North East Lincolnshire
Local Development
Framework
Core Strategy
Shaping the Future of
North East Lincolnshire
Initial Draft – Issues Paper
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Executive Summary

The Purpose of this Consultation

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 has introduced new types of plans for shaping and guiding development, and new procedures for preparing them. The Local Development Framework (LDF) will replace the North East Lincolnshire Local Plan in setting out policies and proposals for the area.

The LDF will comprise a number of documents to be produced over a period of time. The Core Strategy is the first policy document. It will set out the Council’s overall approach to development. It will cover the period to 2022, but will be reviewed on a regular basis. Individual allocations of land for specific purposes will not be contained in the Core Strategy but will follow in later documents. All future LDF documents must be in conformity with the Core Strategy.

This ‘issues paper’ is a key stage in the preparation of the Core Strategy. It provides the first step in preparing the Core Strategy. The document sets out:

- An overall spatial vision setting out how the Borough is expected to change over the plan period.
- A set of spatial objectives outlining the main policy directions which need to be pursued in order to realise the vision.
- A set of strategic policies for addressing the vision and objectives.

An initial sustainability appraisal has been undertaken during the production of this document. This provides the process for assessing the extent to which emerging policies and proposals will help to achieve relevant environmental, social and economic objectives.

This consultation provides the opportunity to participate in the development of the core strategy before the Council prepares its preferred options for future public consultation.
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1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Local Development Framework

The Core Strategy document is one of a number of ‘Local Development Documents’ (DPD) that together will make up the Local Development Framework Development Plan relating to North East Lincolnshire. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires the Council to prepare these documents in order, collectively to deliver the spatial planning framework for the future of the Borough.

1.2 This “issues paper” is the first step in preparing the Core Strategy and its broad ideas and proposals are presented to you for your comment and input. Preparation of the Core Strategy has commenced in advance of other documents as it establishes the strategy for future development in the Borough and forms the basis for future policy development. The Local Development Scheme provides a public statement of the Council’s programme for the production of local development documents. The Council’s Statement of Community Involvement sets out how the Council intends to engage communities in this process.

1.3 The Core Strategy

The Core Strategy will set out the ‘spatial vision’, ‘spatial objectives’ and ‘strategic policies’ to be used to bring about the objectives and vision.

- The Spatial Vision – A long term spatial vision reflecting local circumstance. (reflecting sustainable principles, having regard to the Community Strategy)

- The Spatial Objectives – Setting the context for strategic policies. (derived from identified issues and the spatial vision)

- The Strategic Policies – High level policies. (key and core policies)

1.4 The Core Strategy is a key document of the LDF. All Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents must be in conformity with the Core Strategy when it has been approved. It is therefore important to reflect this higher level status in the development of the Core Strategy.

1.5 The Development Plan

Some of the Local Development Documents in the Local Development Framework are ‘called’ Development Plan Documents because they are or will be part of the statutory Development Plan.
1.6 The national planning system is effectively ‘plan led’. Section 39(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires development control decisions to be made in accordance with relevant policies in the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The material considerations might include aspects of national planning policy or significant local issues that have arisen since the Development Plan was prepared.

1.7 In the future the statutory Development Plan for North East Lincolnshire will consist of:

- The Yorkshire and Humber Regional Spatial Strategy – Prepared by the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Assembly
- Development Plan Documents – Prepared by North East Lincolnshire Council. (replacing the Humberside Structure Plan and North East Lincolnshire Plan)

Initially policies in the North East Lincolnshire Local Plan will be saved for 3 years from commencement of the Act, these policies will be superseded as new Local Development Documents are adopted as part of the LDF.

1.8 All Policies in the Core Strategy and in future Development Plan Documents are interdependent and must be read together to understand their combined effect upon a planning proposal.

1.9 The Issues Paper

The Issues Paper represents the first stage in the preparation of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document. At this stage consultation on the vision, objectives, key issues and main policy options is undertaken. These issues and options must be considered in terms of local circumstances and deliverability, the evidence base, and conformity with national and regional policy.

1.10 The Core Strategy Issues Paper will allow for early participation with interested groups including, community, stakeholders and statutory bodies in accordance with details set out in the Statement of Community Involvement. The issues paper is also accompanied by an Initial Sustainability Appraisal.

1.11 The proposals for involving communities in the preparation of the Core Strategy, Development Plan Document are outlined in the Statement of
Community Involvement. This document is available to view on the Council’s Website at:


1.12 The Preparation Process

The preparation of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document is illustrated in the diagram below. This diagram identifies the main stages to be completed through the process and highlights the opportunities for communities to be involved in the preparation process.

2.0 How Can I Get Involved?

The Core Strategy together with other Development Plan Documents will shape future development in the Borough. By getting involved you can play an important part in the preparation of these documents. Now is the time to have an input to the Core Strategy Development Plan Document before the Preferred Options Report is prepared for consultation. The document includes a series of questions upon which the Council is seeking to build agreement. These questions are highlighted in the text, and references to them are set out on the Core strategy consultation form.

2.1 If you wish to respond to the issues raised in the document please contact us. You can do this by:

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Email to: ldf@nelincs.gov.uk

Online at: www.nelincs.gov.uk under Environment → Local Development Plans → Core Strategy
3.0 Background to Spatial Planning

3.1 A Definition of Spatial Planning

‘Spatial’ planning is a wider, more inclusive approach to considering the best use of land than traditional ‘land-use’ planning. Land-use planning has an approach that focuses on the regulation and control of land whereas spatial planning provides greater scope for the Council and other organisations to promote and manage change in the area. The Local Development Framework will still provide mechanisms by which future land uses may be regulated (and so give confidence to land owners and investors) but it will also open doors of opportunity and highlight other investment opportunities and plans from other responsible stakeholders.

3.2 The Local Development Documents will promote spatial planning by:

- **Setting a Broad Vision for an Area**
  
  Local Development Documents must be consistent with national planning policy; be in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy; have regard to the Community Strategy and other relevant local strategies and initiatives; and be rooted in sustainable development, and reflect regional and local circumstances.

- **Managing Change**
  
  Local Development Documents must be pro-active and manage beneficial change related to the use and development of land. They must also remain relevant and up-to-date through monitoring and frequent review, and

- **Providing Greater Clarity on Implementation**
  
  Local Development Documents must be specific and measurable via appropriate targets, milestones and indicators.
4.0 Policy Context

4.1 National Policies

The Government sets out national guidance in Planning Policy Guidance Notes (PPG’s); these are currently being replaced by Planning Policy Statements (PPS’s). In addition the Government produces circulars and best practices guidance to provide further advice and assistance to local planning authorities. More information is available from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister website at www.odpm.gov.uk

4.2 Other National policies and initiatives will also be considered in preparing this Local Development Framework. For example “The Northern Way” and “City Region Strategies” will have a substantial impact on the funding of major infrastructure development and significant national and regional initiatives (e.g. a national ports strategy). The Department of Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) will also have significant policy influence especially in regard to flood defences.

4.3 Regional Planning Policy / Strategies

Regional planning policies for the Yorkshire and Humber region are set out in the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). The RSS provides the regional spatial framework within which the Local Development Framework (LDF) must be prepared. The RSS forms part of the statutory development plan alongside the LDF.

4.4 A new RSS is currently being prepared by the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly. This Core Strategy will need to recognise the changes brought forward through the development of the new RSS.

4.5 More information is available from the Regional Assembly website at www.yhassembly.gov.uk

4.6 In addition to the RSS there are a number of Regional Strategies that have been produced. These provide topic based frameworks setting out visions, common priorities and where identified delivery mechanisms across the region. These include;

- The Regional Economic Strategy – a 10 year strategy produced by Yorkshire Forward; the Regional Development Agency.
- The Regional Housing Strategy – produced by the Regional Housing Board
- The Regional Waste Strategy – produced by the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Assembly
The Regional Tourism Strategy – now replaced by the Tourism Action Plan produced by the Yorkshire Tourist Board and Yorkshire Forward.

The Regional Cultural Strategy – A strategy prepared by Yorkshire Culture a partnership of regional cultural interests.

4.7 There are also a range of plans and action plans produced at the regional or sub-regional level which have important links to spatial planning.

4.8 The Humberside Structure Plan

The Humberside Structure Plan sets out the overall land-use strategy for the former Humberside area. This plan is still part of the statutory development plan although it is now rather historic. It will in time be superseded by the adoption of the new RSS.

4.9 North East Lincolnshire Local Plan

The North East Lincolnshire Local Plan 2003 currently provides the local policy framework for the Borough. As the LDF is developed it will systematically replace policies in the adopted local plan to provide a new spatial planning framework alongside the RSS.

4.10 North East Lincolnshire Corporate Plan

The Corporate Plan, ‘Progressing With Pride’ identifies the Council’s key priorities. These five key service priorities are:

- **Neighbourhood Improvement** – to have neighbourhoods that are safe clean and green;

- **Regeneration** – to have a competitive and vibrant economy;

- **Children’s Services** - to raise attainment and standards in schools and improve support to vulnerable young people;

- **Adult Care and Housing** – to provide better support to vulnerable adults and demonstrate an improvement in strategic housing;

- **Culture** – to increase participation in libraries, sports and community sports activities and in local heritage and the performing acts.

4.11 North East Lincolnshire Community Strategy

The North East Lincolnshire Community Strategy is a wide ranging strategy that focuses on the needs and priorities of local communities. The Community Strategy was produced by a collective of stakeholders and community interests operating as the Local Strategic Partnership.
The LDF is required to give spatial expression to the elements of the Community Strategy which relate to the use and delivery of land.

4.12 More information is available on the North East Lincolnshire Council website at: http://www.nelincs.gov.uk/council/council/communitystrategy/community-strategy.htm

4.13 In addition there are a range of local council and stakeholder strategies that have important spatial planning links and are important to the development of the LDF. These include;

The Council’s

- Housing Strategy (Interim Action Plan)
- Local Transport Plan
- Asset Management Strategy
- Playing Pitch Strategy
- Open Space Strategy
- Allotment Strategy
- Better Schools a Better Tomorrow Programme
- Municipal Waste Strategy

4.14 Yorkshire Forward Renaissance Programme

Yorkshire Forward, the Regional Development Agency for North East Lincolnshire is pursuing a pioneering initiative called the Urban Renaissance Programme. North East Lincolnshire, as a whole was chosen along with a number of other towns in the region to pursue the initiative. It seeks to achieve attractive, sustainable places that will enhance the economy and quality of life for local residents and visitors. The approach is based on the following themes:

- Improving the urban environment by applying the principles of good design;
- Aiming for quality to bring forward wider social and economic benefits;
- Recognising that attractive places, retain people, attract investment and sustain a range of infrastructure;
- Promotion and development of skills;
- A commitment to creating urban centres of an international standard that will bring forward transformational change.

4.15 In pursuing the initiative, Yorkshire Forward appointed a panel of consultants to advise the region. The consultants working in North East Lincolnshire have undertaken analysis, consultation, ideas and concept work leading to the production of a ‘strategic framework plan’ for the centre of Grimsby. This document provides the focus for prioritising investment decisions and channelling resources.
Are you responsible for long term strategies, business or investment plans that could be important to the future of the area?

Are there any other strategies or initiatives that have significant implications for the development of land that should be highlighted in the section?

If so, please provide information and explain which particular locations or services might be affected.
5.0 A Spatial Portrait of North East Lincolnshire

The spatial portrait provides the context for the Local Development Framework as a whole and a starting point for the Core Strategy.

5.1 North East Lincolnshire is an area of much diversity and opportunity. It is situated on the east coast of England at the mouth of the Humber estuary, covering an area of 74 square miles (192 sq km). The Humber sub-region is considered to be a “Global Gateway”. It is an area that presents challenges but also one which offers future potential. It includes the port towns of Grimsby and Immingham, the seaside resort of Cleethorpes, a range of villages of varying size and composition, and the attractive landscape of the Lincolnshire Wolds.

5.2 The total population of the Borough is 158,000 living in 66,000 households of which about 1.4% are from minority ethnic communities. Over the next 20 years the population is predicted to decline by a small amount largely due to a reduction of young people staying in the area.

5.3 Overall the area is the 54th most deprived council area in England. However, this masks differences across the Borough. Some of the Borough’s wards are amongst the most disadvantaged 20%, highlighting pockets of deprivation in the urban area.

5.4 Chemicals, manufacturing, port activities and food processing have formed the base of the main economic base of the Borough since the decline of the fishing industry. The twin ports of Immingham and Grimsby are of international trading significance, providing the economic gateway to the region as well as the rest of the world. Unemployment is higher than regional and national averages and gross earnings are the lowest in Yorkshire and Humber. The Borough is at the heart of the Humber Trade Zone with the biggest port complex in the Country and fourth largest in Europe. A substantial amount of land to facilitate growth is available alongside established major operators providing strength in key business clusters. The challenge is to retain the economic advantages of this growth within the local economy, rejuvenate former employment sites in the urban area and regenerate key sites including the Grimsby Fish Docks.

5.5 The main highway link connecting the urban centres with the motorway network stretching through south and west Yorkshire is the A180. The passenger rail network ending at the resort of Cleethorpes provides a similar link to the national rail network. Local passenger rail connections can also be made at Great Coates, Healing, Stallingborough and Habrough. The expansion of the ports and adjoining employment areas places pressures upon the transport network and the local environment. These are issues that are being taken forward and addressed in the Local Transport Plan.
5.6 Large areas of land adjacent to the estuary are identified as being at risk from flooding, including valued employment and urban areas. Whilst mitigation measures are important the Environment Agency has undertaken to ensure that protection is provided for at least the next 100 years for flooding events with return periods of up to 300 years.

5.7 The coastal area is internationally recognised as a national habitat being a site of Special Scientific Interest, Special Protection Area, Special Area of Conservation and Ramsar site in recognition of its importance for migrating birds and waterfowl. It is also a valued and attractive tourist and recreation destination. Inland the quality of the landscape is recognised in the designation of an area as part of the Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, ANOB.

5.8 The Borough is therefore one of contrast and diversity with important natural and landscape assets sitting alongside major port and commercial developments.

Do you think this Spatial Portrait covers the right sort of issues? What would you add or change?
6.0 Issues to be Addressed

These seven issues are taken from the Community Strategy. They were derived from the extensive consultation work set out in the Strategy document and formed part of the process of identifying the overall vision. They are supplemented here by additional details of challenges faced and opportunities to be grasped.

- **The population is currently declining whilst the average age is increasing.**
  - Improve employment opportunities to retain population,
  - Focus on improving housing options and availability
  - Promote safe, attractive environments for all ages
  - Promote improved services, availability and accessibility
  - Regenerate and rejuvenate derelict and despoiled sites

- **On average the population have a relatively low skill base with many young people not achieving average educational standards.**
  - Facilitate a culture in which education learning and skills are highly valued
  - Promote improved educational attainment and vocational skills
  - Support the development of educational facilities as a stimulus to better training and education

- **The economy appears strong statistically but masks the fact that wealth is not captured and fed into the local economy.**
  - Develop the Humber Trade Zone, investing in strategic sites and employment clusters
  - Focus on utilising the regional asset of the Humber ports to deliver local economic gains
  - Build on the potential of tourism to contribute to the local economy
  - Attract new sources of business and visitor spending from continental Europe and new partners in the European Union.
• The area is a complex mix of towns and villages with competing and contradicting identities.
  o Recognise the strengths and issues of different areas
  o Promote urban and rural regeneration
  o Promote rural diversification recognising local circumstances and countryside character
  o Improve transport availability and opportunity

• There is a lack of civic pride as a consequence of a confused image both for local residents and visitors.
  o Reinforce local identity and character
  o Raise quality thresholds in all aspects of development
  o Recognise and build upon existing local assets such as the waterfront areas of town and resort
  o Build upon local distinctiveness, strengthen community, cultural and environmental identity

• There is an assumption that to succeed people may need to move out.
  o Support the start-up and growth of businesses
  o Foster a climate that attracts and supports investment
  o Establish a University in the area supported by and for key businesses in the economy and reflecting the entrepreneurial opportunities unique to the area.

• There has been an unwitting history of undelivered projects and plans.
  o Develop support amongst partners, integrate delivery and remain focused on key priorities
  o Give a higher profile to what has been achieved and increase awareness of the progress being made and the opportunities to be realised.

What do you think about the challenges, issues and suggested actions identified above?

Are there any additional challenges or opportunities that should be identified? If so, please provide details.
7.0 **Spatial Vision and Spatial Objectives**

It is important that the Vision and Spatial Objectives are unique to the Borough reflecting local circumstances.

7.1 The North East Lincolnshire Local Strategic Partnership has set out a long term vision for the Borough as the basis for the Community Strategy. This is focused on what North East Lincolnshire might be like in 2022.

**North East Lincolnshire 2022**

By improving the physical appearance of the area and the quality of life of its residents, make North East Lincolnshire a place in which we are proud to live, work and welcome visitors.

7.2 It is proposed to adopt this vision of the Community Strategy as the spatial vision in the Core Strategy. It is considered that this vision genuinely represents the community’s aspirations. It was arrived at through a process of extensive consultation and participation and reflects the spatial concept of the Local Development Framework.

7.3 The vision sets out to achieve a North East Lincolnshire Borough which is a better place in which to live, work, invest and visit. An area where people enjoy a good quality of life; where people benefit from the results of sustainable economic growth; a safe, clean and pleasant environment where social and community life can be enjoyed. An inclusive society with opportunities for all and where inequalities are redirected.

7.4 **Spatial objectives**

Set out below are the spatial objectives. These are derived from the identified issues and support the Spatial Vision. These objectives provide the links to policies set out in Development Plan Documents.

**SPATIAL OBJECTIVE 1**

**TO SECURE SUSTAINABLE PATTERNS OF DEVELOPMENT** – This will include giving priority to re-using previously developed land and buildings within urban areas; and reducing the overall need to travel.

**SPATIAL OBJECTIVE 2**

**TO DELIVER HIGH QUALITY DEVELOPMENTS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF GOOD AND INCLUSIVE DESIGN** – This will secure the rise in quality thresholds to deliver the renaissance vision.
SPATIAL OBJECTIVE 3

TO PROVIDE FOR THE HOUSING NEEDS OF THE BOROUGH – This will include ensuring that there are a sufficient number of dwellings to meet identified requirements set out in the Regional Spatial Strategy; and an appropriate mix of types, sizes and tenures.

SPATIAL OBJECTIVE 4

TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THOSE IN HOUSING NEED – This will be sought through the promotion of inclusive communities that pursue a renaissance vision.

SPATIAL OBJECTIVE 5

TO DEVELOP AND GROW THE LOCAL ECONOMY – This will involve building on key cluster activities, providing sites and buildings to meet identified needs and facilitating regeneration initiatives.

SPATIAL OBJECTIVE 6

TO DEVELOP IMPROVE AND ENHANCE VITAL AND VIABLE TOWN CENTRES – This will involve focusing retail development on the town centres to strengthen their retail offer, and securing high quality developments.

SPATIAL OBJECTIVE 7

TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A NETWORK OF ACCESSIBLE GOOD QUALITY OPEN SPACES, SPORT, AND RECREATION FACILITIES – This will promote health and well-being, social inclusion and community cohesion.

SPATIAL OBJECTIVE 8

TO PROMOTE RURAL DIVERSIFICATION – This will be sought through investment and development and extends services that directly benefit the rural economy, provides for identified local need and maintains or enhances the environment.

SPATIAL OBJECTIVE 9

TO ENSURE THE SATISFACTORY PROVISION OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES – This will secure the social and physical infrastructure necessary to improve the health, education, life-long learning and well-being of all sectors of the community.

SPATIAL OBJECTIVE 10

TO DELIVER SAFE, ACCESSIBLE AND ATTRACTIVE ENVIRONMENTS THAT BALANCE THE PROTECTION OF THE NATURAL AND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT WITH THE
DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION NEEDS OF THE BOROUGH
– This will be achieved through securing good design, addressing issues including crime and flood risk; and safeguarding important designated sites.

SPACIAL OBJECTIVE 11

TO INCREASE THE ATTRACTION OF THE BOROUGH AS A TOURIST DESTINATION – This will be achieved through the enhancement of existing, and provision of new tourist facilities and attractions that are respectful of the environment.

SPATIAL OBJECTIVE 12

TO DEVELOP SUSTAINABLE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARE APPROACHES TO WASTE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL AND MINERAL EXTRACTION AND HANDLING – This will be achieved through adopting approaches consistent with national and regional strategies.

Do you think these spatial objectives are appropriate for North East Lincolnshire?

Are there any other objectives that should be included?
8.0 THE CORE STRATEGY POLICIES

The Core Strategy sets out the Council’s overall spatial vision and strategic objectives. These objectives have been taken forward in the form of three KEY POLICIES relating to ‘spatial strategy’, ‘development principles’ and ‘implementation’. These key policies are the highest level Local Development Framework policies with which all new development must accord.

8.1 The key policies are supported by 14 Core Policies relating to identified policy areas including Housing Provision, Employment Generation Development, and Design Quality etc. These policies provide the strategic framework for delivery of the strategic objectives. They will apply to the whole of the Borough or where identified, key locations within it. The policies in the Core Strategy will not identify individual sites these will be identified in future Development Plan Documents to be prepared in accordance with the Local Development Scheme.

When considering the identified policies, please consider whether there are any alternative options and approaches that should be considered. Please remember, these should be consistent with national and regional planning policies.

8.2 The KEY DIAGRAM included at appendix 1 illustrates key elements of the proposed spatial strategy (as expressed in the vision, objectives and policy approaches set out in this document).

8.3 The relationship between the Spatial Vision of the Core Strategy and the KEY and CORE Policies is illustrated in Figure 1.
Policy KP1 – Spatial Strategy

The primary focus for regeneration and growth in North East Lincolnshire will be:

- Town Centres (Grimsby, Cleethorpes, and Immingham)
- Urban Areas
- Principal Service Settlements
- Service Settlements
- Cleethorpes Seafront
- Humber Employment Zone

All development will be expected to be consistent with the following principles:

- Support the delivery of urban and rural renaissance across the Borough, developing attractive, safe, high quality places that maximise access opportunities for all
- Development proposals will adopt a sequential approach in meeting development needs, starting with the re-use of suitable, previously developed land and buildings thereby minimising the need for Greenfield development and the need to travel.
- Safeguard existing services, community and infrastructure provision; establish future provision in new developments and safeguard future programmed infrastructure improvements.
- Focus major retail opportunities on town centres, recognising Grimsby (Top Town) as the sub-regional centre.
- Focus industrial, commercial and economic growth, including targeted infrastructure investment that maximises on the sub-regional and locally recognised business strengths and clusters, including the needs of tourism, and support for new business development.
- Maintain the vitality and viability of rural settlements providing for development that meets local needs and supports local services.
- Minimise the risk of flooding by controlling the nature, location, layout and design of development; and through
appropriate sea defences as part of a comprehensive estuary management strategy.

- Maintain the character and appearance of individual settlements and prevent their coalescence.

Linkage to Strategic Objectives: SO1, SO2, SO3, SO4, SO5, SO6, SO7, SO8, SO9, SO10, SO11, SO12.

The proposed approach seeks to focus economic and housing development in the main urban areas of Grimsby, Cleethorpes and Immingham and the service centres identified on the key diagram. In line with the Regional Spatial Strategy the proposed approach seeks to focus new development to minimise the need to travel, minimise the development of Greenfield sites and maintain and provide appropriate social and cultural facilities.

The approach recognises the development opportunities that exist within the main urban areas and the value of developing these sites in ways that strengthen existing town and service centres and pursue the renaissance vision.

Grimsby Top Town is identified as the sub regional centre, recognising its primary retail/service status in the Borough, and as the town centre for Grimsby. The proposed approach seeks to build on the town centre’s strengths and opportunities whilst securing appropriate regeneration on key regeneration sites in urban areas, Cleethorpes Seafront and the Humber Employment Zone. It is seen as vital to the pursuit of the Community Strategy Renaissance objectives that town centre uses are not located on peripheral sites.

Do you consider the spatial strategy adopts the correct focus for regeneration and growth?
KP2 – Sustainable Development Principles

All new development should be achieved in ways which:

- Do not compromise the Council’s strategic objectives
- Provide high quality sustainable development through good and inclusive design that promotes and contributes to a sense of place
- Protect and enhance the natural and historic environment
- Make the best use of previously developed land and buildings, including opportunities for mixed use development
- Consider the impact of development on the social fabric of communities
- Deliver safe, healthy and attractive place to live, work and visit
- Do not place a damaging burden on existing services and infrastructure
- Promote improved and sustainable modes of transport
- Promote the best use of resources and reduce reliance upon energy sources that are not renewable
- Promote sustainable waste management, addresses flood risk and promotes efficient use of resources

Linkage to Strategic Objectives: SO1, SO2, SO10, SO12.

The Council has a commitment to the principles of urban renaissance and the promotion of sustainability reflected in the Community Strategy. This commitment recognises the important social and economic aspects.

The proposed approach emphasises that urban renaissance is about creating places and establishing a quality of life that makes living, working and visiting a place enjoyable. This approach emphasises the need for development to be achieved in ways which contribute to creating quality environments providing safe, attractive and accessible places that include a framework of social community and service facilities.

The Council has programmed the future production of a Supplementary Planning Document relating to Sustainable Development. It is intended that this document will provide greater clarity on the interpretation and delivery of this policy.
Do you consider the policy identifies an appropriate set of sustainable development principles?

Are there any others that should be added?
KP3 – Implementation

To facilitate the delivery of the Council’s strategic objectives the Council will:

- Prepare Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents. This will include supplementary guidance relating to:
  - Design principles
  - Sustainable development
  - Mitigating flood risk, and
  - Planning contributions

As future Development Plan Documents are developed consideration will be given to the review of existing supplementary planning guidance.

- Prepare Area Action Plans relating to:
  - Grimsby Town Centre and Commercial Area
  - Cleethorpes Resort Area

Future consideration will be given to the need for additional Area Action Plans, particularly relating to the Urban Renaissance Programme.

- Prepare Development Briefs where individual site circumstances warrant them.
- Require developers to enter into planning obligations to carry out works or contribute towards the provision of infrastructure, transport, service and public realm enhancements required as a consequence of the development.
- Consider the release of Council land, where necessary in partnership with the private sector to bring forward sites to achieve the Council's strategic objectives.
- Consider the use of compulsory purchase powers in appropriate circumstances in order to assemble land it enable key development or infrastructure improvements to proceed.
- Pursue strategies and initiatives that deliver the Council’s corporate objectives and the spatial objectives of the Local Development Framework.
Linkage to Strategic Objectives: SO1, SO2, SO3, SO4, SO5, SO6, SO7, SO8, SO9, SO10, SO11, SO12.

The successful delivery of the strategic objectives is dependent on the delivery mechanisms set out in the Core Strategy. The proposed approach outlines the implementation approaches that will be adopted by the Council. It is recognised that these approaches are dependent on partnership arrangements with private companies, public bodies, voluntary organisations and other agencies.

The implementation methods identified seek to provide the catalyst for the regeneration and development of sites, providing clarity for investors to enable the potential of land and buildings to be maximised.

The Council has programmed the future production of a Supplementary Planning Document relating to Planning Obligations. It is intended that this document will review the existing Supplementary Planning Guidance ‘Investment through Growth’, also having regard to legislative changes that have been introduced.

Do you consider that the policy identifies an appropriate delivery mechanism for the Council’s strategic objectives?
CP1 – Employment Generating Development

Provision will be made for employment generating development in the following strategic locations:

- **Humber Employment Zone** - Stretching between, and inclusive of the commercial port areas of Grimsby and Immingham ports, (including nationally significant estuary land).

- **Humberston/New Waltham** - Wilton Road Industrial Estate and Hewitt’s Circus Business Park.

- **Cleethorpes Resort Area** -

In addition to these identified strategic locations sites for incubator, small and medium size enterprises will be identified within urban areas and in principle service settlements in the Housing/Employment Development Plan Document.

Development will be permitted where proposals would:

- Have a layout, access, parking and integrated landscaping that are appropriate to the site and its surroundings and secure any necessary improvements;

- Be of a scale and design that respects the character, appearance and environment of the site and surroundings;

- Be readily accessible by means of transport providing an alternative to the car, or includes appropriate new sustainable transport measures;

- Incorporates energy efficiency and waste management measures and appropriate flood mitigation measures.

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Linkage to Strategic Objectives: SO1, SO2, SO5, SO11, SO12.

To foster regeneration and growth it is essential to promote sustainable economic development providing sites and facilities for new businesses, grow on space and larger facilities for new and established businesses. The proposed approach recognises the importance of economic growth in the context of the Humber Trade Zone and Northern Way Initiatives, and the part played by North East Lincolnshire as a tourist destination and the gateway to the region.

The identified strategic allocations seek to build on existing strengths, respond to market influences, promote sustainable patterns of development and seize
new opportunities. The approach recognises the changing circumstances of existing employment sites in the urban areas and the opportunities that may arise from the redevelopment of these sites. There will however remain a need to identify and safeguard employment sites within the urban areas that provide sustainable sites for businesses of an appropriate scale, nature and character. These aspects will be considered in further detail in the Housing/Employment Development Plan Documents and the Area Action Plans to be development later in the Local Development Framework programme.

Do you consider that the policy provides an appropriate framework for addressing future employment development?
CP2 – Town Centres and Retail Development

New major retail development and other key town centre uses likely to attract a lot of people will be required to adopt a sequential approach to site location. The sequence shall be:

1. Grimsby sub-regional town centre (Top Town), Cleethorpes and Immingham town centres
2. Edge of centre locations, accessible by a choice of means of transport
3. Out of centre locations

In addition further retail opportunities are provided within Freeman Street District Centre and numerous local centres across the urban area.

Developments should respect the scale, nature and character of the centre in which development is proposed. Developments will be expected to contribute to measures to upgrade the environment and the attractiveness and accessibility of the centre.

Opportunities for central area accommodation should be included as part of an integrated development wherever possible.

Linkage to Strategic Objectives: SO1, SO2, SO3, SO5, SO6, SO10

The proposed approach establishes the town centres as the first preference for major retail development and other key town centre uses likely to attract large numbers of people. Such an approach is consistent with national and regional policy. (In this context major retail development is defined as........)

Grimsby, Top Town is identified as the sub regional centre. In combination with other town, district and local centres they provide the hierarchical structure that provides a range of shopping and local services which allow choice to meet the needs of the community. Freeman Street has been redefined as a district centre reflecting its status in relation to Top Town and a new district centre boundary has been proposed.

Opportunities to maximise the potential of town centre sites will be sought including opportunities to provide central area housing as an integral element of mixed use developments.

The town centre boundaries and district centre boundary are identified in geographical terms in Appendix 2.

The Council has programmed the future production of an Area Action Plan relating to Grimsby Town Centre. It is intended that this document will take forward the principles identified in the Grimsby Strategic Framework Document developed as part of the Urban Renaissance Programme.
A review of the distribution and identification of local centres will be undertaken during the preparation and production of the Generic Development Control Development Plan Document.

| Do you consider that the policy provides an appropriate framework to consider retail and town centre development? |
| Do you consider that the correct boundaries have been drawn for the town centres and proposed district centre? If not how and why should the boundaries be enlarged or made smaller? |
CP3 – Housing Provision

Provision is made for the development of at least ??? homes and associated development and infrastructure in the Borough within the period ??? in conformity with the requirement set out in the Regional Spatial Strategy.

This includes:

A target of at least ??? homes on previously development land from ???

Priority will be given to locating new development within the main urban area followed by the principal service settlements followed by other service settlements. The focus will be on seeking the re-use of previously developed land (including the re-use and conversion of existing buildings) subject to acceptable impacts, and on promoting mixed use development.

Consideration will be given to the release of land previously allocated, or in use for non-housing uses, including employment land in the Housing/ Employment Development Plan Document, for housing or mixed-use development.

Limited provision is made for small scale development in other villages to meet identified local needs, where the development is of a scale and design that respect the character of the settlement and satisfies normal development control requirements. Beyond this provision permission will only be granted in exceptional circumstances where development would result in substantial environmental enhancement compatible with the location.

Linkage to Strategic Objectives: SO1, SO2, SO3, SO4, SO9, SO10,

The overall housing requirement for the Borough has yet to be finalised in the Regional Spatial Strategy, as has the target for the completion of homes on previously developed land. These figures will provide the framework for the consideration of future allocations in the Housing and Employment Development Plan Document to be completed at a later date.

The proposed approach sets out the approach that will be taken when considering future allocations. It establishes a hierarchy of settlements based upon their overall sustainability in terms of access and service provision. The hierarchy of service centres is illustrated on the KEY DIAGRAM. The focus will be on seeking the re-use of previously developed land and buildings in preference to Greenfield development.

The proposed hierarchy provides a framework for managing the scale of development in different locations steering most development to larger settlements that offer the best access to services and facilities both now and in the future. Such an approach can help to reduce the needs to travel
(supporting the objectives of the Local Transport Plan) as well as making good use of infrastructure and previously developed land.

The smallest settlements with very limited or no services are identified for very limited growth linked to identified local need. Such settlements are considered unsustainable in terms of accommodating new growth not linked to identified local need. Consideration will be given particularly to providing for identified local affordable housing needs.

Consideration of the drawing of development boundaries will be made in the Housing and Employment Development Plan Document. It is not intended to define development boundaries for the smallest settlements as boundaries can be misinterpreted as implying that development within them is acceptable in principle. Such an approach would be incompatible with this policy approach that seeks to restrict development in unsustainable locations except in particular circumstances.

Do you consider the policy provides an appropriate framework for identifying future housing allocations?
CP4 – Affordable Housing

Residential development of 15 units and above (or on sites of 0.5ha and above) will be permitted provided that they include an appropriate contribution to the provision of affordable dwellings to contribute to the needs of people who are not able to compete in the general housing market; including measures to maintain the dwellings availability in perpetuity.

The appropriate contribution will equate to the provision of a percentage of affordable housing. This will be within the range 20 - 30%, *(The range of affordable housing contributions is being discussed in the RSS. This policy will be amended to reflect the range identified in the RSS that will be appropriate to North East Lincolnshire)*. and will be determined in relation to local housing need.

Consideration will be given to pursuing the urban renaissance vision including the implications of providing the affordable housing on site or whether an appropriate off site contribution would better meet the identified local housing need, either through new build or refurbishment of existing housing.

Provision for affordable housing in rural areas will be made where justified by survey, the format analysis and geographical extent having been agreed with the local planning authority.

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**Linkage to Strategic Objectives: SO1, SO2, SO3, SO4**

Access to affordable housing is a concern for a significant proportion of the population. This reflects not only the relatively high number of people without permanent employment but also low incomes for large sectors of the working population. It is also a fact that the Borough has some 4000 vacant properties (the majority in private ownership) and a large number of properties that are in poor condition and/or cheap to buy. Such properties non-the less remain beyond the reach of those on low incomes

As the policy suggests an approach to affordable housing is also being considered in some detail through the Regional Spatial Strategy. As such the draft policy here reflects the expected intent of the policy at the regional level rather than its precise details.

Affordable housing is not only vital to meeting the aspirations of all members of the community but it can also play a significant role in urban renaissance by regenerating failing housing areas. The Council will also make use of information from its own Housing Needs Survey as well as similar information available at the regional and sub-regional level. These pieces of work will help determine the level of affordable housing required in specific locations and, in deed, whether an off site contribution would be more appropriate. Such contributions might either directly provide affordable accommodation
elsewhere in the Borough or go into a programme of improving, and bringing back into use, existing housing stock.

The primary focus of the policy is in providing an element of affordable housing (or contribution) in association with the development of a market housing site. The policy however recognises that in some rural areas affordable housing issues exist but the means to provide units though a market housing scheme are unlikely to materialise as such relatively large developments would be inappropriate. The policy therefore sets out some considerations for meeting affordable housing needs in rural areas. These considerations will also be advised and assisted by the Councils role as a rural housing enabler.

Revisions to the Council’s Supplementary Planning Guidance on Affordable Housing will be made as the Local Development Frameworks stance on this issue is progressed.

Do you consider this policy identifies an appropriate framework for addressing the provision of affordable housing in the Borough?
CP5 – Transport and Accessibility

Planning permission will be granted to development that incorporates acceptable measures to; or schemes that:

- widen the choice of transport options;
- promote increased accessibility for all;
- supports Urban Renaissance by reducing the impacts of traffic, including severance, improving living conditions and the public realm, and protecting public safety and the environment;
- Improve existing infrastructure and transport options, including road, rail, and pedestrian and cycle facilities.

Sites for identified strategic transportation improvements to facilitate economic regeneration, or improve the quality of the urban environment and widen travel choice will be safeguarded.

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Linkage to Strategic Objectives: SO1, SO2,

The proposed approach seeks to support the objectives of the Local Transport Plan. This approach is considered essential for the delivery of sustainable development, regeneration and urban renaissance.

The proposed approach recognises the desire to achieve identified and longer term strategic transportation improvements set out in the Local transport Plan. These include aspirations by 2022 to have;

- Built a new bus station
- Installed park and ride facilities to the south and west of the urban area
- Improved port access to Immingham and Grimsby
- Introduced an express tram system
- Created a high quality, well maintained public realm

(The current LTP2 is a provisional document and will be reviewed in the light finalised capital allocations. The ‘final’ LTP2 will be published in March 2006)

Existing highway standards are set out in the Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance. All development will be expected to accord with the identified Mobility and Parking Standards. It is proposed to review this guidance when developing the Generic Development Control Policies Development Plan Document.
Do you consider this policy provides satisfactory support for the Council’s Local Transport Plan objectives?
CP6 – Design Quality

Planning permission will be granted for developments that:

- Are appropriate to their context including natural and built environments; integrate with existing urban form, and reflect local distinctiveness;

- Ensure the scale, density, massing and height of the development are designed in relation to neighbouring buildings and the general locality;

- Take opportunities for improving the character, quality and attractiveness of an area or the way it functions, not just in the short term but over the lifetime of the development;

- Create well mixed, adaptable and integrated development, which avoids segregation, provides well planned areas of public space that function well and add to the overall quality and sense of place, and which are attractive;

- Support the efficient use of resources;

- Make clear distinctions between areas of public and private space, particularly addressing issues of actual or perceived opportunities for crime;

- Provide access by way of routes and spaces that address the accessibility needs of all in a manner that is easy to understand without unsatisfactory dominance by vehicular traffic.

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Linkage to Strategic Objectives: SO1, SO2, SO6, SO7, SO9, SO10.

Good quality urban design is a vital element of urban renaissance. This means a greater awareness is needed relating to the use of and design of buildings, streets, open spaces and landscaping; and particularly how these elements relate to each other to create a sense of place.

The proposed approach seeks to promote good design that contributes to making places better for people. Design which is inappropriate in its context, or fails to take the opportunities available for improving the character quality or functionality of an area will not be accepted.

The Council has programmed the future production of a Supplementary Planning Document on Design Principles. It is intended that this document will provide greater clarity on the interpretation and delivery of this policy.
Do you consider this policy provides the appropriate emphasis on design quality to deliver the Urban Renaissance vision?
CP7 - Flood Risk

Planning permission will be granted to development that adopts a risk based approach to the possibility of flooding. Such an approach will require due regard to be paid to the Humber Catchment Flood Management Plan.

Development proposals within identified floodplains will be expected to;

- Have undertaken and submitted a flood risk assessment when submitting a planning application;
- Have regard to the availability of, or requirement for an appropriate standard of flood defence including where appropriate measures to secure their implementation and retention;
- Incorporate appropriate flood mitigation and/or flood warning measures.

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Linkage to Strategic Objectives: SO1, SO10.

The proposed approach recognises the need for development in the Borough to address the issues of flood risk. Significant areas of the Borough are identified as being at risk. This approach identifies the need for the nature of the flood risk to be assessed in appropriate cases, as a material planning consideration.

Flood defences for the Borough are provided to a high standard and there is a commitment that these standards are maintained. This is in recognition of the importance of the ports and neighbouring land as well as the established urban areas. However, flood risk will always exist as tidal conditions and prevailing weather can produce situations where the defences will not be adequate for every circumstance. The Council’s Strategic Flood Risk Appraisal identifies the areas at most risk from such extreme events and, together with the Environment Agency, will help advise developers what measures to reduce the risks are most appropriate.

Do you consider this policy provides an appropriate response to addressing flood risk issues?
CP8 – Community Infrastructure

Development will be supported which ensures a satisfactory provision of community facilities for residents and visitors to the Borough.

This will be achieved by;

- Retaining community facilities and services that play an important role in the social infrastructure of the area;

- Providing for health, social care and community facilities identified in strategic development plans or identified through community empowerment initiatives;

- Supporting improvements to existing, and provision of new education facilities to promote higher educational attainment and provide improved opportunities for skills and life long learning, including extended school provision;

- Ensuring that new and/or improved services and facilities are planned and integrated in new development in locations that are accessible by good public transport, and accessible for all users.

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Linkage to Strategic Objectives: SO1, SO6, SO7, SO8, SO9.

This approach recognises the importance of social, community and service facilities to the communities they serve. The approach seeks to retain facilities where they play an important role in the social infrastructure of an area. It also means ensuring that new or enhanced facilities are delivered alongside new development.

Where the need for new facilities is identified through plans or initiatives measures will be sought to accommodate these requirements in association with new development and through maximising the potential of underused land and buildings where the opportunities arise.

The health and well being of the Borough’s residents and their educational achievements has a marked influence on their quality of life and the image of the Borough. The improvement of the community infrastructure is important to the prosperity of the area and particularly the retention of the population.

This approach recognises and supports the realignment of health care facilities, and the re-provisioning of local education facilities. It also recognises the Council’s support for the establishment of a new Higher Education Facility in the Borough.
Do you consider this policy provides the appropriate framework to maintain and deliver an appropriate level of community facilities?
CP9 – Sport, Recreation and Green Space

Recognising the importance of sport and recreation to the health and well-being of the residents of, and visitors to the Borough the Council will:

- Safeguard existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, except where an assessment has been undertaken that clearly identifies the open space or the buildings and land to be surplus to requirements.

- Seek to grasp opportunities to address identified deficits in the type and diversity of open space or sports and recreation facilities. Such measures will include:
  - Improving the accessibility to, and accessibility of facilities and land;
  - Improving management of facilities and land;
  - Adding to or enhancing the range and quality of existing facilities;
  - Adopting measures to design out crime and anti-social behaviour;
  - Promoting social inclusion;
  - Ensuring compatibility with adjoining uses.

- Consideration will also be given to the relocation of existing provision in order to meet local needs more effectively or make better overall recreational use of land.

- Seek increased provision of open spaces and local sports and recreation facilities, or the enhancement of existing facilities, where development increases local needs or where the quantity and quality of provision is inadequate or under threat. Delivery will be sought through negotiated Section 106 Agreements. (Assessment will include reference to the local standards to be identified in the Playing Pitch Strategy).

Linkage to Strategic Objectives: SO1, SO7, SO9, SO10.

National and regional planning policy seeks to protect existing sport, open space and recreation facilities, and create new facilities. It also requires local planning authorities to plan positively for the provision and enhancement of facilities that meet identified local needs.
The Council has undertaken a Green Space Strategy and has commissioned a Playing Pitch Strategy to assess the quantitative and qualitative provision of facilities. These strategies will be used to identify areas of deficiency and develop local standards to be set out in the Generic Development Control Development Plan Document.

All housing developments will be expected to contribute to the provision of open spaces, local sports and recreation facilities or enhancement of existing facilities to a level commensurate with the additional population generated by the development in accordance with the details to be set out in the relevant Development Plan Document.

Do you consider the policy provides an appropriate framework for safeguarding and development of sport, recreation and green space facilities?
CP10 – Environment

Development proposals will be expected to safeguard and enhance the natural and built assets of the Borough. This will be achieved by;

- Safeguarding and enhancing the historic environment;
- Safeguarding and enhancing nature and conservation sites of international, national and identified local importance;
- Promoting reclamation and re-use of derelict and or contaminated land to beneficial use;
- Supporting schemes and initiatives seeking to deliver the Freshney Forest concept;
- Protecting water resources from threats to the quality and or quantity of groundwaters or surface waters;
- Supporting and safeguarding flood protection and coastal defences that accord with options identified in the Humber Shoreline Management Plan;
- Minimising pollution arising from the release of smoke, fumes, gases, dust, steam, smell, light, intrusion, or noise

Linkage to Strategic Objectives: SO1, SO7, SO10, SO12.

The Government is committed to the protecting and enhancing the quality of the natural and historic environment. North East Lincolnshire has within its boundaries significant areas of local, national and international importance recognised in their designations. It is recognised that areas of national and international status should receive the highest level of protection.

The attractiveness and condition of our surroundings influences our quality of life. The approach outlined seeks to maintain and improve the local environment, seeking also to reclaim and re-use areas of derelict and contaminated land, and address localised environmental issues affecting local neighbourhoods.

Do you consider this policy provides an appropriate framework to acknowledge the value of the natural and built assets of the Borough?
CP11 – Tourism

Planning Applications for tourism related proposals will be granted planning permission where they support the following principles;

- Develop new facilities to meet changing customer needs, comparable with their setting, including an adequate supply and range of tourist accommodation to meet varying needs and appropriate visitor attractions that;
  - Focuses on the Cleethorpes Resort, or;
  - Recognise the future tourism potential of Grimsby Docks, as part of a long term comprehensive redevelopment scheme, or;
  - Promotes sensitive green tourism associated with the natural assets of the Humber Estuary and Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty;

- Recognise the limited capacity of sensitive landscapes and local infrastructure;

- Endorse quality and attractiveness to promote an urban and rural renaissance;

- Develop in harmony with natural assets and maintain a balance between the needs of visitors and host communities;

- Promote accessibility for all.

Linkage to Strategic Objectives: SO1, SO2, SO5, SO8, SO10, SO11.

Tourism is a vital component of the economy of the Borough. It is important that tourism should flourish and develop in response to market forces whilst respecting and enhancing the environment for the benefit of visitors and residents.

The proposed approach recognises that Cleethorpes Resort is the focus for tourism activities. The Council will maintain its commitment to encouraging and developing further investment that will enhance the popularity of the resort respecting sensitive landscapes and the capacity of local infrastructure.

The potential of Grimsby Docks to widen the tourism offer as part of a longer term comprehensive redevelopment, and the tourism potential associated with the Borough's natural and landscape aspects are also highlighted.
The Council has programmed the future production of an Area Action Plan relating to Cleethorpes Resort. It is intended that this document will take forward the principles identified in the Cleethorpes Resort Regeneration Strategy produced as part of the Urban Regeneration Programme.

Do you consider this policy provides an appropriate framework to recognise and develop tourism opportunities in North East Lincolnshire?
CP12 – Rural Development

Development in the countryside that meets local social and economic needs will be supported where:

it is essential to the needs of local communities, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, mineral extraction, waste disposal or other identified needs which require a countryside location;

Development should;

- Be appropriate to the context including natural and built environments; integrate with existing buildings, and reflect local distinctiveness and be focused in or near existing settlements;

- Ensure the scale, density, massing and height of the development are designed in relation to neighbouring buildings and the general locality;

- Take opportunities for improving the character, quality and attractiveness of an area or the way it functions, not just in the short term but over the lifetime of the development;

- Support the efficient use of resources;

- Make appropriate re-use of rural buildings;

Linkage to Strategic Objectives: SO1, SO2, SO8.

The proposed approach seeks to support sustainable rural development and diversification that meets local social and economic needs. The approach supports rural enterprise that provides local jobs and supports the rural economy.

It acknowledges that rural environments are sensitive to new development and that care is required to pursue good quality development that where possible enhances local distinctiveness and the intrinsic qualities of the countryside.

The approach seeks to resist urban sprawl, focus appropriate development in or next to existing settlements acknowledging accessibility as a key consideration in all rural development decisions.

Do you consider this policy provides an appropriate context to consider development in the countryside?
CP13 – Waste Management

The strategy for the management and disposal of waste in North East Lincolnshire shall within the context of European, National and Regional policy be to:

- Promote waste minimisation, recycling and re-use to achieve identified targets;
- Provide for a satisfactory range of waste handling, management and disposal facilities, including the allocation of sites to support the development of waste management facilities to compliment existing sustainable waste facilities;
- Promote sustainable transport options and minimise overall transportation requirements

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Linkage to Strategic Objectives: SO1, SO12.

The proposed approach provides the initial planning framework for the management and disposal of waste.

The Council intends to produce a Waste and minerals Development Plan Document at a later date that will take forward the strategy in this policy. In particular this will address the provision of facilities to adequately provide for future waste management. This will include consideration of the development of new facilities to compliment existing sustainable waste management facilities. This will include consideration of facilities that may be operated on a ‘shared’ based with neighbouring local authorities.

Do you consider the policy outlines an appropriate strategic approach to addressing future waste management and disposal?
Applications for mineral extraction will be considered in relation to the following:

- Whether the reserve is of a quality and quantity to justify extraction;
- Whether adequate proposals are made to address visual and amenity impacts;
- Whether the proposed order and method of working and overall programme for extraction are satisfactory;
- Whether the proposals and programme for restoration are accompanied by satisfactory proposals for beneficial aftercare and management;
- Whether the local transport facilities are adequate to move the mineral to market.
- Mineral deposits which are or may become of economic importance will be safeguarded from surface development that would effect their extraction. Facilities and associated sites needed for the transportation of minerals will also be safeguarded.

Linkage to Strategic Objectives: SO1, SO12.

There are no active or dormant mineral sites with valid planning permission in the Borough. Furthermore no areas of search have been proposed and current indication or expectation of development at any specific site.

The proposed approach therefore sets out a criteria based approach which addressed the consideration of any future application. The policy also seeks to safeguard existing facilities and associated sites needed for the transportation of minerals through the Borough.

Do you consider the policy outlines an appropriate strategic approach to mineral extraction in the Borough?
9.0 **Initial Sustainability Report**

An initial Sustainability Report has been undertaken alongside the Core Strategy Issues Document. This document provides the process for assessing the extent to which emerging policies and proposals will help to achieve relevant environmental, social and economic objectives.

9.1 Consideration of future preferred options and the development of the Preferred Options document will build upon previous consultation. The Preferred Options document must be accompanied by a formal sustainability appraisal report.
Appendix 1 - Key Diagram