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Introduction to the report

This report sets out how South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) has involved the community and stakeholders in preparing the emerging South Kesteven Local Plan.

The report is a statutory requirement for a Local Planning Authority currently in the process of publishing and submitting a Local Plan to the Secretary of State. It outlines how the Council has complied with government requirements, in line with Regulation 17 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The report provides information on the following matters:

- An overview of the Council's engagement activities, across all individuals, groups and stakeholders.
- Which engagement activities were used during each stage of the Local Plan making process (both informal and formal).
- How individuals, groups and stakeholders were invited to make representations to inform the Local Plan process.
- A summary of the feedback received through the engagement activities.

This report will be updated as the Local Plan moves through the relevant regulations of the Plan Making process.

The South Kesteven Local Plan

South Kesteven District Council began preparing a new Local Plan for the district in 2015. The new Local Plan will set out the strategic vision, objectives and spatial strategy for the District, as well as, the planning policies which will guide future development. The Plan will look ahead to 2036, and identify the main areas throughout South Kesteven where development should take place, along with areas of the District which will be protected from change. Additionally, it establishes policies and guidance, to ensure local development is built in accordance with the principles of sustainable development as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

The plan will replace the adopted Core Strategy (2010) and the Site Allocation and Policies Development Plan Document (SAP DPD 2014) that currently make up the development framework for the District.

For more information regarding the South Kesteven Local Plan and evidence based documentation please see the following webpage;

Link - <http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=8498>

Timetable

The creation of a new Local Plan requires a number of thorough and robust stages of consultation. This is to enable early and ongoing engagement with the local community, businesses and organisations to develop a comprehensive document, tailored to the needs of the district in terms of strategy and the policies required.

The below timetable outlines main consultation stages of the emerging South Kesteven Local Plan up until the Submission date of the 15th of January 2019.

Key Local Plan Stages

1: Identify issues and collect evidence: Late 2014

The Council reviewed existing policies and identified any current gaps in policies or evidence bases. Began undertaking research to inform the Local Plan.



2: Issues and Options consultation – January 2015

The Council informed stakeholders and the public that a new Local Plan was being produced and asked for views on what the plan should cover. The consultation was open for a 6 week period.



3: Sites and Settlements consultation – July 2016

The Council consulted on the initial appraisal of sites promoted for development, and invited comments on the review of settlement hierarchy. Consultation was open for a 6 week period.



4: Draft Local Plan consultation– July 2017

The Council consulted on a full draft version of the Local Plan that combined the updated evidence base, technical assessments, previous consultation responses and internal comments. Consultation was open for a 7 week period (extended by a week)



5: Improve the Plan – August 2017- May 2018

The Council took on board comments received during the draft Local Plan consultation and any further evidence base items to improve the Local Plan ready for formal consultation



6: Publish the Plan (Pre-Submission Consultation) – June 2018

A submission ready version of the plan was made available for stakeholders and the public to comment on for a minimum of 6 weeks. In accordance with the Local Plan Regulations, this consultation was formal and statutory seeking specifically the Plan's soundness for Examination in Public.



7: Submission to the Secretary of State: January 2019

The Council assessed the comments received during the regulation 19 formal consultation and considered that the Local Plan is sound, therefore, can be submitted for Examination in Public (EiP). The Plan was submitted to the secretary of State on the 15th of January.



8: Examine: - No fixed Date

The Plan will be examined by an independent Planning Inspector who will conduct an EiP.



9: Adopt- No Fixed Date

If the independent Planning Inspector finds the Local Plan sound, the Plan can be adopted by the Authority. If the Inspector does not find the Local Plan sound, the process goes back to **stage 6 (Submission Consultation)**.

It is important to note that alongside these key consultation stages dialogue has taken place throughout the process with relevant stakeholders and individuals to assist with the preparation of the plan and resolve outstanding issues.

Consultation Stages

As set out in the above timetable, South Kesteven has conducted four consultation stages prior to finalising the Local Plan for submission (three under informal Regulation 18, and one under formal Regulation 19).

These Stages are as follows;

Regulation 18 - Issues and options summary document

Regulation 18 - Sites and settlements document

Regulation 18 - Full Draft consultation

Regulation 19 - Pre-Submission consultation (also known as Proposed Submission).

Statement of Community Involvement

The Councils adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (2014) sets out the Council's requirements in terms of public and stakeholder engagement in relation to planning, including the preparation and consultation of Local Plans. The SCI requires a number of different engagement methods to be used across the community, to ensure that everyone has the right, and fair chance to comment.

The Council has ensured that the Local Plan engagement process was in line with the adopted SCI.

A link to the councils full 2014 SCI can be found at;

Link - <http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=14102&p=0>

The table below breaks down the methods of community involvement which should be utilised in the preparation of Local Plans.

Method	Benefit	Main groups to be consulted (lists not exhaustive)
Make documents and supporting information available at Council offices and public libraries for inspection (reference copies only)	Consultation documents and information are available free of charge in a variety of locations during opening hours	General public (including hard to reach groups), groups and stakeholders
Make documents, supporting information and electronic methods of responding available on the Council's website	Information is easily accessible from people's own homes and businesses, 24 hours a day Comments can be submitted to the Council quickly, at any time and with no cost	Anyone with suitable internet access
Drop in sessions	Publicises information in a user friendly way, in a variety of locations Provides an opportunity for individuals to raise and discuss issues directly with Council staff	General public (including hard to reach groups), groups and stakeholders
Information in the Council's newsletter (SK Today)	Information is circulated to all households in the District using an existing communication channel	All residents within the District
Press releases to local newspapers	Provides information to the local community	General public (including hard to reach groups), groups and stakeholders

Distribute information to Town and Parish Councils/Meetings to be displayed on village notice boards	Allows information to be displayed in public locations locally and also provides an opportunity for representatives of Town and Parish Councils/Meetings to raise and discuss issues	Town & Parish Councils and local residents/businesses
Stakeholder groups	Provides an opportunity for selected stakeholders to raise and discuss issues directly	Dependent on the group(s) selected
Dovetailing as an agenda item on another meeting	Uses existing bodies representing a wide range of community groups and stakeholders	Dependent on the meeting selected
Letters and e-mails to contacts on address database	Formal means of communication which ensures information has been received	Specific and general consultees and anyone else with interest in plan making

Table 1 - Extract taken from the 2014 SCI

Breakdown of Consultation Methods

The following section will be a detailed overview of how South Kesteven has utilised each method of consultation in line with the emerging Local Plan process.

Make documents and supporting information available at Council offices and public libraries for inspection

All Local plan documents relevant to the corresponding consultation had to be made available within Local Council offices and Libraries around the district. There are a total of four Council office locations and three Libraries within the district (this excludes the mobile library that visit villages within Lincolnshire on a monthly basis).

Locations of Council offices;

Grantham: St Peter's Hill, Grantham, NG31 6PZ

Stamford: 1 Maiden Lane, Stamford, PE9 2AZ

Bourne: South Kesteven Community Point, 3 Abbey Road, Bourne, PE10 9EF

Deepings: Deepings Community Centre, Douglas Road, Market Deeping, PE6 8PA

Locations of libraries;

Stamford Library - High Street, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 2BB

The Deepings Library - The Park, High Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough, PE6 8ED

Grantham Library - Isaac Newton Centre, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 6EE

Bourne Library South Kesteven Community Point, 3 Abbey Road, Bourne, PE10 9EF (note; this is in the same location as the Bourne Council offices.)

Make documents, supporting information and electronic methods of responding available

The council has a statutory duty to provide a copy of all documents online, in an easy accessible format. Therefore, all of the Local Plan materials can be found within the new Local Plan webpage on the council's website.

This webpage provides links to Local Plan documents in PDF format which can be printed and downloaded from any web browser.

All Document's in relation to the emerging Local Plan, such as evidence base work and Policies maps can be found on the council's website, which is continually updated to provide the latest information (this even includes archives of previous consultations and superseded evidence base documents).

During consultations, the council had an electronic response form which could be filled in online, or printed off, and completed by hand.

Drop in sessions

Drop in sessions were important when trying to establish engagement within hard to reach community groups and individuals within the district.

All day drop in sessions were located in towns and villages around the most suitable areas geographically. This enabled communities to attend a drop in session at a convenient time.

The sessions were usually overseen by 2-3 members of the Planning Policy team, who would engage with the public surrounding any issues or questions they might have had in regards to the emerging Local Plan. A large amount of graphic content and a number of reference Local Plan documents were also made available at the sessions.

The Council advertised these sessions as widely as possible, through the appropriate channels.

Information in the Council's newsletter (SK Today)

The Council has a main circulatory called "*SK today*".

SK Today is an informative magazine published quarterly during spring, summer, autumn and winter. It is circulated to every household within the district. It is also available in other languages, large print, Braille, on audio tape or computer disc.

In addition to providing general news around the district, the magazine also gives an update on the activities and events coming up within the Council. The dates for Local Plan consultations have been published within *SK Today* along with the time and locations of any drop in sessions.

Press releases to local newspapers

The press is the most established ways of getting information out to the public. Press releases were used to inform the public of Local Plan consultation dates and if there was to be any drop in sessions.

There are 3 main newspapers in the district. These are as follows;

The Grantham Journal

The Stamford and Rutland Mercury

The Bourne Local

Social Media

The Council uses Facebook and Twitter as the main social media platforms to connect with residents across the district. They were both used during consultation events.

Distribute information to Town and Parish Councils/Meetings to be displayed on village notice boards

All Parish and Town Councils receive a magazine known as "*Parish Update*" which is distributed around 3 times per year. Similar to *SK Today*, it documents news and updates regarding events across the district and around the district Council. Information on Local Plan consultations have also been included within *Parish Update* along with the time and locations of any drop in sessions.

Additionally, all Parish and Town clerks (or chairs) were notified of consultation events through either Email or post.

Within these notification emails / letters, clerks were asked to circulate any of the correspondence with all other Parish/ Town Councillors. They were also asked to display a notice of the consultation on their relevant village notice boards or information location regarding information surrounding Local Plan consultation.

Stakeholder groups

This involved meetings with relevant stakeholder groups, or statutory bodies to discuss specific issues with the emerging Local Plan process.

Dovetailing as an agenda item on another meeting

Meetings with Parish /Town council meetings if requested to discuss matters in relation to the emerging Local Plan.

Letters and e-mails to contacts on address database

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 requires Local Planning Authorities to consult both general consultation bodies and specific consultation bodies in the preparation of Local Plans, in addition to residents and other persons carrying out business in the local planning authority's area. South Kesteven's new Local Plan mailing list was refreshed in late 2014 and has been kept up-to-date throughout the plan making process.

General consultation bodies on the database include:

- Members of the public who wanted to be informed of the Local Plan Process
- Local Business, groups and clubs who wanted to be informed of the Local Plan Process
- Landowners/ Developers/agents
- Civic Society Groups
- Groups/ individuals who represent the interests of disability, religion, race or national groups within the Authority

Any general body that had participated in any consultation was also added to the database, unless they specifically stated otherwise.

Specific consultation bodies on the database include;

- Environment Agency
- Historic England
- Natural England
- Primary Care Trust South Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Lincolnshire West CCG, and South West Lincolnshire CCG)
- Highways England
- Sport England
- Office of Rail and Road
- Network Rail
- Coal Authority
- NHS Local Area Team (Lincolnshire and Leicestershire)
- Homes and Community Agency
- Civil Aviation Authority
- Any relevant telecommunications companies
- Any relevant electricity, gas, water and sewage undertakers

Specific consultation bodies include a number of statutory consultees which are organisations and bodies, defined by statute, which South Kesteven are legally required to consult during the Local Plan making process.

Duty to Co Operate

The duty to co-operate was introduced in the Localism Act 2011 and places a legal duty on local planning authorities to engage constructively, actively and on an on-going basis to maximise the effectiveness of local plan preparation relating to strategic cross-boundary matters. The following cross boundary authorities were consulted on all stages of the South Kesteven Local Plan.

- Peterborough City Council
- Rutland County Council
- South Holland District Council
- East Northamptonshire District Council
- Melton Borough Council
- Newark and Sherwood District Council
- North Kesteven District Council
- Leicestershire County Council
- Lincolnshire County Council
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Cambridgeshire County Council, and
- Northamptonshire County Council

More information can be found separately in the South Kesteven Duty to Cooperate Report (January 2019).

Overview of Report

This report will be split into 4 sections, each covering one of the consultation exercises that informed the Local Plan process. The sections will include detailed analysis of the following;

An overview of the consultation

Timescales for the consultation

Methods of consultation used

Methods of acceptable feedback

Overall consultation feedback

Future Steps (how the document helped inform the LP process)

Links to any summary documentation produced after the consultation

Section 1 - Issues and Options



Overview of the Consultation

The Issues and Options consultation paper was the first formal stage of community involvement in preparing the new Local Plan. The consultation paper set out the outcome of early “scoping” work for the review of the current local plan documents and identified key issues which were likely to affect the District over the next 20 or so years. It included three options for housing need, along with proposed policy issues and a set of questions aimed at promoting wider public involvement, discussion and engagement. The paper also set out what content the Local Plan should include and established the Councils vision for the District.

A Sustainability Appraisal (SA) / Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Scoping Report was published alongside the consultation paper. This established the proposed sustainability objectives and the assessment framework which would be used to assess the potential effect of policies and proposals on environmental, social and economic factors.

Document type - Regulation 18 (Informal)

Timescale

The consultation began on the 23rd January 2015 and lasted until the 6th of March 2016. This was for a total of 6 weeks.

Methods of consultation used

Method of Consultation	Description
Make documents and supporting information available at Council offices and public libraries for inspection	<p>The consultation paper was published and paper copies made available in the Council's offices and local libraries, including the following locations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grantham Council office • Stamford Council office • Bourne Council office • Deepings Council office • Local Libraries around the district
Make documents, supporting information and electronic methods of responding available on the Council's website	The consultation paper and the SA/SEA Scoping report was made available in electronic PDF format on the Council's website.
Information in the Council's newsletter (SK Today)	The consultation took place between the publication of the Winter 2014 edition and the Spring 2015 edition, so that there was no benefit in having an article included.
Distribute information to Town and Parish Councils/Meetings to be displayed on village notice boards	<p>The Parish and Town Council's were engaged in the consultation and asked to publicise the consultation document and dates. They were also invited to attend one of three parish council forums held in February 2015</p> <p>The Parish update included a detail article about this consultation.</p>
Press releases to local newspapers	A press release was distributed to the Council's normal distribution list entitled "Have your say on emerging Local Plan" this introduced the consultation paper and why we were preparing a new local plan. It also set out how people could access the consultation documents, and how they could comment and become involved in the plan making process going forward
Stakeholder groups	<p>The Town and Parish Council were invited to attend one of three Parish Forums held at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grantham • Bourne • Stamford <p>These events were attended by representatives of 33 parishes in the district.</p> <p>The format of these events included a number of presentations from officers about the new plan and how to become involved alongside a lively debate and question and answer session. Those unable to attend where sent the presentations</p>
Dovetailing as an agenda item on another meeting	No opportunities for this arose during this consultation

Social Media	The consultation was posted on both social media platforms, highlighting the consultation dates.
Letters and e-mails to contacts on address database	All statutory and duty to co-operate bodies were notified about the consultation along with more than 550 individuals, businesses and community groups who had asked to be involved in preparing the local plan.

Ways in which the consultation could be responded to

There were a number of questions proposed within the consultation document, these could be responded to in a number of ways;

- Online, through consultation portal link*
- Consultation response form available in electronic and on paper format
- Through Generic Email
- Through Generic Letter.

*The consultation portal programme was no longer used after this consultation.

Feedback

The consultation received a total of 67 responses from a range of individuals, businesses, parish councils, town councils and statutory bodies

Moving Forward

The document was prepared and consulted upon to support early engagement with local communities, businesses, voluntary groups, public organisations, and landowners about future development and change in the district. It set out what the council thought where the current important issues facing the district, and what issues might arise in the future.

Key changes imposed

As a result of the comments received through this consultation the Council prepared the following new/additional evidence and reviewed the following key parts of the local plan:

- Update to the SHMA
- Review of the settlement hierarchy and reviewed the capacity of settlements to accommodate growth
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan and work with partner bodies such as LCC and NHS to understand the infrastructure needs
- Whole Plan Viability Assessment
- Complete Wildlife Site Review
- New design policy which encompasses best practice for sustainable and “green” energy
- Review of the Spatial Strategy

- Reviewed the Vision and Objectives
- Site Assessment Methodology Paper
- Consideration of best practice about how to deliver vibrant town centres
- Consideration of issues regarding Heritage and Environmental matters
- Consideration of issues of health and wellbeing

Summary Links

Document - <http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=14100&p=0>

SEA/SA Document - <http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=14101&p=0>

Section 2 - Sites and settlements



Overview of the Consultation

The second section which formed part of the Local Plan making process was the Sites and Settlements document.

The main objective of the Sites and Settlements document main was to set out the initial technical appraisal process for sites promoted through the Councils "Call for Sites" (a process in which landowners could submit parcels of land within the district to be part of the Local Plan process). The appraisal process was based on understanding the constraints around sites submitted, and then sieving out the least suitable ones based on a set methodology.

284 sites were promoted through the "Call for Sites" process. The Council had made a recommendation for each site in line with the appraisal process. Throughout the consultation, representation could be made on any of the sites.

Furthermore, the document proposed a number of questions which asked about different options regarding development within the District. For example, these were questions -

- Regarding housing growth scenarios
- Regarding the districts the settlement hierarchy
- Relating to the amount of Employment Land within the District
- Relating to the amount of development each Town/ Village should be allocated

Document type – Regulation 18 (informal)

Timescale

The consultation began on the 5th July 2016 and lasted until the 5th of August 2016. This was for a total of 4 weeks.

Methods of consultation used

<u>Method of consultation used</u>	<u>Description</u>
Make documents and supporting information available at Council offices and public libraries for inspection	<p>Hard copies of the Sites and Settlements document were made available at the following locations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grantham Council office • Stamford Council office • Bourne Council office • Deepings Council office • Local Libraries around the district
Make documents, supporting information and electronic methods of responding available on the Council's website	<p>The Sites and Settlements document, along with the technical appraisal methodology was made available in electronic PDF format on the Council's website.</p>
Drop in sessions	<p>A number of drop in sessions were held in various Locations around the district, during the Sites and Settlements Consultation period. The events took place to enable individuals and communities to find out more about the sites that has been put forward within their Town/ Village and find out more about how they could respond to the document.</p> <p>6 drop in events were held at agreed locations around the District. They were supported by 2-3 Planning Policy Officers and had a range of materials including maps, PowerPoint's and reference documents. The 6 Drop in sessions where held at the following Locations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grantham • Long Bennington • Deepings • Stamford • Colsterworth

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billingborough • Bourne
Information in the Council's newsletter (SK Today)	The information regarding the Sites and settlements consultation and proposed times/ locations of the drop in sessions were published within the relevant addition of <i>SKToday</i>
Press releases to local newspapers	<p>A press release was established for The Sites and Settlements consultation setting out the times of the consultation period the dates and times of the drop in sessions around the district. The press realise went into the following newspapers;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grantham Journal • Stamford and Rutland Mercury
Stakeholder groups	Meetings where conducted with relevant stakeholder groups during the build up to the creation of the document.
Dovetailing as an agenda item on another meeting	Meetings were held with Parish and Town Councils in the District if there are any specific issues facing a particular area or to provide additional information on the process.
Distribute information to Town and Parish Councils/Meetings to be displayed on village notice boards	<p>All parish Clerks/ Chairs were sent an Email or letter, giving information on the Sites and Settlements Consultation and asking them to make all parish councillors and local residents/ businesses aware.</p> <p>Those villages or Towns which had been designated a drop in session were also sent a poster to display on their public notice board or relevant Location, this detailed the time and date of the drop in session.</p> <p>Information on the consultation was also provided in <i>Parish Update</i></p> <p>Local Ward Councillors were also made aware of the consultation</p>
Letters and e-mails to contacts on address database	<p>A notification Email or Letter was distributed to everyone on the Councils Local Plan notification database, including all statutory and general consultees. All individuals/ communities who had responded to the previous consolation were also informed.</p> <p>In addition, all landowners, developers and agents who had submitted land on behalf of the sites and settlements process where also notified of their lands status (of it had been sieved out) and invited to make representation.</p> <p>The notification also told the consultee how they could view and respond to documents.</p>
Issue a Public notice	Public notice was issued

Ways in which the consultation could be responded to

There were a number of questions proposed within the consultation document, these could be responded to in a number of ways;

- Web based questionnaire from the councils website
- Paper based questionnaire from the councils
- General Email
- General Letter

Feedback

Overall there were around 500 responses to the consultation from a total of 362 individuals.

The drops in sessions were fairly well attended, with just over 300 people split over the 6 events. The largest event attendance was in The Deepings.

Key issues raised through the consultation where as follows;

- Objection to the existing allocated of residential site SKLP274 in Stamford
- Objection the inclusion of SKLP30 in Market Deeping (petition handed over).
- Objection to the inclusion of site SKLP45 in Grantham.
- Objection to proposing Claypole as a Larger Village.
- many comments also questioned the implications of Brexit be considered in relation the new Local Plan as it was a big topic at the time.

Further information can be found in the Sites and Settlements Summary report.

Moving Forward

The document was the first step in establishing an appraisal process to identify allocations within the new Local Plan. The representations were taken into consideration when; establishing potential residential and employment sites, setting out the growth scenario, and creating spatial policies for settlements across the district. These would all be incorporated within the Draft Local Plan.

Key changes imposed

Two key changes were made in regards to the representations received;

- Various changes were made in regard to submitted sites.
- A review and update of the settlement hierarchy.

Summary Links

Sites and Settlements document -

<http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=19571&p=0>

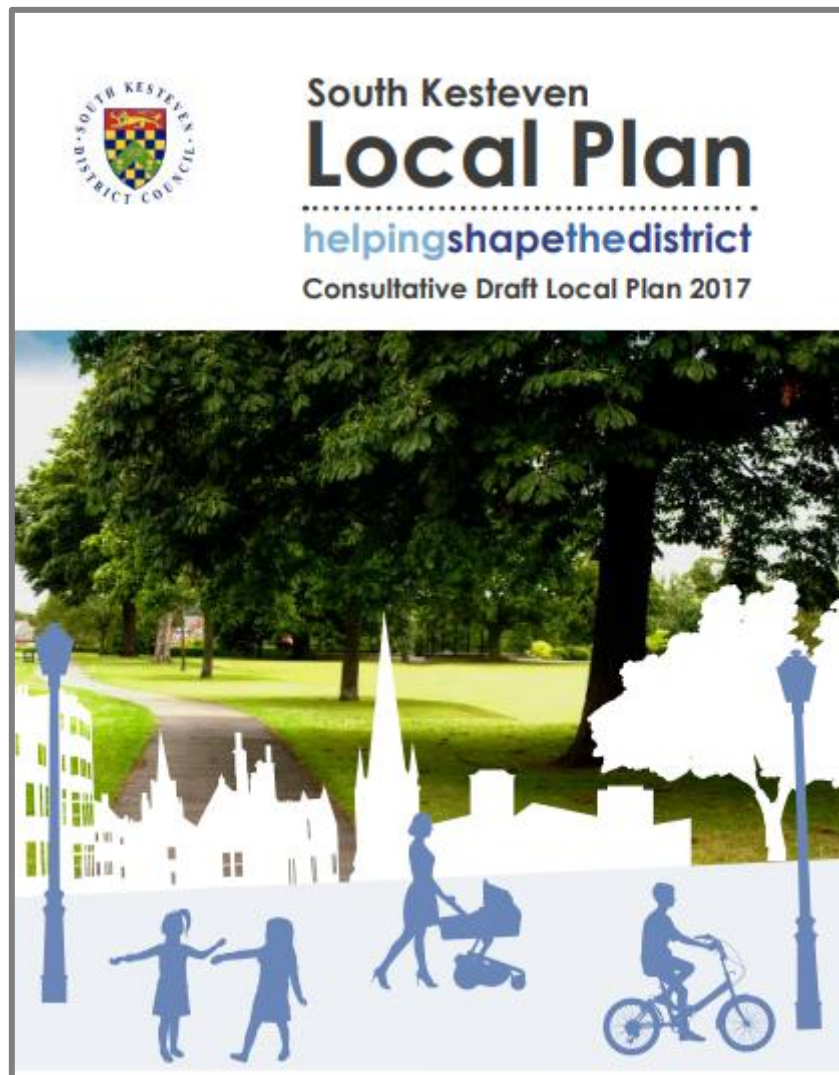
Summary report –

<http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=10911>

FAQ on the Document

<http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=18441&p=0>

Stage 3 - Draft Local Plan



Overview

The third consultation was on a full draft version of the South Kesteven Local Plan. The consultation on the draft Local Plan was different to previous consultations, as it formed the Council's first iteration of the Plan in a comprehensive form.

The draft Local Plan set out the strategic vision, objectives, spatial strategy for the District and planning policies to guide future development. It proposed policies and guidance to ensure local development is built in accordance with the principles of sustainable development. The draft Local Plan also identified a number of potential allocations across the district to contribute towards the deliverability of the Plan's strategic vision.

In addition, to the draft Local Plan a set of draft policies maps were produced for the district, which set out the proposed policies in a more spatial format. There was also the production of a draft renewable energy appendix to accompany the draft Plan.

At this stage of the plan still only proposed draft policy wording and provisional site allocations

Document Type – Regulation 18 (Informal)

Timescale

The consultation began on the 3rd of July 2017 and lasted until the 18th of August 2017. This was for a total of 7 weeks, as the consultation was extended by an additional week in response to concerns that the consultation was during the summer holiday period.

Methods of consultation used

<u>Method of consultation used</u>	<u>Description</u>
Make documents and supporting information available at Council offices and public libraries for inspection	<p>Hard copies of the draft Local Plan document, draft policies maps and draft renewable energy appendix were made available at the following locations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grantham Council office • Stamford Council office • Bourne Council office • Deepings Council office • Local Libraries around the district <p>Additionally, paper copies of the questionnaire were also available at these locations.</p>
Make documents, supporting information and electronic methods of responding available on the Council's website	<p>The Draft Local Plan, along with the draft policies maps, draft renewable energy appendix and all supporting evidence base work were made available in electronic PDF format on the Council's website.</p>
Drop in sessions	<p>A number of drop in sessions were held in various Locations around the district, during the Draft Local Plan Consultation period. The events took place to enable individuals and communities to find out more about the sites that has been put forward within their Town/ Village and find out more about how they could respond to the document.</p> <p>Drop in events were held at agreed locations around the District. They were supported by 2-3 Planning Policy Officers and had a range of materials including maps, PowerPoint's reference documents.</p> <p>The Drop in sessions were held at the following Locations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grantham x 2 • Deepings • Stamford • Corby Glen

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bourne • Colsterworth <p>Market Stalls were also rented out on market days within the following Towns;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stamford • Bourne • Deepings <p>An additional Saturday date was also conducted within Grantham's ASDA store, this was to draw attention to the draft Local Plan from residents who might not have been aware there was an ongoing consultation.</p>
Information in the Council's newsletter (SK Today)	The information regarding the Sites and settlements consultation and proposed times/ locations of the drop in sessions were published in the relevant edition of <i>SKToday*</i> .
Press releases to local newspapers	A press realise was established for The Draft Local Plan consultation, setting out the times of the consultation period the dates and times of the drop in sessions around the district. The press realise went into the following newspapers;
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grantham Journal • Stamford and Rutland Mercury
Social Media	<p>The Draft Local Plan consultation event was posted on both social media platforms, highlighting the dates in which representations must be received.</p> <p>Social media was also used to inform the public that the consultation had been extended by an extra week.</p>
Stakeholder groups	1:1 meetings with stakeholders and service providers to discuss future needs, aspirations and service/infrastructure capacity issues
Dovetailing as an agenda item on another meeting	Meetings were held with Parish and Town Councils in the District if there are any specific issues facing a particular area, or to provide additional information on the process.
Distribute information to Town and Parish Councils/Meetings to be displayed on village notice boards	<p>All parish Clerks/ Chairs were sent an Email or letter, giving information on the Draft Local Plan Consultation and asking them to make all parish councillors and local residents/business aware.</p> <p>Those villages or Towns which had been designated a drop in session were also sent a poster to display on their public notice board or relevant Location, this detailed the time and date of the drop in session (this also included Market Stall dates and the ASDA date)</p> <p>Information on the consultation was also provided in <i>Parish Update</i></p> <p>Local Ward Councillors were also made aware of the consultation</p>

Letters and e-mails to contacts on address database	A notification Email or Letter was distributed to everyone on the Councils Local Plan notification database, including all statutory and general consultees. All individuals/ communities who had responded to the previous consultation were also informed. The notification also told the consultee how they could view and respond to documents.
Issue a Public notice	Public notice was issued

*The link to the relevant edition of SKToday can be found via the link below:

[SKToday – Summer 2017](#)

Ways in which the consultation could be responded to

There were a number of ways in which comment on the draft Local Plan could be made, these included;

- Web based questionnaire
- Hard copy version of the questionnaire
- General Email
- General Letter

Feedback

The Regulation 18 consultation generated a large amount of feedback. In total over 1100 people attended the drop in sessions throughout the district. The most attended session was in Bourne where over 400 people attended during the course of the day.

In terms of responses, 875 comments were received from individuals, organisations and stakeholders. Some responses came in the form of the provided questionnaire, however a majority were submitted through generic email/ handwritten letter. Majority of comments were in regards to the main Draft Local Plan document, with some responses also commenting on the Draft Polices Maps, Draft Viability report, site assessment framework, and the settlement Hierarchy report.

All comments were registered, acknowledged and were taken into consideration when reviewing the plan.

Key issues raised through the consultation where as follows;

- Considerable objection to the proposed allocation of Millfield Road, Market Deeping (References DEP1-H2 or SKLP30) including the proposed relocation of the leisure centre
- Widespread objection to the two provisional housing allocations within Bourne (Reference BRN1-H1 / BRN1-H2 or SKLP 77 /SKLP 273) Concerns also expressed about the towns ability to accommodate growth.
- Concerns regarding Stamford North (Reference STM1-H1) and traffic congestion within the town centre and the impact of the proposed northern link road on the existing road network, in particular Sydney Farm lane

- Concerns relating to traffic and road infrastructure, in particular the timing of the Grantham Southern Relief Road and the A1 connection.
- Concerns regarding Policy SP4 - Development on the edge of settlement: regarding the wording of “substantial community support” and how this is realised.
- Key issues raised in regards to the Government’s Standard methodology, which is set to see an increase in the amount of houses South Kesteven should deliver each year

Further information can be found in the Regulation 18 Draft Summary Report.

Moving forward

The draft consultation provided a key opportunity to gauge feedback on the Council’s proposed policies and allocations within the District. All representations received from the consultation were compiled, assessed and then taken into consideration when preparing the next stage of the Plan. All responses to the draft Local Plan were summarised within the summary document, this was published on the council’s website at the start of the regulation 19 consultation.

Key changes imposed

Many changes were made to the draft Local Plan through the consultation process. Some of the key changes made include;

- The requirement for affordable housing on all sites comprising 11 or more dwellings has been reduced from 35% to 30% in response to evidence in the Whole Plan Viability Study
- The provisional allocation at Low Road in Barrowby has been extended to include an adjoining site increasing its density from 89 to 230
- The Proposed Submission Local Plan was unable to carry forward the provisional allocation for residential development at Millfield Road (References DEP1-H2 or SKLP30) due to an application submitted by the local community to the County Council to designate the land as a Village Green
- Both residential allocations within Bourne (Reference BRN1-H1 / BRN1-H2 or SKLP 77 /SKLP 273) were removed and replaced with a policy which stated that the Bourne Neighbourhood Plan Group must now make provision for 200 homes.
- Prince William of Gloucester Barracks was now proposed to be allocated for development.
- Environmental Policies were strengthened
- Revisions were made to the *Policy DE1 - Promoting Good Quality Design* to reflect Government and local aspirations.

Summary Links

Draft Regulation 18 Local Plan Consultation Document

<http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=21077&p=0>

Draft Policies Maps

<http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=12393>

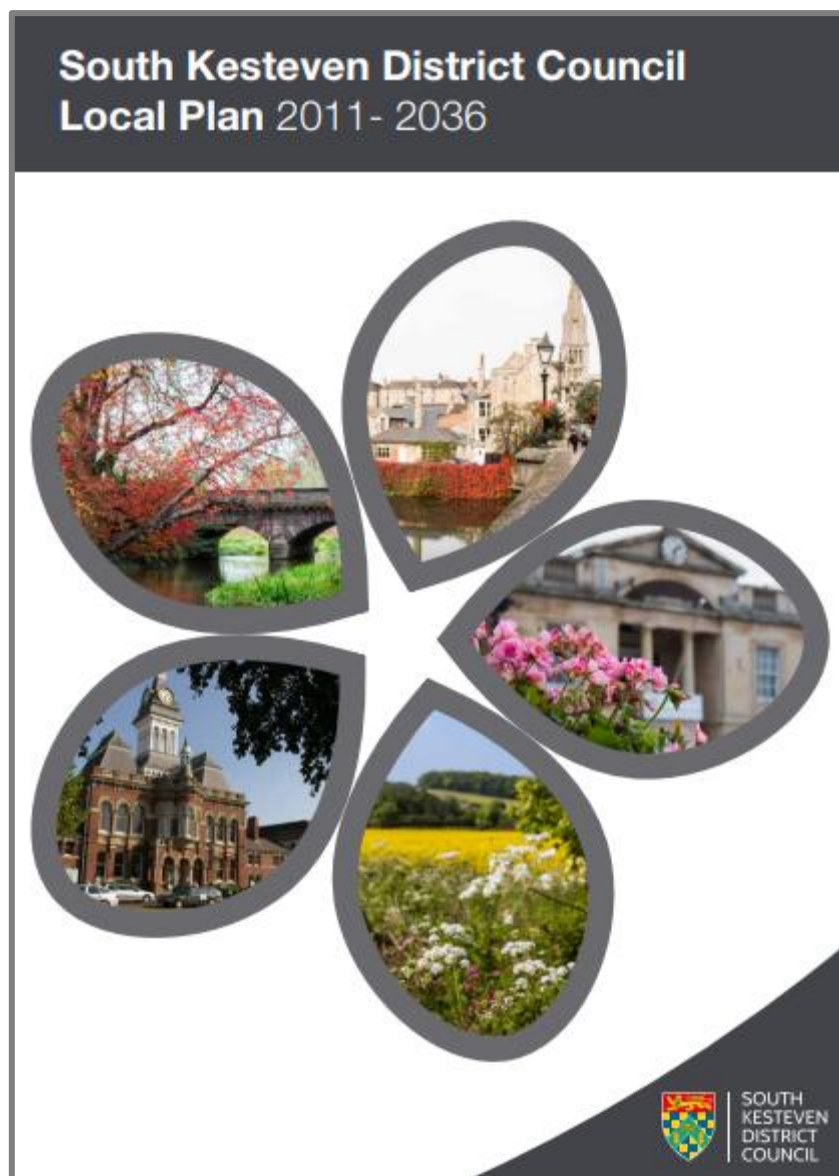
Draft Renewables Appendix

<http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=21069&p=0>

Regulation 18 Summary Document

<http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=23302&p=0>

Section 4 - Regulation 19 Pre Submission Consultation



Overview

The fourth consultation was on a full Pre-Submission version of the South Kesteven Local Plan. The Pre-Submission version of the Local Plan incorporated all the comments received in respect to the draft Local Plan consultation and presented the Council's intentions on policies and allocations within the District.

The Pre-Submission Local Plan set out clarified versions of the strategic vision, objectives, spatial strategy for the District and planning policies to guide future development. It presented finalised policies and guidance to ensure local development is built in accordance with the principles of sustainable development. The Pre-Submission Local Plan also identified a set of housing and employment allocations across the district which would help contribute towards the deliverability of the Plan's strategic vision.

In addition to the Pre-Submission Local Plan - final versions of the following documents were also produced; to be consulted upon;

- Policies maps
- Renewable energy appendix
- Viability study
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan

Document Type – Regulation 19 (Formal) taken in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning – England) 2012

This consultation period represented the last opportunity to make comment on the Local Plan before the Council submitted it to the Secretary of State for independent examination (EiP).

Timescale

The consultation began on the 11th June 2018 and lasted until the 23rd July 2018. This was for a total of 6 weeks.

Methods of consultation used

Method of consultation used	Description
Make documents and supporting information available at Council offices and public libraries for inspection	<p>Hard copies of the pre Submission Local Plan document, policies maps and renewable energy appendix were made available at the following locations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grantham Council office • Stamford Council office • Bourne Council office • Deepings Council office • Local Libraries around the district <p>Additionally, paper copies of the questionnaire were also available at these locations.</p>
Make documents, supporting information and electronic methods of responding available on the Council's website	The Draft Local Plan, along with the draft policies maps, draft renewable energy appendix and all supporting evidence base work were made available in electronic PDF format on the Council's website.
Information in the Council's newsletter (SK Today)	The information regarding the Sites and settlements consultation and proposed times/ locations of the drop in sessions were published in the relevant edition of <i>SKToday</i>
Press releases to local newspapers	A press realise was established for The pre- submission Local Plan consultation, setting out the times of the consultation period the dates and times of the drop in sessions around the district. The press realise went into the following newspapers;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grantham Journal • Stamford and Rutland Mercury
Stakeholder groups	1:1 meetings with stakeholders and service providers to discuss future needs, aspirations and service/infrastructure capacity issues
Dovetailing as an agenda item on another meeting	<p>Meetings were held with Parish and Town Councils in the District if there are any specific issues facing a particular area, or to provide additional information on the process.</p> <p>Preliminary meetings were held with villages where allocations had been changed since the previous version of the Local Plan.</p>
Social Media	The Pre Submission consultation event was posted on both social media platforms, highlighting the dates in which representations must be received.
Letters and e-mails to contacts on address database	<p>A notification Email or Letter was distributed to everyone on the Councils Local Plan notification database, including all statutory and general consultees. All individuals/ communities who had responded to the previous consultation were also informed.</p> <p>The notification also told the consultee how they could view and respond to documents.</p>
Distribute information to Town and Parish Councils/Meetings to be displayed on village notice boards	<p>All parish Clerks/ Chairs were sent an Email or letter, giving information on the Draft Local Plan Consultation and asking them to make all parish councillors and local residents/business aware.</p> <p>Information on the consultation was also provided in <i>Parish Update</i></p> <p>Local Ward Councillors were also made aware of the consultation</p>
Issue a Public notice	Public notice was issued

Ways in which the consultation could be responded to

There were a number of ways in which comment on the Pre-Submission Local Plan could be made, these included;

- Microsoft Word based questionnaire
- Hard copy version of the questionnaire
- General Email
- General Letter

Specific emphasis was made regarding the use of the provided questionnaire. As representations at this stage should only be made relating to legal compliance and 'soundness' of the Plan. The key tests of soundness are that the plan has been:

- Positively prepared
- Justified
- Effective
- Consistent with national policy

All valid comments received will be submitted to the Secretary of State and considered as part of the public examination by an Independent Planning Inspector.

The questionnaire also established if the representor would to speak at the Public Hearing sessions regarding the Local Plan.

Feedback

The Regulation 19 consultation generated a moderate amount of feedback. There were a total of 345 individual representations received with no petitions handed over. All 345 consultation responses were initially assessed and deemed to be valid. A total of 239 representations submitted via the questionnaire.

All comments were registered, acknowledged, and assessed in terms of their validity. All 345 comments were deemed to be valid and were redacted before will be made available for the public to viewing and sent off to the Secretary of State.

Key issues raised through the consultation where as follows;

- Significant objection to the addition of allocation LV-H3 within Barrowby.
- Objection to allocation LV-H15 within Thurlby.
- Objections to Stamford North (STM1-H1), including the proposed east to west link road.
- Objection to Policy SP4 - Development on the edge of settlement: regarding the wording of “substantial community support” and how this is realised
- Objection to supporting text surrounding Millfield Road (Reference SKLP 30) Market Deeping.
- Objections to environmental policies and numerous site allocations from a joint response group consisting Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, Natural England, Environment Agency and GLNP
- Objections to Grantham Allocations not being able to deliver at a reasonable rate.
- Objection to South Kestevens annual housing target of 680dpa as set out within the Local Plan.

Moving Forward

The Pre-Submission Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State on the 15th of January. The responses submitted in regard to the regulation 19 consultation will be examined by an appointed independent Inspector, who will take into consideration the comments received during their initial assessment of the emerging Local Plan. The inspector will then outline the main issues which need to be addressed through the hearings during

public examination. They will then invite those who have expressed an interest to participate in the hearing sessions, and who they feel need to be part of the public examination process, in order to clarify additional points and allow for additional discussions. 56 consultees who submitted responses had requested to be part of the examination process (note it is not the role of the council to decide who gets to partake in the public hearing sessions).

Key changes imposed

There were a variety of responses to the Pre-Submission version of the Local Plan containing multiple comments relating to different policies, paragraphs, allocations and evidence base work.

No changes were made to the Pre-Submission Local Plan document. In line with regulations, the Cabinet approved version of the Local Plan and all valid representations have been sent to the Secretary of State. The 15th May 2018 Cabinet Report and minutes of the meeting can be found via the link below:

<http://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=164&MeetingId=3506>

A minor schedule of amendments is being prepared in order to keep a track change of all minor grammatical errors and supporting text changes.

Summary Links

Regulation 19 Pre-submission Local Plan –

<http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=23226&p=0>

Policies Maps –

<http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=13822>

Renewable energy appendix –

<http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=23227&p=0>

Evidence base work –

<http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=8498>

Appendix

Overview

The appendix is a documentation of all of the engagement activities that have taken place since the beginning of the Local Plan Process

This includes the following;

- SK Today Articles
- Parish Update Articles
- Social media updates
- Notification Letters
- Dates of Consultation events
- Press releases
- Questionnaires
- Other relevant material relating to any of the consultations.

Preparing a new Local Plan for South Kesteven District

SKDC is continuing to prepare a new Local Plan to guide investment and development in the district for up to the next 25 years. The Plan will help shape the district over this period and be a key tool in deciding where the potential housing, retail and business needs of the community will be met and how important countryside, ecological and heritage features will be protected. The new Local Plan will set out the vision and objectives for the future of the district. This will include setting a number of policies, which deliver the vision, objectives and spatial strategy of the plan.

VISION AND OBJECTIVES

To enable the Local Plan to deliver growth across the district to 2036, the current vision and objectives will be updated. This will reflect the extended timeline to 2036 and incorporate changes to National Planning Policy.

The draft vision for the Local Plan will set out how the district is open for business and welcoming growth. It will focus on strengthening Grantham's growth ambition for it to more readily function as a sub-regional centre and create clearer links between the vision and strategic objectives so that the growth is clearly identified throughout the Local Plan. Objectives will accompany the vision, providing the detail to aid its delivery. Both the vision and objectives will be open to public consultation and comment in the Summer 2016.

DRAFT SPATIAL STRATEGY

The Spatial Strategy will set out the overall approach to development and growth, identifying a framework for settlements that encourages and manages sustainable development. The Spatial Strategy must comply with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and, in particular, its presumption in favour of sustainable development.

We will seek views on a review of the spatial strategy in the New year.

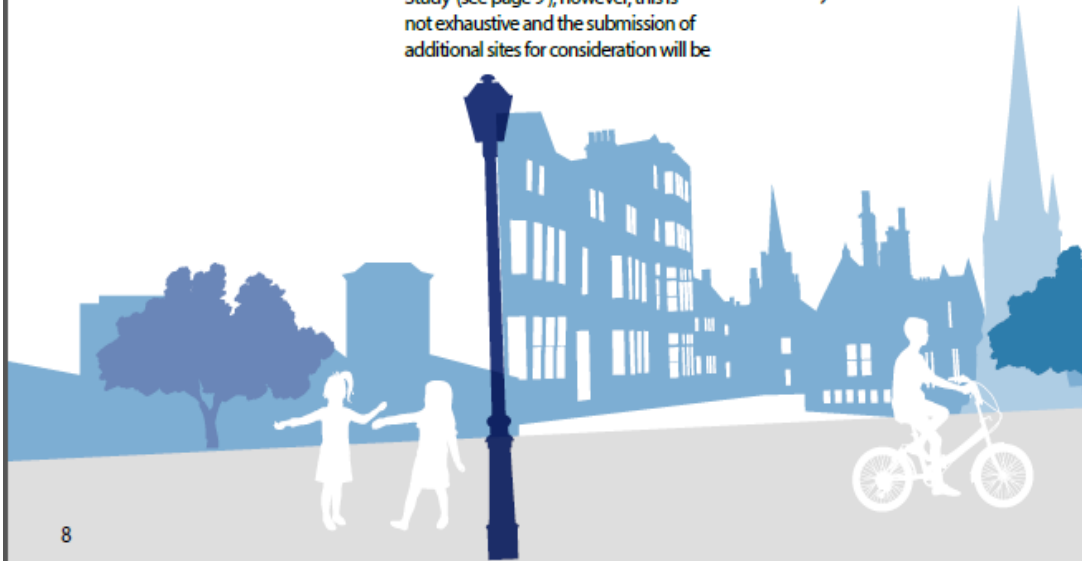
Grantham

The focus of the new Local Plan is likely to be for the majority of growth and development to take place in and around Grantham, in recognition of its status as a sub-regional centre. Potential development sites have been identified through the 'Grantham Capacity Study' (see page 9), however, this is not exhaustive and the submission of additional sites for consideration will be

encouraged. More detail on the "Call for Sites" at page 10.

Village Services and Facilities Survey

A survey has been sent to every parish council seeking information on the services currently available in their community. Parish councils are at the heart of the community, and the survey has, therefore, included several questions which are intended to encourage the views of the parish on a number of topics to obtain a rounded picture of their community. The responses will help us to identify areas where planning can address community concerns. The surveys will provide important evidence to help underpin the Spatial Strategy of the new Local Plan. Local communities have until early January to comment on the survey.





LOCAL PLAN EVIDENCE UPDATES

Strategic Housing Market Assessment

The Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) 2014 provides evidence of the need for housing. This work was updated in 2015 to take account of the latest population projections. Two scenarios were prepared for South Kesteven. These are a baseline demographic growth scenario – this is the scenario of necessary growth to maintain the status quo, which would require 636 new homes per annum, and an aspirational economic growth scenario – this is the scenario where growth in the local economy is encouraged, to support business and employment growth, this would require 698 new homes per annum.

Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment

The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) is a database of sites that have been considered in terms of their potential to be developed for housing.

The assessment of suitability is based upon various factors. Sites that do not meet these criteria are assessed as being unsuitable for development. Local authorities are required by National Policy to demonstrate a five-year supply of deliverable housing land. As of 1 April 2015 South Kesteven has a deliverable housing land supply of 5.8 years.

Grantham Capacity Study

This study examines development limits in and around Grantham, assessing land suitability for development and setting out where Grantham could potentially grow.

The results of this study have shown that capacity is limited to the west of Grantham for various reasons. In contrast, the east of Grantham appears to offer more opportunities for development. However, the landscape in the eastern and southern locations around Grantham is attractive, and the prominent escarpment (ridge) is important in landscape and heritage terms.



Employment Land Study

This study will guide the policy for future development of employment land. It examines the quality and characteristics of the district's employment land, detailing site specifics and outlining recommendations going forward.

The study evidences an increased demand for office space, mainly in Grantham, but also with some limited development opportunities in Stamford, Bourne and Market Deeping.

There is also further evidence of continuing demand for offices, general industrial and warehousing uses, with suggestion to further designate areas in Grantham (similar to the current policy approach in SAP5). Re-designation of existing undeveloped sites may also be something for consideration in the new Local Plan.

The study concludes that, overall, there is sufficient employment land to meet projected demand over the plan period.

Retail Study

The Retail Study sets out the retail need across the district to 2036, by examining existing shopping patterns, the provision of shopping facilities within the district and the subsequent need for additional facilities. Retail needs are classified as either convenience (food shopping) or comparison (other goods such as

clothing, shoes and furniture).

There is no short term capacity for convenience shopping in any towns across the district.

The study did show a need to improve the comparison shopping offer in Grantham. In particular, in the town centre, where quality should be improved and vacancy rates reduced.

Stamford will require a small amount of comparison shopping to meet needs arising by 2036. This need should be located within the existing town centre. There is no comparison shopping need for either Bourne or Market Deeping across the plan period.

Upcoming Evidence

Wildlife Sites and Habitats Survey

This study was commissioned in 2014 and it will take through to 2017 to finalise as there are only specific times of the year when some sites and habitats can be surveyed. Landowners will be contacted to arrange site visits for those known potential wildlife sites. The purpose of this study is to identify and classify important local wildlife sites, to ensure their conservation and enhancement across the plan period.

Call For Sites

The council will be inviting the submission of land as part of the new Local Plan. SKDC will assess these sites, as well as the sites which are already known and determine whether they are appropriate for allocating within the new Local Plan. The call for sites will be open for submissions until early January 2016.

Other Work

In addition to preparing the new Local Plan, the council is also assisting parishes in the production of Neighbourhood Plans. To date, two Neighbourhood Plans have been adopted and there are many more at varying stages in the process. More information on Neighbourhood Plans can be found on the council website www.southkesteven.gov.uk

Next Steps

The Local Plan will be open to extensive public consultation in the Summer 2016. This will give every resident, business or interested party an opportunity to comment on the draft Local Plan, before it is submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination in Spring 2017. Further details, including the timetable to Local Plan preparations are available in the Local Development Scheme (LDS), which will be available via the council website www.southkesteven.gov.uk

Contact Details

For further information, please contact planning policy at planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk or 01476 406080.

Appendix B – Press release text for Issues and options.

If you care about where you live, work, study or spend your leisure time, the preparation of the New Local Plan will be important to you.

South Kesteven District Council wants to hear your views on how you would like to see the area developed over the next 20 years.

The feedback will help inform the Local Plan which will set out a vision for the district and include the policies and proposals that will be used to make sure that the area is developed in the right way.

This means building the right number and types of houses, developing the right kind of shopping and recreation facilities, getting the right office and industrial spaces, creating opportunities for local jobs and protecting our wildlife, landscapes and heritage.

Cllr Frances Cartwright, Cabinet portfolio holder for Planning and Development, said: “This is the public’s first opportunity to have their say on how they want the place where they live to develop in the future. Local people know their area better than anyone and we want to work with them to prepare a plan which reflects their views.”

The Plan is being prepared because of a change in government legislation and will bring together policies and proposals in the Core Strategy, the Site Allocation and Policies Development Plan Documents and address issues raised by evidence and consultation about the Grantham Area Action Plan.

Cllr Cartwright added: “It will also include new policies and proposals required by the National Policy Framework and will support early engagement with local communities, business, voluntary groups, public organisations and landowners.”

Once it has been completed, the Local Plan will be used to help us decide whether to grant applications for planning permission.

Evidence already gathered has identified the following key issues which are important to the future of the district:

- *The right amount of new homes need to meet future requirements*
- *The need for affordable housing*
- *Balancing new homes with the creation of new jobs*
- *Creating sustainable developments in terms of location, design and construction*
- *The impact of new housing on the existing infrastructure*
- *Peoples health and wellbeing and the need to access open space*

The consultation opens on Friday 23 January and closes six weeks later on Friday 6 March.

SKDC has also prepared a Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating a Strategic Environmental Assessment) (SA/SEA) Scoping Report which is published for comment alongside the consultation paper. Both documents can be viewed and downloaded from the council website using the following link:

<http://southkesteven-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/planning/plan/localplan>

Consultation responses should focus on the questions asked in the consultation paper using either the consultation form or the consultation portal, both of which can be accessed using the same link.

Paper copies can also be accessed free of charge at:

- ***District Council Main Offices: St Peter’s Hill, Grantham, NG31 6PZ***

- [Mon, Tues, Thurs 8.45-17.15, Wed 8.45-16.00, Fri 8.45-16.45]
- **Bourne Community Access Point:** 3 Abbey Road, Bourne, PE10 9EF
 - Mon, Wed, Fri 9-17.00, Tues, Thurs 9-18.00, Sat 10.00-13.00]
- **District Council Area Offices:**
 - 1 Maiden Lane, Stamford, PE9 2AZ
 - [Mon-Wed 9-17.00, Thurs 9-15.30, Fri 9-16.30]
 - Deepings Community Centre, Douglas Road, Market Deeping, PE6 8PA
 - [Mon-Fri 9.30-14.00]
- **Local Libraries:**
 - Address details and opening times of libraries are available form Lincolnshire County Council's website www.lincolnshire.gov.uk

If you wish to comment on the consultation paper or the SA/SEA Scoping Report please ensure that your response is received by the council by 4.30pm on Friday 6th March 2015.

Appendix C – Parish Forum Invitation

South Kesteven District Council

Council Offices, St. Peter's Hill
Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 6PZ
Tel: 01476 40 60 80
www.southkesteven.gov.uk



Planning Policy and Partnerships

Our ref: MP/ Local Plan 2036/ Parish Forum
Please ask for: Margaret Parr
Telephone: 01476 40 60 80
Email: Planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk
Date: 16 January 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

South Kesteven Local Plan

South Kesteven District Council has begun the process of preparing a new Local Plan, which will guide development, including allocating land for housing and employment needs, in the District up to 2036.

It is important that the whole community is involved in the Plan's preparation. On 23 January 2015 consultation will begin on a paper which identifies the key issues which we think need to be addressed and asks for the views of the public. The Council is also keen to meet with representatives from Parish Councils, to explain the process and to seek your input.

A series of forums has, therefore, been arranged and you are invited to attend. The forum will include informal discussion of the key issues which your parish council feels need to be addressed.

The forums have been arranged at:
Stamford Arts Centre: Wednesday 4 February
Bourne Corn Exchange: Thursday 5 February
Grantham Guildhall: Tuesday 10 February

All the meetings will be from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Because of space constraints I am afraid that we must restrict the number of representatives from each parish to a maximum of **two** at one session only.

I do hope that you will be able to send a representative to one of the meetings. Please use the attached form to confirm who will be attending and which of the venues you would like to go to. The form should be emailed to planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk.

To enable arrangements to be made, an early response would be appreciated. I should be pleased if you could return let me have details of who will be attending by Monday 2 February 2015.

Yours faithfully

Margaret Parr
Planning Officer
Planning Policy Team



Appendix D - Social Media for Issues and Options



A screenshot of a Facebook post from South Kesteven District Council. The post is dated January 23, 2015, and is public. It features a profile picture of the council and a link to a website. The link text is "WWW.SOUTHKESTEVEN.GOV.UK" and the main heading is "Have your say on emerging Local Plan". Below the heading is a paragraph of text: "If you care about where you live, work, study or spend your leisure time, the preparation of the New Local Plan will be important to you." The post also includes a thumbnail image of a green field under a blue sky with white clouds. At the bottom of the post are three interaction buttons: "Like", "Comment", and "Share".

South Kesteven District Council shared a link. January 23, 2015

WWW.SOUTHKESTEVEN.GOV.UK

Have your say on emerging Local Plan

If you care about where you live, work, study or spend your leisure time, the preparation of the New Local Plan will be important to you.

 Like  Comment  Share

Appendix E – Notification Letter to Contact Database

South Kesteven District Council
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Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 6PZ
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www.southkesteven.gov.uk



Planning Policy and Partnerships

Our ref:	RA/ Local Plan 2036/ Reg 18
Please ask for:	Rachel Armstrong
Telephone:	01476 40 60 80
Email:	Planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk

Date: 21st January 2015

Dear Sir /Madam

South Kesteven Local Plan 2036

South Kesteven District Council has begun the process of preparing a new Local Plan for the District. The South Kesteven Local Plan will cover the whole district of South Kesteven for the period 2011-2036. The Local Plan will set out the strategy for delivering sustainable development including the vision, objectives and spatial strategy. It will also establish development requirements for the district for the plan period including the amount of housing and employment land needed, and allocate specific development sites to meet that need.

The plan will bring together policies and proposals which are currently included in the adopted Core Strategy and the Site Allocation and Policies Development Plan Document (DPD) which are considered to still be relevant, up to date and necessary, as well as incorporating any necessary new policies and proposals that may be required to deliver national planning policy requirements and the vision, objectives and economic growth aspirations for the District. It will also incorporate policies and proposals arising from previous evidence and consultation on the Grantham Area Action Plan and emerging new evidence regarding the environmental capacity of Grantham to accommodate additional sustainable growth.

The first opportunity for the community to become involved in the preparation of the new local plan will begin on Friday 23rd January 2015 with the publication of a consultation paper entitled ***South Kesteven Local Plan – helping shape the district.***



South Kesteven District Council
STAMFORD • GRANTHAM • BOURNE • THE DEEPINGS

The consultation paper sets out the need for a new Local Plan and identifies the key issues which we think need to be addressed by it. The paper asks a series of questions which will help the Council determine the scope and content of the new plan. Consultation on the paper will last for six weeks ending on Friday 6th March 2015.

The Council has also prepared a Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating a Strategic Environmental Assessment) (SA/SEA) Scoping Report which is published for comment alongside the consultation paper.

Both the consultation paper and the SA/SEA Scoping Report can be viewed and downloaded from the Council website using the following link: <http://southkesteven-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/planning/plan/localplan>

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Rachel Armstrong
Senior Planning Policy Officer

Appendix F – Questions for issues and options

Questions / Form for Reg 18 consultation on limehouse and as an editable form.

Background evidence

1. *Is there any other background evidence you think we need?*

What are the important issues for the future?

2. *Do you agree with the important issues identified in the consultation paper?*

Yes / no / don't have a view

3. *Please tell us if there are any other important issues which we have missed?*

Text box

A vision for South Kesteven

4. *What sort of place do you want South Kesteven to be in the future?*

Text box

5. *Do you support the vision for the district set out in the Core Strategy?*

Yes / no / don't have a view

6. *Do you think the Spatial Strategy (included in the Core Strategy) has resulted in sustainable patterns of development?*

Yes / no / don't have a view

7. *Can the spatial strategy be updated to better deliver the Council's growth aspirations?*

Yes / no / don't have a view

If so how?

Text box

8. *Should we change the way we assess villages to identify those which can accommodate future growth?*

Yes / no / don't have a view

If so how, and what criteria should the assessment use?

Text box

Other relevant issues

9. *Is there a site which you think might be suitable for housing; employment; retail and town centre uses?*

Yes / no / don't have a view

Please give site details Text box

10. *What do you think we can do to improve the town centres?*

Text box

11. *Do you know of any innovative ways in which more affordable homes could be delivered?*

Text box

12. *How do you think we can best satisfy the housing needs of our elderly population and those with specialist housing needs?*

Text box

13. *What measures do you think would encourage people to choose to walk, cycle or use public transport instead of their car?*

Text box

14. *Are there any specific policy areas which you think the plan should cover?*

Text box

15. *Are there any policies in either the Core Strategy or the Site Allocation and Policies DPD which you think need to be reviewed or changed?*

Yes / no / don't have a view

If yes please give the Policy reference:

Why do you think the policy should be reviewed ?

Text box

Appendix G – Feedback Summary for Issues and Options

Consultation issue	Summary
Is there any other background evidence needed?	keep all evidence base up-to-date, especially SHMA, SHLAA, Employment Land Capacity Study & Water Cycle Study; setting studies for Grimsthorpe Castle and Stoke Rochford Hall; prepare in-depth studies for settlements where development is proposed; give more weight to Parish Council views and knowledge [especially in respect of local flooding issues]; historic environment assessment needed;
Do you agree with issues identified in the consultation paper?	67 responses received: of which 38 agreed [58%]; only 3 disagreed & 26 [38%] had no view or did not respond
Are there any important issues which have been missed?	public transport appears to be a big concern: lack of direct links between Grantham, Bourne & Stamford; should be required to all new developments; suggestions to increase public transport use include park & ride, car parks at train stations and construction of bus lanes; suggested that urgent action is needed at Bourne in respect of A15 & A151
Are there any important issues which have been missed?	<p>housing is also a major concern: including the need to get the balance right in respect of affordable housing and housing for larger families; there was support from several respondents for higher housing numbers [scenario 3 figure of 706 considered to be too low and one believes that the housing need is of the order of 839dpa [LP28] - and provided data in support of this figure]</p> <p>concern was expressed about the amount of development in villages: it was felt that controlled development in a number of villages to allow them to grow, and that there should be more focus on rural lifestyles and that rural communities should be protected. It was suggested that the impact of the spatial strategy and the relationship between settlements, has resulted in those villages not designated as LSCs becoming less sustainable. It was also suggested that the village assessment process should be changed.</p> <p>environmental issues are also of concern: developments should consider wildlife from the early stages of design, and policies should include access to greenspace, trees and woods. Also noted was a need for green corridors between towns. It was suggested that solar panels should be included on the roofs of all new developments, and that the green economy could be a "selling point" or "theme" of the local area.</p>

Consultation issue	Summary
<p>Are there any important issues which have been missed?</p>	<p>Stamford Town Council want the pressures faced by the town to be acknowledged: specifically its relationship with Peterborough, its traffic pressures and scope to accommodate higher levels of growth.</p>
<p>What sort of place do you want South Kesteven to be?</p>	<p>Respondents wished to see a balance between 21st century demands and values and traditional characteristics; they want a successful economy and a vibrant community where the housing needs of all its residents are met; environmental concerns are important, along with the creation of a network of cycle paths and footpaths; development to be encouraged in villages with local decision-making. A forward thinking District which is clean and attractive to tourists and visitors.</p>
<p>Do you support the Core Strategy vision - how can it be improved?</p>	<p>only 23 respondents [33%] support SK's vision and 46% expressed no view or did not respond to the question. Improvements suggested include: protection for market towns, vision should specify amount of housing provision, should emphasise the importance of historic environment and set out a clear strategy for its conservation. It was suggested that more needs to be done to ensure Grantham is seen as a sub-regional centre, although some respondents felt that Grantham benefits from all development while smaller towns have housing but no benefits. It was suggested that there should be locally-focussed visions [eg for the Deepings] and the importance of Stamford should be emphasised. It was also commented that rural communities feel sidelined, especially in respect of bus services.</p> <p>fewer than half of respondents expressed a view on this: 16 respondents felt that the spatial strategy has resulted in sustainable development and 14 felt it had not; the majority of respondents (55%) had no view or made no response.</p>

Consultation issue	Summary
Do you think the Spatial Strategy has resulted in sustainable development?	reasons why the spatial strategy has not been successful include: the focus on Grantham remains largely unimplemented; development at Bourne has brought a lot of housing but few extra facilities; Grantham may be sustainable but the feel and ambiance is of a spent and tired market town on its way down; GAAP withdrawal & 5year housing land supply requirements has resulted in more housing in villages in contradiction of objective to concentrate growth in towns.
Do you think the Spatial Strategy has resulted in sustainable development?	criticisms of the spatial strategy include: too much development in towns and not enough in villages; too much emphasis on Grantham;
	suggestions include: looking at the impacts on non-LSCs; addressing lack of new housing in villages by allocating a larger number of sites across the district; reversing the loss of commercial/employment land to housing
Can the spatial strategy be updated to deliver the Council's growth aspirations?	approx 40% of respondents felt that the spatial strategy can be updated. Suggestions include: not concentrating development on Grantham; reducing the level of development at Grantham and increasing it at Stamford, Bourne and Deepings; including paragraphs setting out that the Council is aspiring to deliver growth and what the nature of that growth is; provision for growth in rural settlements as well as principle settlements - the concept of restricted development in non-LSCs will be counterproductive in the long-term.
Can the spatial strategy be updated to deliver the Council's growth aspirations?	several respondents suggest that the Council should consider more development at Stamford: it has good road and rail connections and the Council should look at it linking with Peterborough to benefit from its expansion plans; it was stated that land at Newstead is available to provide a SUE.

Consultation issue	Summary
	the Council is urged to change the way in which the potential for growth in villages is assessed; help villages by removing the cap of 10 dwellings [SAP H1] as it is not flexible enough; allow both market and affordable housing in villages to stop them
Can the spatial strategy be updated to deliver the Council's growth aspirations?	more affordable housing, single-bed accommodation and housing for the elderly were requested and the Council should listen to the views of local residents for how settlements should develop.
Should we change the way we assess villages to identify those which can accommodate future growth?	approx 27% of respondents felt the assessment process should change. Comments include: the assessment should also reflect heritage and other sensitive issues; the quality and convenience of the services provided should be considered; the needs of younger people, not just those already living in villages, should be prioritised; and there should be a better assessment of utilities, especially drainage and sewerage infrastructure. Development should not be restricted to "small scale" in LSCs: it was felt that all villages should have the chance to expand and that development which has community support should be allowed.
Should we change the way we assess villages to identify those which can accommodate future growth?	Suggestions to improve the assessment process include: studying how groups of villages work together to support the necessary thresholds for schools, surgeries, pubs etc., and it was suggested that the requirement for pub, church, doctor, school etc are now outdated and that an ease in restrictions would bring a new lease of life to many communities. Villages should be assessed both as 'stand alone' settlements and also in 'clusters': this was said to have been particularly successful in the Deepings.
Is there a site which you think might be suitable for housing, employment retail or town centre uses?	A few respondents suggested sites which they considered could be suitable for development: some of which are already in the assessment / planning process. Where appropriate, these sites have been included in the SHLAA for assessment.

Consultation issue	Summary
<p>What can we do to improve the town centres?</p>	<p>Suggestions to improve town centres include cosmetic options, such as making sure that the environment is clean and tidy, with hanging baskets and pedestrianised areas. Also suggested was the introduction of free car parking and the provision of cycle storage [along with changing/showering facilities]. Restrictions on blue badge parking were suggested [because of obstruction issues in Grantham High Street]. Other comments include improving the variety of shops, particularly creating niche shopping to attract visitors; diversifying the town centre offer by including leisure and recreation as well as retail uses, and having events [both day and evening] and short-term changes to keep people interested. It was suggested that the take-up of empty units could be encouraged by cutting rents and/or rates, along with the creation of Business Improvement Districts. Also, overnight free coach parking and tours of historic places could contribute to increasing tourism. A visit to Melton Mowbray was urged [as an example of a market town which has rejuvenated and revitalised itself]. One respondent stated that what was needed was</p>
<p>What can we do to improve the town centres?</p>	<p>Specific comments relating to Grantham included looking after heritage assets [in particular by tackling the at risk issues on Grantham's Conservation Area]; the possibility of using financial incentives to encourage 'specialist' shops; pedestrianisation of the High Street and introduction of a hop-on hop-off small bus [either free or low charge], along with implementation of the Station Approach, Wharf Place and Greyfriars plans and a restriction on hot food takeaways and betting shops. It was also suggested that a green corridor be created to link the town centre with Belton House and Park.</p> <p>Suggestions specific to Bourne were that the ring road is completed and the creation of a pedestrianised town centre.</p> <p>Specific comments relating to Market Deeping are that the Council should recognise the Market Charter and support the market, improve car parking and encourage tourism. It was also commented that the Council should encourage more prestigious businesses, such as Park Air, to come to the town.</p>

Consultation issue	Summary
Do you know of any innovative ways to deliver more affordable homes?	Boris Johnson's First Steps scheme and Beddington Zero Energy Development (BedZED) were suggested as ways of improving affordable housing delivery, along with council tax incentives for homes of 2 bedrooms or fewer and building more 1 and 2 bedroom bungalows. Other suggestions include: making plots available [with infrastructure] for self- build, modular forms of housing and encouraging co- operative groups, encouraging small builders and discouraging "empty nests" households by restricting delivery of 3 & 4 bedroom houses.
Do you know of any innovative ways to deliver more affordable homes?	It was suggested that the S106 requirements could be reduced if developers included more affordable houses and that restrictions in non-LSC villages for such schemes could be relaxed. Another suggestion was that the Council should buy properties to borrow against and gift land to local trusts to construct affordable housing. Respondents were also concerned that affordable housing should be available only to those who can prove close links to the village and that the perceived stigma of the name affordable housing should be removed by calling them 'homes for local people'.
How do you think we can best satisfy the housing needs of our elderly population & those requiring specialist housing	<p>suggestions include: concentrating developments [including warden-controlled units] in larger villages where community support is available; all new developments to include some 'over 55' housing and specialist care and accommodation provision; all new developments should be designed with 'dementia friendly' aspects; and Housing with Care schemes [eg Harriet Court, Norwich] which are not sheltered housing and not 'residential homes'.</p> <p>it was suggested that more 1 & 2 bedroom properties should be built to enable downsizing and discourage under-occupation and that planning permission should be granted to elderly people wanting to downsize from houses to bungalows. The Council is urged to be proactive and allocate land for housing for the elderly rather than leaving it to 'the market'.</p>
What measures do you think would encourage people to choose to walk, cycle or use public transport instead of their car?	It was pointed out that cars are essential in rural areas which have no or inadequate bus services, and that adequate provision for car parking should be included on all new developments. Several respondents commented that more cycle paths, especially linking residential areas with town centres, and combined foot- and cycle-ways are required, along with secure cycle parking. Existing pathways should be improved.

Consultation issue	Summary
	It was commented that rural bus services are needed, public transport needs to be regular and cheap and available during the evenings and should operate to published timetables.
What measures do you think would encourage people to choose to walk, cycle or use public transport instead of their car?	<p data-bbox="662 371 1407 667">It was suggested that new developments should only be permitted where sustainable transport is available; InterConnect, CallConnect and Into Town bus services should be improved [possibly using S106 or CIL receipts]; adoption of 'Active Design' principles, incorporating priority walking/cycling routes in major developments and reopening linear routes such as former railways to create travel networks would discourage car use.</p> <p data-bbox="662 674 1407 837">A flat rate fare structure on public transport, Smarter Choices and Travel Plans, car-sharing incentives and creation of local employment opportunities were also suggested as a means of reducing dependence on cars.</p> <p data-bbox="662 844 1407 1032">Stamford Town Council expressed concern about the town's inadequate bus service [hourly buses which end at 7pm and cannot, therefore, accommodate commuters to Peterborough and London] and would like road access from the west to the east of the town developed.</p>
Are there any specific policy areas which the plan should cover?	Housing is a major concern: increased housing provision to meet the full objectively assessed housing needs is required, as is a policy specifically related to positive rural housing in addition to rural exception affordable housing. Sustainable growth in rural communities also concerns respondents: local decision should be taken in rural areas; all villages to have development if it is wanted; LSCs to include groups of villages working together.
Are there any specific policy areas which the plan should cover?	<p data-bbox="662 1364 1407 1626">Historic England considers that there is a need for development management policies: in addition to requirements of NPPF 128 further and more detailed local information requirements for applications involving heritage assets to assist in the speed of decision making; locally listed buildings; policies HE1-5 of W/D GAAP were excellent and are still relevant.</p> <p data-bbox="662 1632 1407 1821">NFU consider that a policy is needed to enable new farm buildings, diversification schemes and the use of farmland for renewable energy schemes. Other respondents want to see protection for food- producing farmland and consider that a detailed SPG is needed on all forms of renewable energy [including the impacts on small rural communities].</p>

Consultation issue	Summary
	<p>Council urged to have a positive plan for the protection and enhancement of the natural environment [including sites with non-statutory designations] and to provide nature improvement areas; protection for ancient woodland and ancient/veteran trees was urged.</p> <p>Policies to protect and enhance sports facilities [both indoor and outdoor] are requested; the Council is asked to include cultural assets and places of worship in the definition of community facilities for protection.</p>
<p>Are there any specific policy areas which the plan should cover?</p>	<p>A concise and flexible telecommunications policy, giving a clear indication of assessment criteria, was suggested [respondent LP33 included suggested wording]; other suggestions included a policy prioritising development on brownfield land, a policy to protect villages services from conversion to housing and more emphasis on provision or retention of commercial development or job creation.</p> <p>It was also stated that the Plan should be flexible enough to respond quickly to changes requiring new uses for land and buildings as employment and retail patterns change.</p> <p>DSJ concerned that the infrastructure to support new development should be in place before housing development. Concerned that S106 receipts are not sufficient to cover the need.</p> <p>Traffic measures, such as more buses, restricting blue badges and restricting HGVs, were suggested and LCC requested a 'health and well-being' policy. Specific planning guidance for the Deepings was also requested.</p>
<p>Are there any policies in either the Core Strategy or SAP DPD which need reviewing or changing?</p>	<p>Several respondents were clear that SP1 is in need of revision: stating that the spatial distribution of settlements where development is considered appropriate needs to be revised, with some stating that there is too much emphasis on development in Grantham, and also that development should be permitted in a greater number of villages. Policy SP4 should be revised to reflect that CIL is not proceeding and to provide an updated approach to securing sports infrastructure.</p> <p>The Council is requested to revise all the environmental policies: EN1 to include community orchards and specific references to ancient woodland; EN2 to remove references to PPS25 and include reference to the role of trees in alleviating flooding; EN3 to include updated standards and EN4 should be expanded to include mineral resources and waste.</p>

Consultation issue	Summary
	<p>All housing policies should be revised in the light of updated housing requirements, and the "modest" level of development in LSCs [set out in SAP H1] should be revised to reflect the current housing crisis. Employment policy E1 should also be revised to reflect the current needs for growth.</p>
	<p>It was proposed that site specific policies should be revised as necessary to reflect changes in infrastructure requirements, and that SAP 10 should be amended to reflect changes in guidance on open space provision and the mechanisms for its delivery.</p>
<p>Are there any policies in either the Core Strategy or SAP DPD which need reviewing or changing?</p>	<p>A specific request in respect of STM3 was made to review and reconsider the balance of land uses, and it was noted that there is no strategy for securing inward investment in Bourne.</p>

Appendix H – Sites and Settlements Drop in session Times and Dates

Date	Location	Venue	Time Slot 1 (Includes set up/ Take Down)	Time Slot 2 (Includes set up/ Take Down)
Monday 11th July	Grantham	Gulidhall Arts Centre	11.30am -3.30pm	3:30pm - 8:00pm
Thursday 14th July	Long Bennington	Long Bennington Village Hall	2:00pm -5:00pm	5:00pm- 8:00pm
Tuesday 19th July	Market Deeping	Deepings Community Centre	2:00pm -5:00pm	5:00pm- 8:00pm
Wednesday 20th July	Stamford	Stamford Arts Centre	1:30pm -5:00pm	5:00pm 8:30pm
Monday 25th July	Colsterworth	Colsterworth Village Hall	2:00pm -5:00pm	5:00pm 8:00pm
Wednesday 27th July	Billingborough	Billingborough Village Hall	2:00pm -5:00pm	5:00pm 8:00pm
Date 28 th July	Bourne	Bourne Corn Exchange	11:30am - 3:30pm	3:30pm 8:00pm



PREPARING A NEW LOCAL PLAN FOR SOUTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT

SKDC is continuing to prepare a new Local Plan to guide investment and development in the district for up to the next 25 years.

The new Local Plan will help shape South Kesteven over this period and be a key tool in deciding where the potential housing, retail and business needs of the community will be met and how important countryside, ecological and heritage features will be protected.

Where possible, much of the evidence base prepared for the Core Strategy, Site Allocations Development Plan Document (SAP) and Grantham Area Action Plan (GAAP) will be used to support the preparation of the new Local Plan. Additional evidence will be collected, where necessary, to ensure the new Local Plan is completely up to date.

All planning policy evidence is available to view on the council website at:

www.southkesteven.gov.uk/evidencebase

In addition to preparing the new Local Plan, the council is also assisting parishes in the production of Neighbourhood Plans. To date, two Neighbourhood Plans have been adopted and there are many more at varying stages in the process. More information on Neighbourhood Plans can be found at www.southkesteven.gov.uk

The Local Plan will be open to extensive public consultation this summer. This will give every resident, business or interested party an opportunity to comment on the draft before it is submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination in spring 2017. Further details, including the timetable for the Local Plan preparations are available in the Local Development Scheme (LDS), which will be available via the council website www.southkesteven.gov.uk

For further information, please contact planning policy at planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk or 01476 40 60 80.

Appendix J: - Sites and Settlement Press text

Helping Shape the District

A new Local Plan is being prepared for South Kesteven – and we want your views.

It's a chance for the public to see the sites proposed by local landowners and developers for residential and commercial development.

The plan sets out how the district will develop both in size and location guiding the form, scale and type of future development up to 2036.

The new Local Plan and policies will be based on local feedback coupled with up to date evidence, much of which is available to view at www.southkesteven.gov.uk/evidencebase

As part of the preparation we are seeking your views on the Sites and Settlements Consultation. This will run from Tuesday 5 July until Friday 5 Aug 2016. It will cover topics such as:

- *The future housing requirement for the district over the Local Plan period*
- *Initial thoughts on a spatial strategy for the new Local Plan*
- *A proposed settlement hierarchy for the new Local Plan*
- *Possible site options for meeting the future land requirements of the new Local Plan*

Steve Ingram, Strategic Director for Development and Growth said “We have carried out an initial assessment of sites put forward for development. We welcome comments on all aspects of the consultation. At this stage, no decisions have been made regarding additional allocations for development. This will be for the Local Plan to determine in due course, and will be subject to further public consultation”.

The consultation document is available to view and respond to at www.southkesteven.gov.uk/sitesandsettlements from Tuesday 5 July

In addition there will also be a number of consultation events held across the district where people can drop in to view the document and have a discussion with officers involved in the preparation of the new Local Plan.

Consultation Events List

- *Monday 11 July - Grantham - Guildhall Arts Centre - 11.30am -8.00pm*
- *Thursday 14 July - Long Bennington - Long Bennington Village Hall - 2.00pm - 8.00pm*
- *Tuesday 19 July - Market Deeping - Deepings Community Centre - 2.00pm - 8.00pm*
- *Wednesday 20 July - Stamford - Stamford Arts Centre - 2.00pm - 8.00pm*
- *Monday 25 July - Colsterworth - Colsterworth Village Hall - 2.00pm - 8.00pm*

Wednesday 27 July - Billingborough - Billingborough Village Hall - 2.00pm

Parish Update

June 2016



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Gravity Fields Festival 2016 goes live

New Local Plan for SKDC – Sites and Settlement Consultation

A new Local Plan is being prepared for South Kesteven District. This will set out the vision and strategic objectives for the district, establish the amount and location for further sustainable growth, and guide the form, scale and type of future development up to 2036.

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- A proposed settlement hierarchy for the new Local Plan
- Possible site options for meeting the future land requirements of the new Local Plan

The consultation document will be available to view and respond to at: www.southkesteven.gov.uk/sitesandsettlements on Tuesday 5 July.

In addition to the document being available electronically, there will also be a number of consultation events held across the district where people can drop in to view the document and have a discussion with officers involved in the preparation of the new Local Plan.

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Wednesday 27 July	Billingborough	Billingborough Village Hall	2pm - 8pm
Thursday 28 July	Bourne	Bourne Corn Exchange	11:30am - 8pm

Appendix L: Sites and Settlements sample social media update



South Kesteven District Council
July 19, 2016 · 🌐

Local Plan Consultation drop-in event, today at Deepings Community Centre, 2 - 8pm

We have a number of consultation events coming up across the district where people can drop in to view the document and discuss with officers involved in the preparation of the new Local Plan.



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Appendix M: – Sites and Settlements notification Letter.

South Kesteven District Council

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Spatial Economic Growth

Our ref: LocalPlan2036/sitesandsettlements
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Email: planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk

Dear Sir or Madam

South Kesteven Local Plan 2036

South Kesteven District Council has begun the process of preparing a new Local Plan for the District. The new South Kesteven Local Plan will cover the whole district of South Kesteven for the period 2011-2036 and it will set out the Council's strategy for delivering sustainable development including the vision, objectives and spatial strategy. It will also establish development requirements for the district for the plan period including the amount of housing and employment land needed, and allocate specific development sites to meet that need.

The plan will bring together existing policies and proposals which are currently included in the adopted Core Strategy and the Site Allocation and Policies Development Plan Document (DPD) which are considered to still be relevant, up to date and necessary, as well as incorporating any necessary new policies and proposals that may be required to deliver national planning policy requirements and the vision, objectives and economic growth aspirations for the District. It will also incorporate policies and proposals arising from previous evidence and consultation on the Grantham Area Action Plan and emerging new evidence regarding the environmental capacities of Grantham and Stamford to accommodate additional sustainable growth.

Following the initial consultation which took place in January 2015, the next opportunity for the community to become involved in the preparation of the new local plan will begin on Tuesday 5 July 2016 with the publication of a consultation paper entitled *Sites and Settlements*. The consultation paper sets out a number of policy options open to the District, as well as options for site allocations. The paper asks a series of questions which will help the Council determine which option is the preferred option. This additional consultation will last for four weeks ending on Friday 5 August 2016.

The consultation paper can be viewed and downloaded from the Council website using the following link: www.southkesteven.gov.uk/sitesandsettlements

Consultation responses should focus on the questions asked in the consultation paper using the consultation questionnaire, which can be accessed using the above weblink. This is a technical consultation, based upon evidence and respondents should attempt to evidence their responses with technical reasoning.

Paper copies of the consultation paper and response forms can also be accessed free of charge at:

- **District Council Main Offices:** St Peter's Hill, Grantham, NG31 6PZ
 - [Mon, Tues, Thurs 8.45-17.15, Wed 8.45-16.00, Fri 8.45-16.45]
- **Bourne Community Access Point:** 3 Abbey Road, Bourne, PE10 9EF
 - Mon, Wed, Fri 9-17.00, Tues, Thurs 9-18.00, Sat 10.00-13.00]
- **District Council Area Offices:**
 - 1 Maiden Lane, Stamford, PE9 2AZ
 - [Mon-Wed 9-17.00, Thurs 9-15.30, Fri 9-16.30]
 - Deepings Community Centre, Douglas Road, Market Deeping, PE6 8PA
 - [Mon-Fri 9.30-14.00]

A number of consultation events are also being undertaken to enable people to find out more about the consultation document and the Local Plan generally. Details of these events are set out below:

- Tuesday 11th July – Grantham - Guildhall Arts Centre - 11:30am - 8:00pm
- Thursday 14th July - Long Bennington - Long Bennington Village hall - 2:00pm - 8:00pm
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- Thursday 28th July – Bourne - Bourne Corn Exchange - 11:30am - 8:00pm

If you wish to comment on the consultation paper please ensure that your response is received by the Council by 4.30pm on Friday 5 August 2016.

Yours Faithfully

Roger Ranson
Business Manager - Spatial and Economic Growth

Appendix N: Sites and Settlements Questions

Question 1

We would like to know which housing growth scenario you would like to see.

- a. A baseline housing growth scenario
This would mean we would plan for 636 new homes every year*
- b. An aspirational housing growth scenario
This would mean we would plan for 698 new homes every year*
- c. An alternative housing growth scenario*

Question 2

Do you agree or disagree that the majority of growth should take place in Grantham?

Question 3

Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to encourage the provision of services and facilities in the market towns of Stamford, Bourne and the Deeping, and the larger villages (LSCs)?

Question 4

Do you agree or disagree with the approach suggested for smaller settlements

Question 5

Do you have any additional comments to make on the proposed spatial strategy for the new Local Plan?

Question 6

Do you agree or disagree with our proposal to group settlements in this way?

Question 7

Do you have any comments on our initial thoughts on settlement hierarchy?

Question 8

Do you have any alternative proposals for settlement hierarchy that you would like us to consider?

Question 9.

Do you have any comments in respect of site/s identified as less constrained for housing?

Question 10.

Do you have any comments in respect of site/s identified as less constrained for employment uses?

Question 11

. Do you have any comments in respect of site/s identified as less constrained for mixed uses?

Question 12.

Do you have any comments in respect of site/s identified as more constrained and less suitable at this time?

Question 13.

Are there any other sites / possible development options that you wish to promote to us? Any new submissions should be made using the Call for Sites form



South Kesteven Local Plan

Draft Local Plan Consultation 2017

Consultation Events Day

Bourne, Thursday 25th May, Bourne Market Stall, 10am-3pm.

Bourne Corn Exchange, 5pm-7.30pm

Corby Glen, Monday 5th June, Corby Glen Village Hall (Ron Dawson Memorial Hall), 5pm-7.30pm

Grantham, Saturday 10th June, Grantham Market Stall, 10am-2pm

Market Deeping, Wednesday 14th June, Market Deeping Market Stall, 10am-3pm. The Deepings Community Centre, 5pm-7.30pm

Stamford, Friday 16th June, Stamford Market Stall, 10am-3pm. Stamford Arts Centre 5pm-7.30pm

Long Bennington, Thursday 22nd June, St James Village Hall, 1pm-7pm

Grantham, Friday 23 June, Isaac Newton Shopping Centre, 10am - 4pm

For more information visit:

www.southkesteven.gov.uk/newlocalplan



Appendix P: – Consultation Event Times and Locations

Date	Settlement	Location	Start Time	End Time
Thursday 25 th May	Bourne	Market Stall at Bourne Market	10:00am	3:00pm
Thursday 25 th May	Bourne	The Corn Exchange	5:00pm	7:30pm
Monday 5 th June	Corby Glen	Ron Dawson Memorial Hall	5:00pm	7:30pm
Saturday 10 th June	Grantham	ASDA shopping Centre.	10:00am	2:00pm
Wednesday 14 th June	Market Deeping	Market Stall at Deepings Market	10:00am	3:00pm
Wednesday 14 th June	Market Deeping	Deepings Community Centre	5:00pm	7:30pm
Friday 16 th June	Stamford	Market Stall at Stamford Market	10:00am	3:00pm
Friday 16 th June	Stamford	Stamford Arts Centre	5:00pm	7:30pm
Thursday 22 nd June	Long Bennington	St James Village Hall	1:00pm	7:00pm
Friday 23 rd June	Grantham	Morrisons Shopping Centre	10:00am	4:00pm

Appendix Q: Draft Local Plan Press text

The people of Grantham and surrounding villages will soon get the chance to have their say on major plans for the development of those areas they live in.

A public consultation on the Local Plan will begin on July 3 – and South Kesteven District Council wants to hear the views of the public on its plans for new housing and employment areas.

About 50 per cent of all housing being built over the next 20 years has been allocated to Grantham in a bid to attract more business to the area.

Councillor Mike King, cabinet member for economy and development, said: “It’s very important that Grantham gets the critical mass we think it should have for a town of 50,000 people. It is not attracting the levels of services we would like to see.”

Coun King, who has a background in urban regeneration and town planning, added: “It will allow us to have a higher level of health provision and enable us to regenerate the town centre with better shops and bigger name stores.”

The Local Plan includes those sites where housebuilding is already under way, such as the Poplar Farm site off Barrowby Road and allocated sites such as the Spitalgate Heath Garden Village, where 3,700 homes are due to be built with a school, shops and doctors’ surgery. An £80 million relief road between Somerby Hill and the A1, diverting traffic out of town, is integral to this development, it states.

A potential development of 480 homes off Manthorpe Road, adjoining the Manthorpe estate, is included in the plan but developer Allison Homes is currently appealing against the refusal of this plan by district councillors.

Another potential area for development is the Prince William of Gloucester Barracks site, which is one of a number of Ministry of Defence sites being sold off by the Government to make way for housing. The site is due to be sold by 2020. The plan includes this land as reserve allocation, but planning officers say that the barracks land could be used for housing in future and could be a back-up if the Manthorpe land is not developed.

Many of the larger villages in the district have housing allocated to them. Corby Glen will increase by a third in size under the plan as 250 homes are allocated for the village. A major factor in allocating so many homes is the Charles Read Academy and so many of the homes will be targeted at families.

Coun King said: “The school is doing OK but it could be much bigger really to make it economical. To support that with housing makes a lot of sense.”

More than 15,000 new homes are included in the plan. About 10,000 of these have been built or have been approved for construction.

SKDC’s strategic director for development and growth Steve Ingram said: “We are in a very good place. We are trying to be ambitious and Mike (Coun King) is in on that.”

A number of events have been arranged for the public to see the local plan and make their views known.

The consultation begins on Thursday, July 6, in Long Bennington. The plan will be published on SKDC’s website on July 3. The consultation period lasts until Friday, August 11. Comments are invited until 4pm that day.

Coun Mike King, cabinet member for economy and development, said: “Please come along to one of our public events and talk to our staff. Alternatively, you can go online and leave us your comments or fill in our questionnaire. Last year’s consultation resulted in 600 responses and we want to exceed that this time round.”

Paper copies of the Local Plan and questionnaires are available free from council offices.

Local consultation dates are:

July 6, Long Bennington Village Hall, 1pm-6.30pm;

July 10, Grantham (Isaac Newton Shopping Centre), 11am-4pm;

July 17, Corby Glen Village Hall, 5pm-7.30pm;

August 4, Isaac Newton Shopping Centre, 11am-4pm.

Appendix R: Draft Local Plan Social Media Sample

 **South Kesteven District Council** July 18, 2017 · 🌐

Consultation on Local Plan gets extra Saturday date <http://bit.ly/2tBX9js>



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DATES ANNOUNCED FOR LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

A new programme of public consultation events has now been organised as an important next phase in South Kesteven District Council's preparation of its next Local Plan.

The consultation will start on Monday 3 July when the draft Local Plan goes online on the council's website.

Events in various locations across the district start on 6 July, displaying the latest version of a Draft Local Plan designed to map out sustainable development up to 2036.

Consultation will run for six weeks until the 11 August 2017.

This latest round of consultation is designed to ensure that everyone has a chance to shape the future of the district and the content of the new Local Plan. On show will be preferred site allocations and new planning policies taking on board representations received during the last round of consultation in 2016.

The draft introduces a policy to relax rural restrictions to allow some homes for local people in even the smallest villages to help their sustainability.

Accompanying it is a questionnaire to help SKDC gather public opinion on proposed policies and site allocations.

The Local Plan focuses on issues important to everyone, such as:

- Supporting the growth of

the district's economy and helping to bring forward new job opportunities

- Identifying the right number of new homes required to meet future housing needs
- How to improve our town centres, making them attractive places to shop, visit, work, live and invest in
- Making sure that the necessary infrastructure such as schools, health provision, roads, water supply, sewerage and community facilities are provided in association with development proposals
- Helping to support the diversification of the district's significant rural economy
- Improving access to open space, the countryside and recreational facilities to aid everyone's health and well-being
- Preserving and where possible enhancing important historic features and the natural landscape
- Safeguarding the best and most versatile agricultural land and those areas with high risk of flooding

If you wish to comment on the consultation please ensure that your response is received by the Council by 4.00pm on Friday 11 August 2017.

The draft plan can be viewed from 3 July on www.southkesteven.gov.uk/newlocalplan.

Public Consultation Events

LONG BENNINGTON

Thursday 6 July.
Village Hall. 1pm – 6.30pm

GRANTHAM

Monday 10 July
Isaac Newton (Morrisons)
Centre. 11am – 4pm

MARKET DEEPING

Wednesday 12 July.
Market Stall. 10am – 3pm.
Deepings Community Centre.
5pm – 7.30pm.

CORBYS GLEN

Monday 17 July.
Village Hall. 5pm – 7.30pm.

BOURNE

Thursday 20 July.
Market Stall. 10am – 3pm
Bourne Corn Exchange.
5pm – 7.30.

STAMFORD

Friday 28 July
Market Stall. 10am – 3pm.
Stamford Arts Centre.
5pm – 7.30pm.

GRANTHAM

Friday 4 August
Isaac Newton (Morrisons)
Centre. 11am – 4pm

Paper copies of the Draft Local Plan Document and questionnaires can also be obtained free of charge from the 3 July 2017 at:

- District Council Main Offices: St Peter's Hill, Grantham, NG31 6PZ
- Bourne Community Access Point: 3 Abbey Road, Bourne, PE10 9EF
- District Council Area Offices:
 - o 1 Maiden Lane, Stamford, PE9 2AZ
 - o Deepings Community Centre, Douglas Road, Market Deeping, PE6 8PA

Appendix T: – Draft Local Plan notification Letter

South Kesteven District Council is preparing a new Local Plan for the District. The new South Kesteven Local Plan will cover the whole district of South Kesteven for the period 2011-2036 and it will set out the Council's strategy for delivering sustainable development including the vision, objectives and spatial strategy. It will also establish development requirements for the District for the plan period including the amount of housing and employment land needed, and allocate specific development sites to meet that need.

Following the "Sites and Settlements" consultation which took place in summer 2016, the next opportunity for the community to become involved in the preparation of the new Local Plan will begin on **Monday, 3 July 2017** with the publication of a full Draft Version of the Local Plan, alongside supporting evidence base documents. This will last a full 6 weeks, until the **11 August 2017** when the consultation will close.

This document will set out draft policies which will guide and shape development across the District, as well as show the provisional options for site allocations. There will also be a questionnaire which asks a series of questions which will help the Council gather information about specific policies and site allocations. Responses to the questions asked are recommended to be based upon evidence and be supported with technical reasoning.

The Draft Local Plan Document along with the supporting questionnaire can be viewed and downloaded from the Council website on the 3 July 2017 using the following link www.southkesteven.gov.uk/newlocalplan

Paper copies of the Draft Local Plan Document and questionnaires can also be viewed free of charge at:

- **District Council Main Offices:** St Peter's Hill, Grantham, NG31 6PZ
 - [Mon, Tues, Thurs 8.45-17.15, Wed 8.45-16.00, Fri 8.45-16.45]
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- **District Council Area Offices:**
 - 1 Maiden Lane, Stamford, PE9 2AZ
 - [Mon-Wed 9-17.00, Thurs 9-15.30, Fri 9-16.30]
- **Deepings Community Centre:**
 - Douglas Road, Market Deeping, PE6 8PA
 - [Mon-Fri 9.30-14.00]

A number of consultation events are also being undertaken to enable people to find out more about the Local Plan generally. Details of these events are set out below:

Date	Settlement	Location	Start Time	End Time
6 th July	Long Bennington	Village Hall	1:00PM	6:30PM
10 th July	Grantham	Morrisons Shopping Centre	11:00AM	4:00PM

12 th July	Market Deeping	Market Stall	10:00AM	3:00PM
12 th July	Market Deeping	Deepings Community Centre	5:00PM	7:30PM
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20 th July	Bourne	Market Stall	10:00AM	3:00PM
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28 th July	Stamford	Market Stall	10:00AM	3:00PM
28 th July	Stamford	Stamford Arts Centre	5:00PM	7:30PM
4th August	Grantham	Morrisons Shopping Centre	11:00AM	4:00PM

We would welcome your comments on the Local Plan to help us to improve it. If you wish to comment on the consultation paper please ensure that your response is received by the Council by 4.00pm on Friday 11 August 2017.

We will take all comments into consideration prior to the production of a final version of the Local Plan that the Council will then propose to submit to the Secretary of State. At this later stage, there will be a further opportunity for any person to make representations to the Council about the soundness of the Local Plan.

Yours Faithfully

R. Ranson

Roger Ranson

Business Manager - Spatial and Economic Growth

Appendix – Draft Local Plan Questionnaire Comments could be made on any of the following policies or allocations as shown on next few pages.

<u>1.</u> Comments on the Local Plan 2011- 2036
<u>2.</u> Conformity with the NPPF: Do you think the draft Local Plan is consistent with these?
<u>3.</u> Evidence Base Up to Date
<u>4.</u> Comments on the SA: Do you think the draft Local Plan is consistent with these?
<u>5.</u> Comments on HRA (Habitat Regulation Assessment): Do you think the draft Local Plan is consistent with these?
<u>6.</u> The Vision of the Local Plan 2036: Do you think the draft Local Plan Vision depicts the District that Communities would want to be living in by 2036?
<u>7.</u> How do objectives shape the Vision: Do you think the objectives will help achieve the vision?
<u>8.</u> Other Comments on the Vision: Anything else you think should be included?
<u>9.</u> The Vision for South Kesteven's Local Plan
<u>10.</u> Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development
<u>11.</u> Policy SD1 – Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development
<u>12.</u> Policy SD2 – The principles of Sustainable Development in South Kesteven
<u>13.</u> Spatial Strategy Settlement Hierarchy
<u>14.</u> SP1 – Spatial Strategy
<u>15.</u> SP2 – Settlement Hierarchy
<u>16.</u> SP3 – Infill Development
<u>17.</u> SP4 – Development on the Edge of Settlements
<u>18.</u> SP5 - Development in the open Countryside
<u>19.</u> Meeting Housing Needs
<u>20.</u> Policy H1 – Affordable Housing
<u>21.</u> Policy H2 – Self Custom Build Housing
<u>22.</u> Policy H3 – Meeting All housing Needs
<u>23.</u> Policy H4 – Gypsies and Travellers
<u>24.</u> Policy H5 – Travelling Showpeople
<u>25.</u> Protecting Existing Community Facilities and Providing New Facilities
<u>26.</u> SP6 - Retention of Community Services and Facilities.
<u>27.</u> Economic Prosperity

<u>28.</u> E1 – Strategic Employment Sites
<u>29.</u> E2 – Employment Allocations
<u>30.</u> E3- Expansion of Existing Businesses and Protection of Existing Employment Sites
<u>31.</u> E4- Loss of Employment Land and Buildings to Non-employment uses
<u>32.</u> E5- Rural Economy
<u>33.</u> E6 – Other Employment proposals
<u>34.</u> E7 - Visitor Economy
<u>35.</u> Protecting and Enhancing the Natural and Built Environments
<u>36.</u> EN1 – Landscape Character
<u>37.</u> EN2 – Protecting Biodiversity and Geodiversity
<u>38.</u> EN3 – Pollution Control
<u>39.</u> EN4 – Reducing The Risk Of Flooding
<u>40.</u> EN5 – The Historic Environment
<u>41.</u> EN6 – Protecting and Enhancing Grantham Canal
<u>42.</u> DE1 – Promoting Good Quality Design
<u>43.</u> SB1 – Sustainable Building
<u>44.</u> Policy OS1 – Open Space
<u>45.</u> RE1 – Renewable Energy Generation
<u>46.</u> South Kesteven’s Four Market Towns
<u>47.</u> GR1 – Protecting and Enhancing the Setting of Belton House and Park
<u>48.</u> GR2 – Sustainable Transport in Grantham
<u>49.</u> GR3 – Grantham Town Centre Policy
<u>50.</u> GR4 –H1 Grantham Residential Allocations – Spitalgate Heath – Garden Village (Southern Quadrant)
<u>51.</u> GR4 – H2 Grantham Residential Allocations – Rectory Farm (Phase 2 North West Quadrant)
<u>52.</u> GR4 –H3 – Grantham Residential Allocations – Land adjacent to Rectory Farm (Phase 3 North West Quadrant)
<u>53.</u> GR4 – H4 Grantham Residential Allocations – Land North of Longcliffe Road and Ryedale Close, Manthorpe Road

<u>54.</u> GR4 – H5 Grantham Residential Allocations – Land at Trent Road/ Harlaxton Road
<u>55.</u> GR5 – Grantham Reserve Allocation – Prince William of Gloucester Barracks
<u>56.</u> STM1 – H1 Stamford Allocation
<u>57.</u> STM1 –H2 Stamford Residential Allocations – Stamford East
<u>58.</u> STM2 – Stamford Town Centre Policy
<u>59.</u> BRN1 – Bourne Residential allocation: Land off Cedar Drive
<u>60.</u> BRN2 – Bourne Residential allocation: Land West of Beaufort Drive
<u>61.</u> BRN2 – Bourne Town Centre Policy
<u>62.</u> DEP –H1 The Deepings Residential Allocations – Towngate West
<u>63.</u> DEP – H2 The Deepings Residential Allocations – Millfield Road
<u>64.</u> DEP – H3 The Deepings Residential Allocations – Linchfield Road
<u>65.</u> DEP2 – Market Deeping Town Centre Policy
<u>66.</u> South Kesteven’s Larger Villages
<u>67.</u> LV-H1 Ancaster Residential Allocation
<u>68.</u> LV- H2 Baston Allocation
<u>69.</u> LV-H3 Barrowby Residential Allocation
<u>70.</u> LV –H4 Billingborough
<u>71.</u> LV-H5 Colsterworth Residential Allocation
<u>72.</u> LV – H6 Corby Gel Allocation
<u>73.</u> LV- H7 Great Gonerby Residential Allocation
<u>74.</u> LV – H8 Langtoft Allocation
<u>75.</u> LV-H9 Long Bennington Residential Allocation
<u>76.</u> LV-H10 Long Bennington Residential Allocation
<u>77.</u> LV-H11 Morton Residential Allocation
<u>78.</u> LV-H12 South Witham Residential Allocation
<u>79.</u> LV-H13 Thurlby Residential Allocation
<u>80.</u> Infrastructure and Developer Contributions
<u>81.</u> ID1 – Infrastructure for Growth
<u>82.</u> ID2 – Transport and Strategic Transport

<u>83.</u> ID3 – Broadband and Communications
<u>84.</u> Appendix 1
<u>85.</u> Appendix 2
<u>86.</u> Appendix 3
<u>87.</u> Appendix 4
<u>88.</u> Miscellaneous Comments
<u>89.</u> Additional Site Information
<u>90.</u> New Site Submissions

Appendix U: Draft Local Plan Leaflet

Consultation Drop In dates:

6 July Long Bennington (Village Hall).
1pm – 6.30pm

10 July Grantham (Morrisons Centre).
11am – 4pm

12 July Market Deeping (Market Stall).
10am – 3pm

12 July Market Deeping (Deepings Community
Centre). 5pm – 7.30pm

17 July Corby Glen (Village Hall).
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20 July Bourne (Corn Exchange).
5pm – 7.30pm

28 July Stamford (Market Stall).
10am – 3pm

28 July Stamford (Arts Centre).
5pm – 7.30pm


4 August Grantham Morrisons Centre.
11am – 4pm

South Kesteven Local Plan




Let us know what you think

You can submit your comments in a number of ways.

 www.southkesteven.gov.uk/newlocalplan

 planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk

 Planning Policy Team, Spatial and Economic Growth
South Kesteven District Council, St Peters Hill
Grantham, Lincolnshire NG31 6PZ

Comments must be received by 4pm on 11 August

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What is a Local Plan?

A Local Plan sets out a vision and a framework for the future development of an area, addressing needs and opportunities relating to housing, employment and the economy, community facilities and infrastructure. It is also a basis for safeguarding the environment, adapting to climate change and achieving good design. A Local Plan is a critical framework to guide decisions about individual development proposals and will be applied to all relevant planning applications.

Why are we doing a South Kesteven Local Plan

South Kesteven is preparing a new Local Plan for the period up to 2036 in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) issued by government in March 2012. It sets out the ways in which sustainable development needs to be achieved.

What's our Vision for South Kesteven

By 2036 we want South Kesteven to be an established and vibrant part of Lincolnshire enjoying strong links to the growing economies of Peterborough, Cambridge and London. Our distinctive local character, unique local heritage and environmental and cultural assets are to be retained and enhanced for the enjoyment of all.

What does the local Plan mean for South Kesteven

- Ensure that homes, jobs and services are located in the most sustainable locations
- Ensure that there is appropriate infrastructure and facilities to meet the needs of new development
- Identify areas in the district which need to be protected or enhanced
- Continue improving the town centres to make them attractive places to shop, work and visit
- Support growth of the District's economy and helping to bring forward new job opportunities

What happens next?

Paper copies of the Plan and questionnaires are available free of charge from council offices at Grantham, Stamford, Bourne Community Access Point and Market Deeping Community Centre. The Council will consider all comments made during the consultation period (3 July – 11 August) before preparing the final version (the 'submission version') of the new Local Plan. This will be subject to a further six-week consultation period, where formal representations can be made, before the plan is submitted for independent examination to the Secretary of State.



Planning for the future

A new Local Plan has been drawn up that will help shape the future of South Kesteven.

The district council's Cabinet recommended the latest version of the Local Plan for approval by the full council before public consultation ahead of its submission to the Secretary of State.

It takes into account public comments made during the extensive consultation that took place in the summer of 2017.

Following public consultation, from June 11 to July 23, the council will send the plan, along with any final comments received, to the Secretary of State who will appoint a Planning Inspector to consider it.

The Local Plan sets out the framework for housing and economic growth to 2036, but will be subject to review every five years. Notably, there is a proposal for a Supplementary Planning Document on Good Design. The Plan also contains important policies for conserving our natural and historic environment.

The target is for the equivalent of

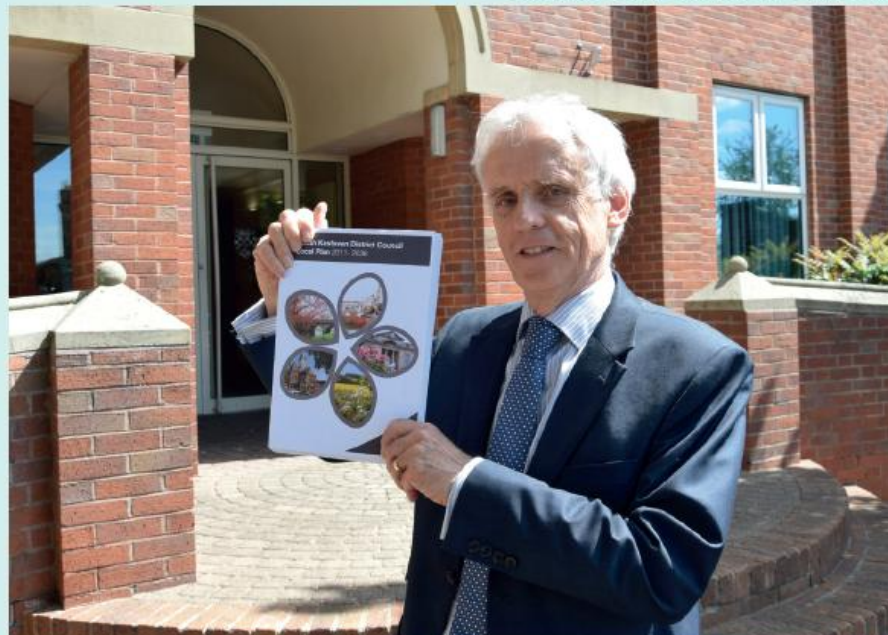
625 new homes to be built per year. The Government had proposed a minimum housing requirement of 785 a year but, following representations by SKDC, agreed to the lower figure.

The Cabinet Member for Economy and Development, Cllr Mike King, said: "We have some of the housing land allocated now and planning permissions in place but the challenge is getting housebuilders

to build. We are constantly lobbying Government to give us the powers to do this.

"It is important that we enable the right infrastructure to come to our new housing areas and that we attract new jobs to the key employment sites around the district, some of which the council itself might invest in."

▼ Cllr Mike King with the Local Plan



Appendix W: Pre Submission Local Plan press realise and public notice

South Kesteven Local Plan to 2036 Public Notice

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

Town and County Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012: Regulation 19 - Publication Consultation

Notice of the Publication of South Kesteven Local Plan to 2036 (Proposed Submission Document)

South Kesteven District Council has prepared a new Local Plan which it proposes to submit to the Secretary of State under Regulation 22 of the above Regulations.

The Proposed Submission Local Plan and accompanying documents have been published in order for representations to be made prior to the submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for examination.

The Proposed Submission Local Plan provides updated strategic and detailed planning policies, as well as setting out strategic spatial allocations and designations throughout South Kesteven. In addition to updating the Policies Maps for the district.

The electronic version of the questionnaire will be available from the Council's website and can be downloaded from www.southkesteven.gov.uk/newlocalplan. Paper copies of the questionnaire can be obtained at South Kesteven Council Offices and from local libraries.

The full Plan, alongside a statement setting out how representations can be made, will be available online via www.southkesteven.gov.uk/newlocalplan

Reference hardcopies of the Proposed Submission Local Plan and Policies Maps will be available for public inspection at South Kesteven Council Offices from the **11th of June**:

Grantham: St Peter's Hill, Grantham, NG31 6PZ [Mon, Tues, Thurs 8.45-17.15, Wed 8.45-16.00, Fri 8.45-16.45]

Stamford: 1 Maiden Lane, Stamford, PE9 2AZ [Mon-Wed 9-17.00, Thurs 9-15.30, Fri 9-16.30]

Bourne: South Kesteven Community Point, 3 Abbey Road, Bourne, PE10 9EF [Mon, Weds, Fri 9:00-17:00 Tues, Thurs 9:00- 18:00 Sat 10:00-13:00]

Deepings: Deepings Community Centre, Douglas Road, Market Deeping, PE6 8PA [Mon-Fri 9.30-14.00].

A reference copy of the Proposed Submission Local Plan and Policies Maps will also be available to view in local libraries during normal opening hours. For more information about locations and opening hours please go to: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ps_combination_2col.aspx?navCode=2434

Address to which representations should be sent:


Post: The Planning Policy Team, Council Offices, St Peter's Hill, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 6PZ

Email: planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk.

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified about any of the following next steps:

- Submission of the Local Plan for public examination by an independent inspector;
- Publication of the inspector's recommendations; and
- The adoption of the Local Plan

Appendix X: Pre submission Local Plan Media Sample



South Kesteven District Council
June 11, 2018 · 🌐

The final round of public consultation opened today (11 JUNE) on a new Local Plan drawn up to help shape the future of South Kesteven.

The district council's latest version of the plan has been approved by SKDC's Cabinet and the Full Council. It takes into account public comments made during extensive consultation last summer that resulted in more than 800 written responses.

This round of consultation, which is more formal, runs until 23 July, ahead of the plan being submitted to the Secretary of State.

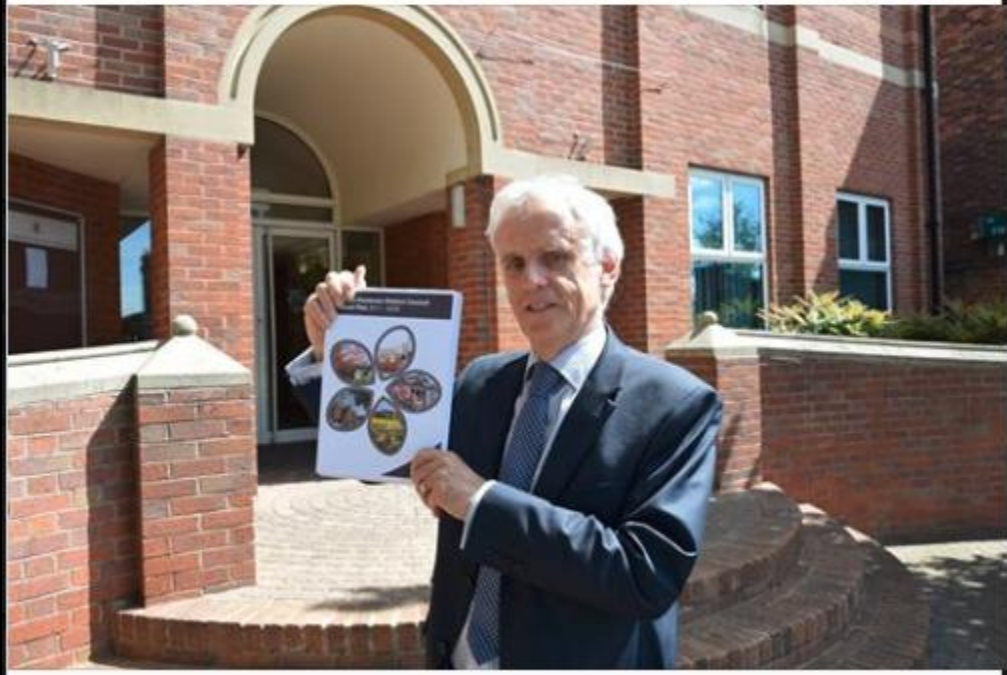
Comments can be made on SKDC's website www.southkesteven.gov.uk/newlocalplan and the plan is available to view online, in council offices across the district and at libraries.

SKDC will send the Local Plan, along with any final valid public comments received, to the Secretary of State who will appoint a Planning Inspector to hold an Examination in Public, probably in the Grantham area.

The Local Plan sets out the framework for housing and economic growth until 2036 but will be subject to review every five years.

The plan provides for a minimum housing requirement of 625 new homes per year – a total of more than 15,000 up to 2036.

Link to full story: <http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=13828>



Appendix Y: Pre Submission Local Plan Notification Letter

Dear Sir or Madam

PLANNING POLICY CONSULTATIONS

South Kesteven Local Plan Proposed Submission - Public Consultation

South Kesteven District Council is undertaking a public consultation on the new Local Plan between **Monday, 11th June** and **Monday, 23rd July 2018**

The Council has previously undertaken three stages of public consultation: the first taking place between January and March 2015 on the scope of the Local Plan; the second taking place between July and August 2016 on a Sites and Settlements consultation; and the third taking place between July and August 2017 on a Consultative Draft Local Plan. The comments and responses from those previous consultation periods have been taken into account whilst producing this Proposed Submission Local Plan document that is now to be consulted upon.

The proposed submission Local Plan is effectively **a final draft** and therefore, contains the Council's preferred approach to tackling the key challenges, and delivering sustainable development for South Kesteven up to 2036. This consultation period represents your **last opportunity** to make comments on the Local Plan before the Council submits the document to the Secretary of State for independent examination (EIP).

Alongside the Local Plan, the Council will also be consulting on the associated Policies Maps and all other evidence base documents.

The proposed submission version of the Local Plan, along with Details of the consultation will be available on the South Kesteven District Council website at:

<https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/newlocalplan>.

Reference hardcopies of the Proposed Submission Local Plan and Policies Maps will be available for public inspection at South Kesteven Council Offices from the **11th of June**:

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Representations can be made during the Publication period which begins **Monday 11th June** and ends at **5pm on Monday 23rd July**. Only representations received during this time will be considered. Late responses will not be accepted. Consultation representations will only be regarded as duly made if

supplied in written or Email form, **preferably** by use of the Consultation Representation questionnaire, which can be obtained online or in hard copy from the Council Offices.

Address to which representations should be sent:

Post: The Planning Policy Team, Council Offices, St Peter's Hill, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 6PZ

Email: planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk.

Please note that representations at this stage should only be made relating to legal compliance and 'soundness' of the Plan. All valid comments received will be submitted to the Secretary of State and considered as part of the public examination by an Independent Planning Inspector.

All representations should clearly specify in what respect(s) the Plan is considered to be 'unsound', and what change(s) would need to be made to make it 'sound'. A summary of your response must also be provided if the response is greater than **1,000 words in length**.

Please also note that copies of all valid comments will be made available for the public to view, including the name of the stakeholder who submitted the representation, therefore, your response cannot be treated as confidential. However, the Council will not include any personal addresses or signatures. For more information on the response process, please visit the FAQ on the Local Plan Webpage.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Ranson

Roger Ranson – Head of Planning Policy

Parish Update

June 2018



Page 3
Tonnes of food waste collected in first week of trial



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Gravity Fields is back! World class science comes to Grantham



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Deepings St James' Awards See all the winners

Planning for the future in South Kesteven

The final round of public consultation is now open on a new Local Plan drawn up to help shape the future of South Kesteven.

The latest version of the Local Plan has been approved by South Kesteven District Council's Cabinet and full council.

It takes into account public comments made during extensive consultation last summer, and which resulted in more than 800 written responses.

This final round of consultation, which is more formal, runs from 11 June until 23 July, ahead of the plan being submitted to the Secretary of State.

Comments can be made online at www.southkesteven.gov.uk and the plan is available to view in council offices across the district and at libraries. Respondents are encouraged to use the online response form.

SKDC will then send the Local Plan, along with any final valid public comments received, to the Secretary of State, who will appoint a Planning Inspector to hold an Examination in Public, most likely in the Grantham area.

The Local Plan sets out the framework for housing and economic growth until 2036 and will be subject to review every five years. There is also a proposal for a Supplementary Planning



Document on Good Design and it contains important policies for conserving the natural and historic environment.

The plan provides for a minimum of 625 new homes per year. The Government had proposed a minimum housing requirement of 785 homes per year but, after representations from the council, has delayed the introduction of this approach.

SKDC Cabinet Member for Economy and Development, Cllr Mike King, said: "Work on the Local Plan began in 2015 and there has been wide consultation.

"The majority of new housing development is earmarked for Grantham, including the Garden Village, but we are also proposing significant housing areas on the north side of Stamford and the east side of Market Deeping.

"We have managed to keep our target provision of 625 new homes

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a year across the district for now, despite Government pressure to increase it still further. The plan does allow for 13% growth above this minimum requirement to offer choice and contingency to the market and in order to tackle pressures of making housing affordable.

"In our 15 larger villages there are several unimplemented planning permissions or new housing sites included. One other significant change from the present Local Plan is that there is a policy relaxation on new homes in small villages – two or three homes may be allowed on either infill or brownfield sites or as an extension to the village so long as there is community support.

"We have housing land allocated now and planning permissions in place, but the challenge is getting housebuilders to build. We are constantly lobbying Government to give us the powers to do this.

"It is important that we enable the right infrastructure to come to our new housing areas and that we attract new jobs to the key employment sites around the district, some of which the council itself might invest in."



**SOUTH
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Local Plan
Proposed Submission consultation
From 11th June to 23rd July

The Proposed Submission Local Plan sets out the strategic vision, objectives and spatial strategy for the District, as well as the planning policies which will guide future development. The Plan looks ahead to 2036 and identifies the main areas throughout South Kesteven where development should take place, along with areas of the District which will be protected from change. It establishes policies and guidance, to ensure local development is built in accordance with the principles of sustainable development. The Plan has a number of allocations in which contribute towards the deliverability of the Plan's strategic vision.

This stage is the final representation stage before the Local Plan and all evidence based documents are submitted to the Secretary of State for an independent public examination. At this stage in the consultation process, comments should relate to issues of legal and procedural compliance, the "soundness" of the local Plan and the duty to co-operate. There is an accompanying FAQ regarding the regulation 19 consultation on the Council's webpage - www.southkesteven.gov.uk/newlocalplan

How to Respond.

Responses should be formed around the information set out within the consultation documents. These include the Proposed Submission Local Plan, Policies maps and other evidence based background documents which can be found on the Local Plan webpage.

You can respond to the Document in the following ways.

- *Email this completed representation form to planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk*
- *Post the completed representation form to the Planning Policy Team, South Kesteven District Council Offices, St Peters Hill, Grantham, NG31 6PZ*

*All representations will be made publicly available, and must be received by **5pm** on the **23rd of July**. Any responses received after then will not be considered.*

*This form has two parts. Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make. **Part A** is for your personal details. **Part B** is your representation(s).*

Part A -Personal Details.		
	1. Personal Details	2. Agents Details (if Applicable)
Title		
First Name		
Last Name		
Organisation		
Address		
Postcode		
Telephone		
Email Address		

Please note: that representations must be attributable to named individuals or organisations. “In confidence” representations will not be accepted. All representations will be available for public inspection and cannot be treated as confidential. We will however redact signatures, home/ email addresses, and telephone contact details from any information that is published.

PART B – YOUR REPRESENTATION

(Please use a separate sheet for each representation)

3) Which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate to?			
Document		Section	
Publication Local Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Page numbers (s)	
		Paragraph Number (s)	
		Policy	
Local Plan Policies Map	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inset Number	
		Policy	
Other evidence based Document	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name of Document	

4) Do you consider the Proposed Submission Local Plan is:				
Legally Compliant	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sound*	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complies with Duty to Cooperate	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

** The considerations relating to a development plan being sound are explained in the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 182) – these relate to the plan being positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.*

5) If you consider the Proposed Submission Local Plan is unsound, on which grounds do you consider the document to be unsound?	
Positively prepared	<input type="checkbox"/>
Justified	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective	<input type="checkbox"/>

Consistent with National Policy



6) Please give details of why you consider the Proposed Submission Local Plan is not legally compliant is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If your response is more than 1000 words long then please provide a short summary at the start.

(Continue on separate sheet/expand box if necessary)

7) Please set out what changes (s) you consider necessary to make the Proposed Submission Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the matter you have identified at 5 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination).

You will need to say why this modification will make the Proposed Submission Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text or changes to proposals. Please be as precise as possible.

(Continue on separate sheet/expand box if necessary)

Please note: your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage. After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

8) If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?			
No – I do not wish to participate in the oral examination	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes I wish to participate in the oral examination	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary: (Continue on separate sheet/expand box if necessary)			
Please note: The inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adapt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at part of the oral examination.			
9) If You are not already on our consultation database and you respond to this consultation your details will be added to the consultation database. Your contact details will be shared with the programme officer and Inspector for the purposes of the public examination.			
If you do not wish to be added to our database or your would like you're your details to be removed then please select the following box			<input type="checkbox"/>
10) If you wish to continue to be part of the Local Plan Process - Do you wish to be notified of any of the following?			
That the Local Plan has been submitted for independent examination			<input type="checkbox"/>
The publication of the recommendation of any person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the Local Plan			<input type="checkbox"/>
The adoption of the Local Plan			<input type="checkbox"/>
Signature (Please type for an electronic response)		Date completed-	



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Cabinet

Report of: Councillor Mike King
Cabinet Member for Economy and Development

Report to:	Cabinet
Date:	10th May 2018
Subject:	Revised Local Plan - submission document and Statement of Community Involvement (SEG58)

Decision Proposal:	Key Decision
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Mike King, Cabinet Member for Economy and Development
Report author:	Roger Ranson, Business Manager – Spatial and Economic Growth r.ranson@southkesteven.gov.uk Tel: 01476 40 60 80 (Ext. 6438) Date: 16 th April 2018
Reviewed by:	Paul Thomas, Assistant Director p.thomas@southkesteven.gov.uk Tel: 01476 406080 (Ext 6162) Date: 17 th April 2018
Signed off by:	Steve Ingram, Strategic Director – Development and Growth s.ingram@southkesteven.gov.uk Tel: 01476 40 60 80 (Ext. 6007) Date: 18 th April 2018
Approved for publication	Councillor Mike King, Cabinet Member for Economy and Development Date: 18 th April 2018

SUMMARY

A new Local Plan will shape and guide proposals for growth and investment in South Kesteven up to 2036. It will provide greater certainty to all parties regarding the local development process and sets out proposed planning policies for South Kesteven District.

This report includes the wording of the Proposed Submission Local Plan. Cabinet is asked to consider and recommend to Council for approval for the purpose of publication for representations and then submission to the Secretary of State.

To coincide with this statutory consultation, the opportunity has been taken to update the Council's Statement of Community Involvement. This is appended to this report and is also recommended for approval by Cabinet.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Cabinet considers and recommends to Council the approval of the Proposed Submission Local Plan as set out at Appendix 2 of this Report SEG58 for the purpose of publication for representations in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Local Plan Regulations and then submission to the Secretary of State.
2. To agree that any minor corrections to the document can be approved by the Cabinet Member for Economy and Development, so long as these do not substantially affect the substance of any policies or land allocations.
3. Cabinet approves the revised Statement of Community Involvement as set out at Appendix 3 of this report SEG58 for consultation.

1. BACKGROUND TO REPORT

- 1.1 Local Planning Authorities must prepare a Local Plan that sets planning policies for their area. These are very important considerations when deciding planning applications, as all decisions must be made in accordance with the Development Plan established as part of the Local Plan unless there are material planning reasons not to do so. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires that every local planning authority in England should have a clear, up to date Local Plan that conforms to the NPPF, meets identified local development needs and reflects local peoples' views about how they wish their community to develop. The plan preparation process has provided the opportunity to involve everyone with an interest in the document or area, and there will be a further, final opportunity to make representations through the next more formal, proposed round of public consultation.
- 1.2 The new Local Plan will set out policies and proposals for the period up to 2036. There is an additional 10 years of development needs to be anticipated and accommodated beyond our current adopted development plans. An updated vision and revised strategic objectives have been prepared to coincide with this extended timeframe.
- 1.3 In June 2017, Cabinet approved a Consultative Draft Local Plan for the purposes of a non-statutory public consultation under Regulation 18 of the Local Plans Regulations. Responses made to that extensive consultation have been taken into account in producing the Proposed Submission Local Plan. The Proposed Submission Local Plan has also been informed by additional

evidence and a small number of additional sites identified for potential development as well as Government proposals concerning housing and Local Plans - particularly consultation on "Putting the Right Homes in the Right Places" regarding housing need assessment and a draft revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

- 1.4 The new Local Plan is necessarily a long and comprehensive document which contains policies for the physical development or protection of all our towns, villages and countryside. For this reason, a summary of the main changes to the policies of the Local Plan as previously set out in the Consultative Draft Local Plan is appended to this report (Appendix 1). This also sets out the next steps for the Local Plan following consideration by Cabinet and Full Council, scheduled for 24th May 2018. However, formal approval is requested to the full document appended to this report (Appendix 2). Cabinet is requested to consider, and recommend to Council, the approval of the Proposed Submission Local Plan for the purpose of publication for representations in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Local Plan Regulations and then submission to the Secretary of State.

2. OVERVIEW AND SCUTINY CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The development of the Consultative Draft Local Plan has been the subject of previous reports to the Growth Policy Development Group (PDG) and more recently to the Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee. In addition, regular monthly informal workshops have been held for all members regarding the preparation of the Local Plan.
- 2.2 A workshop of the Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to which all elected members were invited to attend, was held on 11th April 2018 to discuss the main changes to the Local Plan incorporated into the Proposed Submission version. The outcome of that meeting was broadly to support the proposed changes to the Local Plan. Specific reference was made to informal consultation with those Parish Councils where changes to site allocations are proposed prior to the Local Plan being published.

3. STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 3.1 The requirement to prepare a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is set out in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The SCI is the document which sets out how the public, organisations and other interested parties will be involved and engaged in the preparation of new Local Plan documents and in the process of determining planning applications.
- 3.2 Given the importance of consultation, and particularly in order to update our consultation processes for Development Management purposes, the opportunity has been taken to update the Council's SCI. A revised version is appended to this report and is recommended for approval by Cabinet for consultation – see Appendix 3. The main changes to the SCI are set out in the initial equality impact assessment – see Appendix 4. Cabinet is also requested to consider and approve the revised Statement of Community Involvement for consultation.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1** This Proposed Submission Local Plan has been informed by a substantial evidence base, including assessments of objectively assessed housing and employment needs. In addition, it has been informed by the consultation exercise on the Consultative Draft Local Plan. The process of preparing a new Local Plan offers the Council an opportunity to proactively engage with local communities, developers, businesses, voluntary groups, public organisations, landowners and our neighbouring councils. Responses to previous consultations have helped to shape this final document. The only other option would be for the Council not to undertake the production of the Local Plan. This would not be in line with Government requirements and expectations, and would also lead to development proposals coming forward in an uncoordinated way with no long term strategic direction to guide growth. This would not be in the best interests of the District, its communities, residents and businesses.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** The costs of the production of the Proposed Submission Local Plan and of conducting the accompanying consultation exercise are covered in existing budgets.

6. RISK AND MITIGATION

- 6.1** The Council has a definitive statutory duty to keep its Local Plan and planning policies under review. Failing to prepare a Local Plan therefore carries significant risks, not only to the Council but also through the impact on communities. Equally, significant delays in the preparation and production of the Local Plan would carry similar risks, including limiting the Council's ability to properly manage development.
- 6.2** The consequences of not having an up to date Local Plan include that: development is not sustainable; development harms the environment; needs for housing and other development needs fail to be properly met; hostile planning applications are promoted if the Local Plan is found unsound or delayed; and the potential costs of challenge. Approving the recommendations in this report will enable the Council to progress with the Local Plan and mitigate the risks identified. Risk has been considered and there are no specific high risks arising from the decisions as recommended in this report.

7. ISSUES ARISING FROM IMPACT ANALYSIS (EQUALITY, SAFEGUARDING etc.)

- 7.1** There are considered to be no direct equality issues arising from this report. An initial analysis of the equality impact has been carried out on the revised SCI which shows that the revised policy has a neutral impact on protected characteristics. This is set out in Appendix 4.

8. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this report. The vision statement for the Proposed Submission Local Plan includes that the District will be a safe place to live with strong communities.

9. COMMENTS OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

- 9.1 The financial implications of delivering the recommendations set out in this report will be met from existing resources contained in the 2018/19 budget framework.

10. COMMENTS OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

- 10.1 The Local Plan is a policy framework as set out at Article 4 of the Constitution and is required by virtue of the Local Government statute to be adopted by full Council.

- 10.2 Before the draft Local Plan can be considered for adoption, the process for adoption as set out in the Local Planning (England) Regulations 2012 must be followed. Section 18 of the Regulations sets out the requirements for consultation. There is a requirement to consult with the following groups and bodies:

- Such of the specific consultation bodies as the authority consider may have an interest in the subject of the proposed local plan;
- Such of the general consultation bodies as the authority consider appropriate;
- And such residents or other persons carrying on business in the authority's area from which the authority consider it appropriate to invite representations.

- 10.3 In addition, the Council must comply with any commitment it has made in its adopted Statement of Community Involvement.

- 10.4 The Council must also publicise its intended timetable for producing the Local Plan. This information is contained in the proposed Development Plan Scheme which authorities should publish on their web site and must keep up to date.

- 10.5 The Council has a statutory duty to prepare a SCI. As a planning authority, the Council may, at any time, make a revision to a local development document.

- 10.6 The involvement of the public in preparing planning documents and the consideration of planning applications must follow the approach set out in the SCI.

- 10.7 Under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 S 20(5)(a) an Inspector is charged with checking that a Local Plan submitted for adoption has complied with legislation. This includes checking that the plan has been prepared in compliance with the SCI. Without passing this legal test the Council would not be able to demonstrate to an Inspector that the Local Plan is legally compliant and therefore could not be found sound at examination.

11. COMMENTS OF OTHER RELEVANT SERVICES

11.1 None.

12. APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 - Summary of main proposed policy and proposal changes since the Consultative Draft Local Plan
- Appendix 2 - Proposed Submission Local Plan and accompanying appendices
- Appendix 3 - Statement of Community Involvement
- Appendix 4 - Statement of Community Involvement Equality Impact Initial Analysis

13. BACKGROUND PAPERS

National Planning Policy Framework –

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

Current Adopted Core Strategy and Development Plan documents –

<http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=8159>

Cabinet report on Local Plan – Consultative Draft Report Number SEG44, June 2017

<http://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=164&Mid=3497>

Current adopted Statement of Community Involvement –

<http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=14102&p=0>

APPENDIX 1

Summary of main proposed policy and proposal changes since the Consultative Draft Local Plan

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This note summarises the main changes proposed to the Local Plan since the consultation in July and August 2017 on the Consultative Draft Local Plan.
- 1.2 Once approved by Full Council, the revised plan will form the Proposed Submission Local Plan for publication for representations in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Local Plan Regulations and then submission to the Secretary of State. This version is the Council's Proposed Submission version and will hold greater weight as a statement of the Council's planning policy and as a material consideration in planning decisions.
- 1.3 The consultation under Regulation 19 specifically seeks representations as to the legal compliance and tests of soundness of the Local Plan. The Proposed Submission Local Plan together with valid representations will then be submitted by the Council to the Secretary of State for examination, unless the Council chooses to revise the plan. This would necessitate additional consultation, which would then lead to repercussions in terms of the Government's deadline regarding the implementation of the proposed new methodology for housing need assessment.

2. Summary of main changes and considerations since the Consultative Draft Local Plan

- 2.1 This Proposed Submission Local Plan has been informed by a substantial evidence base, including assessments of housing and employment needs. All responses made through the July/August 2017 consultation have been taken into account in producing the Local Plan, alongside the implications of recent Government consultations.

Vision, Strategic Objectives and Spatial Strategy

- 2.2 More positive wording is proposed to *Policy SD 2 - Principles of Sustainable Development in South Kesteven* to the effect that development proposals should proactively minimise impacts on environmental issues and proactively enhance the natural and built environment.
- 2.3 There is no significant change to the spatial strategy. The aim of the Local Plan to seek to achieve the majority of new development in Grantham remains, with appropriate levels of associated development in the three market towns and identified larger villages. No change is proposed to the list of larger villages of which there are 15.

Housing Need Assessments

- 2.4 The Government's new proposed standardised approach to assessing need has been set out in the *2017 Putting the Right Homes in the Right Places consultation* and within the current consultation on the proposed revised *National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)*. This proposed methodology would set a minimum housing requirement of 785 dwellings per annum in South Kesteven for the period 2016 to 2026 – a 24% increase, compared to the figure of a minimum of 625 dwellings per annum over the period 2011 to 2036 as set out in the Council's evidence base and used in last summer's Consultative Draft Local Plan. The Government's proposed approach uses an affordability ratio by dividing average house prices by average workplace earnings in the District.
- 2.5 As a result of representations from South Kesteven and other Councils, the Government has indicated that any Local Plans submitted within 6 months of the publication of the revised NPPF will be examined against the current NPPF, and therefore based on the Council's existing evidence and not the new methodology proposed by the Government.
- 2.6 Accordingly, as before, the Local Plan will need to ensure that it provides sufficient land, as a minimum, to deliver **625 dwellings per annum over the period 2011 to 2036**. The Local Plan covers the period 2011 to 2036 to reflect the existing evidence base - as there has been a significant shortfall in housing provision for the period 2011 to 2018, then the average annual requirement for the remaining plan period (2018 to 2036) equates to 686 dwellings per annum.
- 2.7 In addition to this, in order to provide choice and contingency and address affordability issues as well as reflect the Government's future intentions and recent issues of under-performance of the housing market in South Kesteven, the Proposed Submission Local Plan proactively proposes to allocate sufficient land to enable **12.9% housing growth above** the assessed housing need. This approach will help the Council to maintain a 5 year housing supply and prepare for the first review of the Local Plan which will need to take account of the Government's proposed standardised housing need methodology.
- 2.8 A breakdown of housing completions, commitments and proposed allocations by settlement category over the plan period is set out below:

Proposed Allocations for Residential Development, 2011-36

*assumes 650 capacity from the Quarry Farm to be considered within the Rutland

	Total Completions April 2011 to March 2018	Consents (Full Permission)	Commitments (Former allocations or Outline Permission)	Local Plan Allocations	Total
Grantham	1,107	792	5,222	904	8,025
Stamford	569	489	134	2,112*	3,304
Bourne	1,075	527	353	200**	2,155
The Deepings	466	265	113	663	1,507
Larger Villages	475	221	119	1,001	1,816
Smaller Villages	183	90	20	540***	833
Total	3,875	2,384	5,961	5,420	17,640
Calculation of Minimum requirement, 2011-2036	OAN gives 15,625 (625 x 25) plus a 12.9 % over provision across the plan period gives a total of 17,640 dwellings				

Local Plan, in line with a Memorandum of Co-operation between South Kesteven District Council, Rutland County Council and Lincolnshire County Council

**assumes capacity of 200 to be identified through the Bourne Neighbourhood Plan

***windfall allowance in smaller villages to reflect policy change, based on 30 per annum for 2018-36

Location of new development, 2018 to 2036

Percentage breakdown of new development based on Consents + Commitments + Allocations (sum of 2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th columns above)	
Grantham	50.3%
Stamford	19.9%
Bourne	7.8%
The Deepings	7.6%
Larger Villages	9.7%
Smaller Villages	4.7%

- 2.9 **Grantham:** The Proposed Submission Local Plan notes that planning permission has now been granted for 480 dwellings on appeal for land at Manthorpe. Further work has now been commissioned by the MoD to undertake a masterplan for the potential development of the **Prince William of Gloucester Barracks** site. On the basis of this work and following discussions with the highways authority, this site is now proposed to be allocated for development, with an assumption made in the Local Plan that **500 dwellings** would be built within the plan period.
- 2.10 **Stamford:** The Proposed Submission Local Plan notes that planning permission has now been granted for 29 dwellings on appeal for land to the south of Kettering Road. No further amendments are proposed for residential site allocations in Stamford, although a draft document has been produced setting out a Memorandum of Co-operation (MoC) between Lincolnshire County Council (LCC), Rutland County Council (RCC) and South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) regarding the land to the north of Stamford. The draft MoC provides for **650 dwellings on the Quarry Farm site in Rutland** to contribute to the assessed housing need of South Kesteven.
- 2.11 An amendment has been made to the eastern boundary of the Stamford North site to include an area to the east of the former railway line. Although this area is included as part of the allocated site, the text of the policy makes it clear that this land is not suitable for development but is considered suitable for strategic landscaping and drainage works only; this proposed amendment could offer the opportunity to extend the proposed East-West road from Ryhall Road to Uffington Road.
- 2.12 **Bourne:** The Proposed Submission Local Plan notes that there are still some 770 dwellings to be provided on land with full or outline consent at Elsea Park. This development is likely to be completed within the first half of the plan period. As a result of the existing supply of land at Elsea Park, the advancing work on the Neighbourhood Plan, and to take account of public opinion, the Local Plan does not make any specific additional allocations in Bourne. Instead, it is expected that the Neighbourhood Plan body will work in partnership with the Council to identify suitable, sustainable locations for a minimum of 200 new homes over the plan period. A new policy is included to cover this point. If the Neighbourhood Plan is unable to deliver this requirement, then any further need for additional housing in Bourne would then need to be addressed at the first review of the South Kesteven Local Plan.
- 2.13 **The Deepings:** A change is proposed in that land at **Millfield Lane (previously identified for 200 dwellings)** is no longer proposed to be allocated for development. This is due to an application being submitted by the local community to the County Council to designate the land as a Village Green. It was felt only right that the site should not be considered to be available for development whilst this application is still proceeding. Given the extent of the known and proposed housing supply, no further strategic allocations for residential development are proposed in this locality. This will need to be re-considered at the first review of the South Kesteven Local Plan, when the outcome of the Village Green application should be known.

- 2.14 **Larger Villages – Barrowby:** The provisional allocation at Low Road in Barrowby has been extended to include an adjoining site following a review of the site appraisal. The combined capacity of the new site is indicated as **230 dwellings**, compared to 89 in the Consultative Draft Local Plan.
- 2.15 **Larger Villages – Corby Glen:** The Proposed Submission Local Plan now includes the land west of **Swinstead Road** with a potential capacity of **30 dwellings** – this was previously allocated but was not included in the Consultative Draft due to concerns about deliverability of the site; further evidence has now been provided on the owner's intentions and deliverability.
- 2.16 **Larger Villages – Great Gonerby:** The capacity of the proposed site allocation at Easthorpe Road has been increased from **30 to 45 dwellings** to reflect the inclusion of an additional area assessed as suitable for development.
- 2.17 **Larger Villages – South Witham:** The capacity of the site allocated at **Thistleton Lane and Mill Lane** has been amended from **59 to 34 dwellings** to reflect site constraints. An additional site allocation is proposed for the land north of High Street, with an indicative capacity of **31 dwellings**.

Other Housing Policies

- 2.18 **Affordable housing:** The requirement for affordable housing on all sites comprising 11 or more dwellings has been reduced from up to 35% to 30% based on the current independently assessed impact of the Local Plan policies on financial viability.
- 2.19 **Self and Custom build:** A wording change is proposed so that where it has been demonstrated that a plot has been marketed for at least 12 months but has not been sold for self/custom build the developer may seek to have the plot returned to market use. The Policy will continue to seek that on sites of 400 or more units up to 2% of the plots will be provided for self and custom build housing.

Economic Prosperity

- 2.20 Employment policies have been re-worded to provide greater clarity and to avoid repetition in order to provide greater certainty to guide development and investment. The text of the Proposed Submission Local Plan has been strengthened to reflect the Council's aims to support the growth of the Local Economy. This includes for greater flexibility for other employment uses, such as hotel, leisure provision and care homes, on strategic employment sites in order to encourage early development.
- 2.21 **Land south of Gorse Lane to the west of the A1** is now proposed as an employment site to ensure the delivery of essential infrastructure to enable the new A1 junction to be completed; although development will have to reflect the landscape sensitivity of this site (the site was previously un-allocated in the Consultative Draft Local Plan).

Protection and Enhancement of the Environment

- 2.22 *Policy EN2 - Protecting Biodiversity and Geodiversity* has been strengthened by the inclusion that planning permission will be refused for development resulting in the loss, deterioration or fragmentation of irreplaceable habitats, including ancient woodland and aged or veteran trees, unless the need for, and benefits of, the development in that location clearly outweigh the loss or harm.
- 2.23 A new *Policy EN3 - Green Infrastructure* has been included so as to support the maintenance and improvement of the green infrastructure network in South Kesteven.
- 2.24 The policy related to the *Historic Environment* (now numbered *Policy EN6*) has been strengthened by the inclusion that proposals which would conserve or enhance the significance of the heritage asset shall be considered favourably; substantial harm or total loss will be resisted.
- 2.25 Revisions have been made to the *Policy DE1 - Promoting Good Quality Design* to reflect Government and local aspirations. In addition, a joint bid submitted by the Council with Rutland County Council to the Design Quality Planning Delivery Fund has been successful with the award of £185,000 over two years. This funding will be used to support the production of a Design Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to provide additional guidance to developers, aligned to the respective Local Plan policies.

Infrastructure

- 2.26 *Policy ID1 - Infrastructure for Growth* has been amended in the Proposed Submission Local Plan to reflect that the Council will set priorities for the provision of infrastructure along with affordable housing and other policy requirements. If exceptional financial evidence is provided claiming that the development is unviable with these requirements, this must be justified through clear evidence set out in a viability assessment which the Council will have independently assessed. The applicant will be expected to meet the cost of this assessment.

3. Next Steps

- 3.1 Council consideration – 24th May.
- 3.2 **Publish the Plan (Publication) - June/July 2018:**
The Plan is available for stakeholders and the public to comment on for a minimum of 6 weeks. In accordance with the Local Plan Regulations, this consultation is formal and statutory seeking specifically to establish the Plan's soundness for Examination in Public.
- 3.3 **Submit the Plan to the Secretary of State:**
The Council will assess the comments received during consultation. If it considers that the Local Plan is sound, the Plan can be submitted for Examination in Public (EiP). If the Council proposes to amend the plan further then stages 6 and 7 will need to be repeated but this has repercussions as set out above in paragraph 1.3.
- 3.4 **Public Examination:**

The Plan is examined by an independent Planning Inspector who will conduct an EiP.

3.5 **Adopt:**

If the independent Planning Inspector finds the Local Plan sound, the Plan can be adopted by the Authority. The Inspector usually makes some modifications to the plan. If the Inspector does not find the Local Plan sound, the process goes back to consultation