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# **Examination of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2018 - 2040**

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Examination in Public Hearings – November - December 2022  
Matter 9 – Housing Land Supply

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Statement has been submitted on behalf of Thonock and Somerby Estate (TSE) as part of the Examination in Public of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (CLLP). The Statement highlights and where necessary expands upon representations submitted by TSE at the Regulation 18 and 19 stages of the CLLP.
- 1.2. As the largest landowner in and around Gainsborough, TSE wish to be a pro-active participant in the Local Plan process. TSE have built relationships with the Lincolnshire Planning Authorities intend to play a full and active role in ensuring the wider planning strategy and framework for Gainsborough is deliverable in the timescales envisaged by the planning process.
- 1.3. During the preparation of the current adopted Local Plan (2017) we worked closely with the Lincolnshire Planning Authorities, particularly West Lindsey District Council (WLDC), to agree and deliver a development programme for key Gainsborough sites. We continue to work together towards these objectives and this collaborative approach has continued into the most recent Local Plan subject to the EIP.
- 1.4. This Statement responds to the Inspectors' Matters, Issues and Questions, providing further detail and clarity on Matter 9 – Housing Land Supply with particular reference to the Gainsborough Northern Neighbourhood and the Gainsborough Southern Neighbourhood.

## 2. Matter 9 – Housing Land Supply

### *Issue 2 – Five-Year Housing Land Supply*

***Q7. What flexibility does the plan provide if the SUEs in particular do not come forward in the timescales envisaged?***

- 2.1. As set out in previous Examination Statements, in the context of the Gainsborough SUEs, we consider the delivery assumptions to be conservative.

***Q9. In the current Central Lincolnshire Local Plan, Policy LP54 identified broad locations for future growth which could come forward where certain criteria were met. Is a similar policy required for soundness in the Local Plan Review?***

- 2.2. Yes. We consider that such an approach for longer term development, such as the Easter SUE in Gainsborough, should be covered by such a policy. This would be consistent with the NPPF<sup>1</sup> to take account of the longer lead in times for such proposals.

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<sup>1</sup> NPPF 2021 paragraph 22

