

Leasingham and Roxholm Neighbourhood Plan

Summary of representations submitted to North Kesteven District Council during the additional consultation, held between 3 July to 14 August 2023. For actual documents, please refer to the key documents table under the link [Leasingham and Roxholm neighbourhood plan | North Kesteven District Council \(n-kesteven.gov.uk\)](https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/leasingham-and-roxholm-neighbourhood-plan)

Rep No.	Representation	Comments
1	Anglian Water	<p>Thank you for consulting Anglian Water on the modification to the Leasingham and Roxholm Neighbourhood Plan (LRNP). We understand that this is to ensure the LRNP is in conformity with the more recently reviewed and adopted Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (CLLP). Anglian Water supports the amendment to the LRNP on the basis that it ensures there is no ambiguity on the scale and location of growth which the LRNP may support. If the CLLP or LRNP were now being consulted on to seek views on the location and scale of growth, Anglian Water would have advised that growth should follow the sustainability hierarchy and should options be assessed in accordance with paragraphs 20 and 152 to 154 of the NPPF. Specifically, the proposed locations of growth in Plan(s) should consider and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions as required by paragraph 154(b) including the embodied (capital) carbon impacts from supporting infrastructure.</p> <p>For example, the Leasingham Wastewater Recycling Centre (WRC) has a permitted flow which equates to some 830homes within the WRC catchment. The average flows to the WRC over the past three years, equates to about 680homes. Growth of some 150 homes could therefore be accommodated in the catchment without the need for additional infrastructure at the WRC. If that growth were to be located elsewhere in North Kesteven which did not have capacity at the WRC serving the settlement(s), then new water recycling capacity would need to be constructed with its attendant embodied (capital) carbon emissions.</p> <p>Anglian Water is now advising Councils on the most sustainable location for growth based on available water and wastewater (WRC) capacity and the carbon benefits of utilising that capacity. The above is therefore an observation on the potential sustainability of Leasingham to accommodate more than the 103 homes in allocated sites or the total of 123 homes in the parish as a whole in the CLLP. We support the LRNP modification as this would still enable additional homes to be brought forward that utilised the embodied carbon in the current Leasingham WRC.</p> <p>Comments noted.</p>
2	Leasingham Hall Ltd	<p>Reference Policy 1 – New Development within the Parish.</p> <p>Policy 1 refers to support for small scale development proposals within the developed footprint of Leasingham Village.</p>

		<p>However there is no definition of the ‘developed footprint’ within the Plan, nor is there any plan which identifies this area. A plan identifying this area should therefore be included within the Plan, and in accordance with previous representations attached, the land identified at Leasingham Hall should be included within this area for the reasons identified.</p> <p>No action needed. The ‘developed footprint’ is defined in the CLLP and in this respect the definition need not be set out in the LRNP and similarly there is no need for a plan showing a developed footprint for each settlement. See CLLP Glossary available at Local Plan for adoption Approved by Committee.pdf (n-kesteven.gov.uk).</p>
3	Witham Drainage Board	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above Neighbourhood Plan it is partly within Witham First District Internal Drainage Board area.</p> <p>The Board has no comments on the main document apart from it refers to a Flood Risk Assessment but there is no information in the document.</p> <p>Below are general Board comments for Neighbourhood Plans.</p> <p>It is suggested that the Neighbourhood Plan should support the idea of sustainable drainage and that any proposed development should be in accordance with Local, National and Regional Flood Risk assessments and Management plans.</p> <p>No new development should be allowed to be built within flood plain. The ‘Flood Maps’ on the Environment Agency website provides information on areas at risk. Also risk from surface water flooding should also be considered, information can also be found on the Environment Agency website.</p> <p>The Board wishes to highlight property and landowners riparian responsibilities to watercourses within and adjacent to boundaries, under the Land Drainage Act 1991.</p> <p>Under the terms of the Land Drainage Act. 1991 and the Board's Byelaws, the prior written consent of the Board is required for any proposed works or structures within any watercourse (apart from Environment Agency main river) within the District. This is independent of the Planning Process.</p>

		<p>For areas outside the Board District under the provisions of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, and the Land Drainage Act. 1991, the prior written consent of the Lead Local Flood Authority (Lincolnshire County Council) is required for any proposed works or structures in any watercourse outside those designated main rivers and Internal Drainage Districts. At this location this Board acts as Agents for the Lead Local Flood Authority and as such any works, permanent or temporary, in any ditch, dyke or other such watercourse will require consent from the Board.</p> <p>Through the planning process the Board will continue to comment on the individual planning applications which affect the Board's district, as and when they are submitted. Many of the proposed areas for development have been subject to multi-agency discussions including this Board with regard to flood risk and surface water discharge.</p> <p>Neighbourhood plan SEA HRA Screening (L & R) 5.15 in the Neighbourhood plan SEA HRA Screening (L & R) document states 'the LRNP does not include specific allocations for development and therefore is not anticipated to have any direct implications within the flood zone area.' But there has been a series of planning applications on the north of Leasingham Beck on the edge of the village in Flood Zone, 22/0655/OUT/ 15/0043/FUL, 20/1803/ADVICE & 22/0587/OUT.</p> <p>On the south bank planning applications 19/0136/OUT, 21/1908/RESM also extend to Leasingham Beck with application outline within Flood Zone.</p> <p>So I would assume further applications will be expected adjacent to Leasingham Beck east of the village and suggest there should be no development within Flood Zones and maintenance access should also be left to allow mechanical maintenance of Leasingham Beck.</p> <p>comments noted.</p>
4	The Coal Authority	<p>Thank you for your notification of 29 June 2023 regarding the Leasingham and Roxholm Neighbourhood Plan - Additional Consultation.</p> <p>The Coal Authority is only a statutory consultee for coalfield Local Authorities. As North Kesteven District Council lies outside the coalfield, the Planning team at the Coal Authority has no specific comments to make.</p> <p>comments noted.</p>
5	West Lindsey DC	<p>Thank you for consulting my Council.</p>

		<p>It is good to see that my previous comment on policy 2 was addressed by the examiner and their recommended modification is backed by your Council.</p> <p>The decision your Council is recommending for Policy 1 is supported.</p> <p>comments noted.</p>
6	Historic England	<p>Thank you for notifying us about the additional consultation on the Leasingham & Roxholm Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>We responded to the original consultation in 2021 and our comments remain unchanged.</p> <p>comments noted.</p>
7	National Highways	<p>Thank you for providing National Highways with the opportunity to consult on the Neighbourhood Plan for Leasingham and Roxholm.</p> <p>National Highways (formally Highways England) has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as a strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). It is our role to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the SRN whilst acting as a delivery partner to national economic growth.</p> <p>In responding to development plan consultations, we have regard to DfT Circular 01/2022: The Strategic Road Network and the Delivery of Sustainable Development ('the Circular'). This sets out how interactions with the Strategic Road Network should be considered in the making of plans and development management considerations. In addition to the Circular, the response set out below is also in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and other relevant policies.</p> <p>The SRN closest to the NDP area is the A1 trunk road, which is outside the boundary of the plan area.</p> <p>We have considered the contents of the Neighbourhood Plan and as the plan does not introduce any new development sites or transport related policies that are likely to impact the safety and operation of the SRN, we have no other comments to make.</p> <p>comments noted.</p>
8	Natural England	<p>Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 29 June 2023.</p>

		<p>Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.</p> <p>Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made.</p> <p>Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>However, we refer you to the attached annex which covers the issues and opportunities that should be considered when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and to the following information.</p> <p>Natural England does not hold information on the location of significant populations of protected species, so is unable to advise whether this plan is likely to affect protected species to such an extent as to require a Strategic Environmental Assessment. Further information on protected species and development is included in Natural England's Standing Advice on protected species .</p> <p>Furthermore, Natural England does not routinely maintain locally specific data on all environmental assets. The plan may have environmental impacts on priority species and/or habitats, local wildlife sites, soils and best and most versatile agricultural land, or on local landscape character that may be sufficient to warrant a Strategic Environmental Assessment. Information on ancient woodland, ancient and veteran trees is set out in Natural England/Forestry Commission standing advice.</p> <p>We therefore recommend that advice is sought from your ecological, landscape and soils advisers, local record centre, recording society or wildlife body on the local soils, best and most versatile agricultural land, landscape, geodiversity and biodiversity receptors that may be affected by the plan before determining whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment is necessary.</p> <p>Natural England reserves the right to provide further advice on the environmental assessment of the plan. This includes any third party appeal against any screening decision you may make. If an Strategic Environmental Assessment is required, Natural England must be consulted at the scoping and environmental report stages.</p>
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9	National Gas	<p>National Gas Transmission has appointed Avison Young to review and respond to Neighbourhood Plan consultations on its behalf. We are instructed by our client to submit the following representation with regard to the current consultation on the above document.</p> <p>About National Gas Transmission National Gas Transmission owns and operates the high-pressure gas transmission system across the UK. In the UK, gas leaves the transmission system and enters the UK's four gas distribution networks where pressure is reduced for public use.</p> <p>Proposed sites crossed or in close proximity to National Gas Transmission assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Gas Transmission's assets which include high-pressure gas pipelines and other infrastructure.</p> <p>National Gas Transmission has identified that no assets are currently affected by proposed allocations within the Neighbourhood Plan area. National Gas Transmission provides information in relation to its assets at the website below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.nationalgas.com/land-and-assets/network-route-maps <p>Please also see attached information outlining guidance on development close to National Gas Transmission infrastructure.</p> <p>Distribution Networks Information regarding the gas distribution network is available by contacting: plantprotection@cadentgas.com</p> <p>Further Advice Please remember to consult National Gas Transmission on any Neighbourhood Plan Documents or site-specific proposals that could affect our assets. We would be grateful if you could add our details shown below to your consultation database, if not already included:</p> <p>comments noted.</p>
10	National Grid	<p>National Grid Electricity Transmission has appointed Avison Young to review and respond to local planning authority Development Plan Document consultations on its behalf. We are instructed by our client to submit the following representation with regard to the current consultation on the above document.</p>

About National Grid Electricity Transmission

National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) owns and maintains the electricity transmission system in England and Wales. The energy is then distributed to the electricity distribution network operators, so it can reach homes and businesses.

National Grid no longer owns or operates the high-pressure gas transmission system across the UK. This is the responsibility of National Gas Transmission, which is a separate entity and must be consulted independently.

National Grid Ventures (NGV) develop, operate and invest in energy projects, technologies, and partnerships to help accelerate the development of a clean energy future for consumers across the UK, Europe and the United States. NGV is separate from National Grid's core regulated businesses. Please also consult with NGV separately from NGET.

Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to NGET assets:

An assessment has been carried out with respect to NGET assets which include high voltage electricity assets and other electricity infrastructure.

NGET has identified that no assets are currently affected by proposed allocations within the Neighbourhood Plan area.

NGET provides information in relation to its assets at the website below.

- www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planning-authority/shape-files/

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Distribution Networks

Information regarding the electricity distribution network is available at the website below:

		<p>www.energynetworks.org.uk</p> <p>Further Advice Please remember to consult NGET on any Neighbourhood Plan Documents or site-specific proposals that could affect our assets. We would be grateful if you could add our details shown below to your consultation database, if not already included:</p> <p>comments noted.</p>
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