

Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee

Central Lincolnshire Local Development Scheme 2024

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Preface

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If you require any further information regarding the Scheme, please contact a planning policy officer on 01529 414155 or by email to talkplanning@central-lincs.org.uk.

A 'live' Local Plan Timetable update is published on our website at regular intervals. 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.

Central Lincolnshire Local Development Scheme – 2024 to 2026

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 Plans for an area.
- 1.2. This Central Lincolnshire LDS sets out the timetable for any DPDs to be prepared in the period 2024 to 2026. It explains when the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee intends to reach key stages in the preparation of a new Local Plan. This LDS replaces the Central Lincolnshire LDS which was adopted on 21 September 2020.

The Local Plan and Supporting Documents

- 1.3. Responsibility for DPD and LDS preparation for the districts of West Lindsey, City of Lincoln and North Kesteven has been passed to the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee (the Joint Committee).
- 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 and are subject to independent examination by a planning inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. For Central Lincolnshire, as at March 2024, they comprise:
 - **The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan –** Adopted on 13 April 2023, it provides land use planning policies, allocates sites for development and identifies other areas designated for protection, shaping the growth of the Central Lincolnshire area over the next 17 years. It covers the administrative areas of North Kesteven District, the City of Lincoln and West Lindsey District and replaced the previous Local Plan for the area; plus
 - **Minerals and Waste Local Plans –** Lincolnshire County Council Minerals and Waste Local Plans comprise the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Local Plan (adopted on 1 June 2016) and the Minerals and Waste Site Locations Document (adopted on 15 December 2017). The Minerals and Waste Local Plans covers the county of Lincolnshire; plus
 - **Neighbourhood Plans:** Local communities, including Parish and Town Councils, can prepare Neighbourhood Plans putting in place policies to guide the future development of the area. These must be in general conformity with 'strategic policies' in DPDs and be consistent with national policy. It is up to local communities to decide if they want to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and so it is not appropriate for this LDS to specify when or where they will be produced. Neighbourhood Plans that have been 'made' (brought into legal force) becomes part of the statutory development plan. A number of Neighbourhood Plans have been made across Central Lincolnshire, and many more are under preparation.
 - **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 Central

Lincolnshire Policies Map includes inset maps for some areas to show information at a larger scale.

- **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, but for completeness and clarity they will be listed on the Central Lincolnshire web site.¹
- **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 latest Central Lincolnshire SCI was adopted in January 2023.
- **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. AMRs are produced by North Kesteven District, the City of Lincoln and West Lindsey District and will be published on the Central Lincolnshire web site.

Joint Working Arrangements and Joint Local Plans

- 1.5. The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan is prepared 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 2004, as amended by the Localism Act 2011.

2. Local Plan Timetable

- 2.1. With the Local Plan being adopted in April 2023 there is currently no timetable for updating the Local Plan. As is required by regulation 10A of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) a review as to whether the policies in the Local Plan need updating will need to take place within 5 years of adoption.
- 2.2. The Local Plans Team and the Central Lincolnshire authorities will continue to monitor the policies and changes to national planning policy and legislation to identify if the plan requires updating.
- 2.3. Table 1 sets out the timetable for reviewing a plan as is required by section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
- 2.4. A new requirement coming from the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 is for the production and maintenance of a Local Plan Timetable. This is provided separately on

¹ **Note:** Emerging changes to the planning system propose the removal of Supplementary Planning Documents. In their place, policies that would previously be included in Supplementary Planning Documents will either need to be included in Local Plans or in Supplementary Plans.

the Central Lincolnshire website and includes details of Supplementary Plans intended to be produced.

Table 1: Timetable for Production of Development Plan Document

	2024												2025												2026											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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No.	Stage	Description	Dates stage will/ is proposed to take place
1	Public Participation (Regulation 18)		
2	Pre-submission Publication (Regulation 19)		
3	Submission (Regulation 22)		
4	Independent Examination Hearing		
5	Inspector's Report Issued		
6	Adoption of DPD (Local Plan)		