 monies collected and released during 2017/18

Infrastructure item	Amount collected (£)	Amount released (£)
POS including play equipment or maintenance	191,807.74	29,529.80
Education	1,429,975.90	57,741.01
Highways	67,579.69	101,545.53
NHS	163,374.72	0
Affordable housing	23,907.91	0
Total	1,876,645.96	188,816.34

The total amount held and carried forward as at 31st March 2018 is £3,430,759.03.

Regulation 62(4) – Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

34. (5) Where a local planning authority have prepared a report pursuant to regulation 62 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010(2), the local planning authority's monitoring report must contain the information specified in regulation 62(4) of those Regulations:

(a) the total CIL receipts for the reported year;

(b) the total CIL expenditure for the reported year;

(c) summary details of CIL expenditure during the reported year including—

(i) the items of infrastructure to which CIL (including land payments) has been applied,

(ii) the amount of CIL expenditure on each item,

(iii) the amount of CIL applied to repay money borrowed, including any interest, with details of the infrastructure items which that money was used to provide (wholly or in part),

(iv) the amount of CIL applied to administrative expenses pursuant to regulation 61, and that amount expressed as a percentage of CIL collected in that year in accordance with that regulation; and

(d) the total amount of CIL receipts retained at the end of the reported year.

3.14 For the purpose of Regulation 64(2), it is confirmed that the Authority has adopted CIL.

The CIL charging regime came into force in North Kesteven on 22nd January 2018. For 2017/18 the following income and expenditure is recorded: -

- total CIL receipt was £0;
- total CIL expenditure was £0;
- total CIL receipts retained at the end of the financial year £0.

Regulation 34(6) – Duty to Cooperate

34. (6) Where a local planning authority have co-operated with another local planning authority, county council, or a body or person prescribed under section 33A of the Act, the local planning authority's monitoring report must give details of what action they have taken during the period covered by the report.

Duty to Cooperate: joint plans or other applicable strategies

- 3.15 The 'Duty to Cooperate' requires Local Planning Authorities and prescribed public bodies to work together, through engaging constructively, actively, and on an ongoing basis, with regard to strategic matters and supporting activities that relate to the preparation of development plan documents. A strategic matter is defined as sustainable development or use of land or infrastructure that has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas.
- 3.16 The NPPF, builds on the requirements of the Localism Act, stating that public bodies have a duty to co-operate on planning issues that cross administrative boundaries.
- 3.17 During the monitoring period the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee adopted the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan.
- 3.18 A report on how the production of the Local Plan has been prepared in compliance with the Duty to Cooperate requirement can be downloaded (document E052 and E052a) from the Central Lincolnshire website at <http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/central-lincolnshire/planning-policy-library/126952.article>

4.0 The Economy in North Kesteven

Additional employment floor space

- 4.1 This indicator relates to the amount of new floorspace completed within the monitoring period.
- 4.2 A piece of secondary legislation groups types of use of premises into classes, so that no planning permission is required if a building is changed from one use to another within the same class. Employment land for the purposes of this monitoring indicator is defined as uses B1, B2 and B8 (see table below for categories).
- 4.3 Table 12 shows the additional floorspace created for employment in North Kesteven over the period from 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2018.
- 4.4 21,881.5 square metres of additional employment floorspace was completed during the monitoring period.

Table 12 – additional employment floor space

Amount of employment floorspace developed (sqm)						
Land use type	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
B1	6896.98	957	1380.60	1851	1121	1685.5
B2	7501	2851	1206	729	3035	2185
B8	3209	0	72	1207	4038.5	6646
Mixed	21428.5	3297	3578.70	5132	8153	11365
Total	39035.48	7105	6237.30	8919	16347.5	21881.5

Table 13 – Percentage of employment floorspace completed on previously developed land

Total amount of employment floorspace completed on previously developed land by type (%)						
Land use type	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
B1	47	100	31	96.8	33.6	21.4
B2	40	100	100	100	96.3	97
B8	100	100	100	0	98.9	0
Mixed	21	100	70	42	7.4	0.5

Employment Land

- 4.5 2017/18 saw a total of 3.59ha of employment land developed. This is lower than the last year of 5.61ha however there have still been a number of significant developments completed, these included the new Siemens service operation centre at Teal Park, expansion of Cedar Park on Doddington Road, Germinal Seed Warehouse expansion at Witham St Hughs and new warehouse on the Royal Oak Warehouse site in Sleaford.
- 4.6 There were a number of sites under construction at the time of undertaking the employment site visits which are expected to be completed by next year, these include expansion premises for Small Beer on Churchill Business Park in Bracebridge Heath, start up units on the Royal Oak warehouse site in Sleaford, Phase 5 of Lincoln Enterprise Park and the completion of new premises for Lincoln Precision Engineering on Discovery Park, North Hykeham.
- 4.7 The amount of 'Employment land available by type' is 3.2ha for B1 and 122.43ha for mixed. These figures have been calculated based on land available in 'Strategic Employment Sites' and 'Established Employment Areas' identified in the adopted Central Lincolnshire Local Plan alongside other sites with planning permission in the rest of the district.

- 4.8 Last year the Leafbridge site (2.15ha) was counted twice in the ‘employment land available’ figure in error – an independent application was counted and it was also included within the LN6 figures, this has now been corrected.

Completed floor space for ‘town centre uses’

- 4.9 This information relates to the amount of floor space created for ‘Town Centre Uses’. The Town Centre data in the table below is for Sleaford and North Hykeham combined and for town centre uses in the rest of the district.
- 4.10 The total amount of floor space developed within the town centre for A1, A2 and D2 uses appears significantly higher than previous years, this is largely due to the completion of a new Lidl in North Hykeham.

Table 14 – Floor space developed for ‘town centre uses’

Town Centre uses developed (A1, A2 & D2) (sqm)						
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
In Town Centre	859	146	73	846.4	335	1601.7
Rest of District	323.5	1919	1265	1573	2655.95	37.47
Total	1182.5	2065	1338	2419.4	2990.95	1639.17

5.0 The Environment in North Kesteven

European or International Designations

Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

- 5.1 SACs are sites designated under the EU Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora). North Kesteven contains no areas of land covered by SACs.

Special Protection Areas (SPA)

- 5.2 SPAs are sites designated under the EU Birds Directive (Council Directive 79/409/EEC on the Conservation of Wild Birds). North Kesteven contains no areas of land covered by SPAs.

Ramsar Sites

- 5.3 Ramsar sites are sites designated under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance. North Kesteven contains no areas of land covered by Ramsar sites.

National Designations

Local Nature Reserves (LNR)

- 5.4 LNRs are designated by Natural England and the relevant local authority. They are publicly accessible areas. There are three Local Nature Reserves in North Kesteven. No new Local Nature Reserves have been declared.

Table 15 – Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) in North Kesteven

LNRs	Total area (ha)
Lollycocks Field, Sleaford	2.15
Mareham Pastures	11
Whisby Nature Park, Whisby	107.57

Table 16 – LNRs per 1,000 people in North Kesteven

Information on LNRs	Data
LNR total area in North Kesteven (ha)	120.72
Population in North Kesteven (figure from ONS 2016 mid-year estimates)	115,200
LNR area per 1,000 people (ha)	1.05

Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

- 5.5 SSSIs are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. There are seven SSSIs in North Kesteven including Potterhanworth Wood, High Dyke, Metheringham Heath Quarry, Wilsford Heath Quarry, Wilsford & Rauceby Warrens, Copper Hill and Doddington Clay Woods.

SSSI Condition Assessment

- 5.6 SSSIs are divided up into areas known as SSSI units and these units are monitored for their condition by Natural England. The condition of a SSSI unit is deemed to fall into one of five categories – favourable, unfavourable recovering, unfavourable no change, unfavourable declining and destroyed/part destroyed. The condition of SSSIs in the district is shown below by percentage area of total SSSI in each state. The majority of designated land is in a favourable or unfavourable but recovering condition. Of the total 156.89 hectares of designated land, 16.19 hectares (Wilsford Heath Quarry) is in an unfavourable declining condition which is an overall percentage of 10.3%. No sites were assessed during 2017/18.

Table 17 – SSSI condition assessment

SSSI site	Latest assessment date	Area (ha)	Favourable (%)	Unfavourable – recovering (%)	Unfavourable – no change (%)	Unfavourable – declining (%)	Partially destroyed (%)	Destroyed (%)	Not assessed (%)
Potterhanworth Wood	08/06/09	33.08	100						
High Dyke	01/08/11	6.77		100					
Metheringham Heath Quarry	09/07/10	12.94	100						
Wilsford Heath Quarry	29/07/10	16.19				100			
Wilsford & Rauceby Warrens	27/08/13	57.4		100					
Doddington Clay Woods	30/03/15	23.87	100						
Copper Hill, Wilsford	20/10/11	6.64	70.05	29.95					

Non-Statutory Sites

Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) in North Kesteven

5.7 LWSs and Local Geological Sites are sites selected by the Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership (a group of partnership organisations and individuals affiliated to the Greater Lincolnshire Biodiversity Partnership). LWSs have no statutory protection but are recognised as a material consideration. There are 159 locally designated sites in North Kesteven. The proportion of local sites where positive conservation management is being achieved is a proxy measure of local biodiversity and is used by central government to assess the performance of local authorities. In this monitoring period 33% of sites within North Kesteven are in positive conservation management. This is a 1% increase on 2016/17. In line with Defra guidance, where management evidence is more than five years old or has never been recorded, these sites have been identified as being in negative management status. An additional LWS has been designated during the monitoring period.

Table 18 – Sites with local environmental designations

Information on locally designated sites	Data
Local Wildlife Sites	151
Local Geological Sites	8
Sites where positive conservation management is being achieved	51 (33%)

Renewable Energy Generation

5.8 This data looks at the energy generation capacity provided from renewable energy sources granted planning permission during the monitoring period. An application for a solar park extension in Branston was approved in February 2018.

Table 19 – Non-domestic renewable energy projects granted planning permission during 2017/18

Type of renewable energy	Energy production (kW)	Site area (ha)
Biomass	0	0
Photovoltaic	49900	97
Wind	0	0

Co2 Emissions in North Kesteven in Lincolnshire

5.9 Table 20 below identifies the local Co2 emission estimates for North Kesteven and surrounding districts in Lincolnshire. The figure for North Kesteven is recorded at its lowest over the last 10 years at 5.4 tonnes/annum per capita. There is a two year delay in receiving this information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-local-authority-and-regional-carbon-dioxide-emissions-national-statistics> Data has been taken from the 2005-2016 UK local and regional Co2 emissions – data tables.

Table 20 – Local Co2 emission estimates

Estimates of CO2 emissions in tonnes/annum per capita (i.e. per head of population)					
Local Authority area	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Boston	6.5	6.2	5.8	5.4	4.9
East Lindsey	6.9	6.6	6.2	5.9	5.6
Lincoln	5	4.8	4	3.9	3.6
North Kesteven	6.5	6.5	6	5.7	5.4
South Holland	7.6	7.4	7	6.3	6
South Kesteven	7.6	7.4	6.7	6.6	6.2
West Lindsey	7.2	6.9	6.5	6.1	5.8

Table updated to reflect the latest release of data meaning some slight changes to the figures that were included in last year's report.

6.0 Conclusion and Next Steps

- 6.1 This is the eighth AMR where North Kesteven has been part of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Team. This AMR reports performance against core output indicators, indicators set by the previous Government to monitor local planning authority performance. It is important to continue to monitor performance to measure the effectiveness of our policies and decisions. The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Team will be working with others on developing local indicators and targets as part of the Local Plan which will form the basis of future AMRs. In addition, future AMRs will be informed by any approach enacted by the Localism Bill and any future national policy and guidance.