

Draft Statement of Community Involvement Consultation Report

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Table 1: Summary of Draft SCI consultation comments, Council response and resulting actions

Name	Organisation	Summary of response	North Lincolnshire Council Response	Action
Candace Brent	Burton upon Stather Parish Council	<p>Planning Application Comment: The Parish Council suggests that a weekly email list of new planning applications be sent to all consultees. While a list is available on the NLC website, it is not specific or regularly circulated. They note that sometimes applications are not sent to the correct parish council, and residents may miss nearby developments.</p> <p>Additional Comments: The Parish Council also highlights that residents are no longer directly informed about nearby planning applications and need to check on parish council agendas, regularly check on NLC website or see if a notice has been put up nearby. They note that site notices are not always placed in visible or appropriate locations and have occasionally been posted incorrectly. They suggest that letters be delivered to at least the two adjacent properties to ensure awareness.</p>	<p>The Council is keen to engage with Town and Parish Councils, and other key organisations, as much as possible and use modern and faster techniques such as digital tools to assist engagement. A weekly list is provided on the NLC website which is easy to access and provides all details of received, decided, withdrawn and amended applications each week with links to these applications. Site notices for applications are displayed on or close to the site as possible. The NLC planning website uses a mapping and address based search tool for planning applications in/close to a particular area.</p>	<p>Comment is noted. No changes to the SCI required.</p>
Darl Sweetland	Anglian Water	<p>General Comment: Page 3: On climate change mitigation, Anglian Water provides advice to LPAs on the early stages of Local Plan preparation to inform the spatial distribution of growth to utilise existing water and wastewater capacity first and thus avoid the capital (embedded) carbon of constructing new infrastructure. This accords with the sustainability hierarchy, infrastructure and climate change provisions in national policy.</p> <p>Page 35: Anglian Water is the statutory sewerage undertaker/ wastewater/ water recycling provider for the eastern half of the Council's area. As such Anglian Water is a responsible Flood Risk Management Authority in our statutory service area for flooding from our piped water network and sewerage network.</p>	<p>Comment is noted. Anglian Water are listed in Appendix 1 as a specific consultation body water undertaker and will be kept informed as necessary at each stage of Local Plan preparation.</p>	<p>Update Appendix 1 to include Anglian Water as a sewerage undertaker as well as a water undertaker.</p>
Emilie Carr	Historic England	<p>Planning Policy Comment: Historic England supports the overall aims of the SCI but were disappointed that they are not explicitly listed as a specific consultation body in the main body of the document. They request that Historic England be referenced on page 7 and in Table 1 as a statutory consultee.</p> <p>They also recommend that heritage-related evidence (e.g. conservation area appraisals, characterisation studies, heritage impact assessments) be included on page 8.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning Comment:</p>	<p>Historic England (HE) are included within the Draft SCI as a specific consultation body and a duty to cooperate body (Appendix 1 - Local Plan Consultees). HE are also noted as a statutory consultation body in Table 1 (Local Plan and DPDs methods of consultation).</p> <p>Evidence base documents such as Conservation Area Appraisals and Local Listings are prepared separately to the Local Plan, but considered as part of the site allocations and designations. Heritage Impact Assessments will be undertaken via the site assessment process.</p>	<p>Comment is noted. No changes to the SCI required.</p>

		Historic England ask to be notified of proposed neighbourhood planning areas and consulted on draft neighbourhood plans, including at informal stages where early input may be beneficial. They provide a link to Historic England guidance on neighbourhood planning.	HE are a statutory consultee on draft neighbourhood plans and will be notified at relevant stages. The Council will endeavour to have informal discussions with HE when necessary and to support the Duty to Cooperate.	
Hazel Smith	Canal & River Trust	Appendices Comment: The Canal & River Trust noted that while they do not own or manage assets within North Lincolnshire, any proposals affecting navigation through Keadby Lock and the Stainforth and Keadby Canal are relevant to them as a statutory consultee. They recommend updating Appendix 1 of the Draft SCI to include the Canal & River Trust in the list of statutory consultees.	Appendix 1 sets out the Local Plan consultees, which the Council is legally required to consult and involve in preparing planning documents. The Canal & River Trust are a statutory consultee within the Development Management process for development likely to affect any inland waterway owned/managed by the Canal & River Trust or any canal feeder channel, watercourse, let off or culvert. The Trust would be consulted on proposals that could affect navigation through Keadby Lock and onto the Stainforth and Keadby Canal.	Amend Figure 3 of the Draft SCI to include link to Schedule 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/595/schedule/4/made). This sets out the legislative requirements of 'consultation before the grant of permission' and specifically lists the Canal & River Trust as a statutory consultee.
Kathleen Emmerson		General comment: Respondent highlighted the withdrawn North Lincolnshire Local Plan (2020-2038) no longer designated land at Olcote King Edward Street in Belton as Important Open Space (Policy DQE10). Wishes to be informed of any changes in new Local Plan.	Comment is noted. Comments relate to Local Plan Initial Engagement consultation and will be considered that way. Contact details of respondents are held in the Council's Local Plan contact database and consultees will be notified at all relevant stages of Local Plan preparation.	Comment is noted. No changes to the SCI required.
Lorraine Eastham		General Comment: The respondent expressed concern over a lack of community involvement, stating they were only informed through a neighbour. They feel there has been no proper consultation with existing residents and that the Draft SCI fails to consider the impact on local wildlife and the needs of current communities in the proposed areas.	The Draft SCI Tables 1 and 2 set out the methods of consultation for the Local Plan and Supplementary Planning Documents. Appendix 2 (Community Involvement Methods) sets out a variety of methods likely to be used during the Local Plan making process. The Draft SCI was consulted widely in line with the requirements of national planning regulations and the Draft SCI. Impact on nature and wildlife is included in national and local planning policy. Impact on wildlife and residential amenity are material considerations taken into account in deciding planning applications. The method of publicising planning applications is in accordance with relevant legislation, whereby different types of application require different methods of publicity, as set out in The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. Community involvement should take place before a major planning application is submitted to the council. Once adopted, the SCI will be used to guide and encourage developers to undertake robust community engagement. Developers undertaking community engagement will need to provide the Local Planning Authority with a consultation statement within the planning application to demonstrate public consultation has been carried out in line with the SCI.	Comment is noted. No changes to the SCI required.

Melanie Lindsley	The Coal Authority	<p>General Comment: The Coal Authority clarified their role as a statutory consultee responsible for protecting the public and environment in mining areas. Their response confirmed that while there are three mine entries recorded in the North Lincolnshire area, none are related to past coal mining activity. As such, they have no specific comments on the Draft SCI.</p>	Comment is noted, no request for amendments to the SCI.	Comment is noted. No changes to the SCI required.
Michael Farminer		<p>General Comment: The respondent objects to development on Graizelound Fields Road and suggested a number of alternative sites for development. The respondent urged the Council to adhere to its own planning policies, specifically referencing Policy LC14. They argued that a typical resident would not be granted planning permission on the land in question and questioned why the Council would consider it. They also emphasised the importance of protecting greenfield spaces in the countryside.</p> <p>They stressed the need for the Council to listen to local views, particularly when decision-makers may not be familiar with the area. They also felt that the North Lincolnshire Local Plan lacks clear plans for infrastructure and job creation to support proposed development; highlighting concerns over new development due to doctors, dentists, supermarket and leisure facilities already being at capacity.</p> <p>The respondent noted that the previous Local Plan consultation in 2021 was poorly communicated, suggesting that this may have limited public awareness and engagement at the time.</p>	<p>Comment is noted, those which relate to Local Plan Initial Engagement consultation will be considered that way.</p> <p>The Draft SCI Tables 1 and 2 set out the methods of consultation for the Local Plan and Supplementary Planning Documents. Appendix 2 (Community Involvement Methods) sets out a variety of methods likely to be used during the Local Plan making process. Each stage of Local Plan preparation will be consulted widely in line with the requirements of national planning regulations and the Draft SCI.</p>	Comment is noted. No changes to the SCI required.
Paul Foster	Egdon Resources UK Limited	<p>Planning Application Comment: Egdon Resources UK Ltd raised key concerns about the draft SCI's approach to community involvement in planning applications. They strongly object to the blanket expectation for early engagement on all major developments, arguing this is more appropriate for large-scale residential schemes and not suitable for technical proposals like oil and gas. They believe engagement should be proportionate to the type, location, and likely public interest of the proposal, and that meaningful consultation is more effective after technical assessments are completed. They support the principle of tailoring consultation to the proposal but feel the current wording contradicts this by implying early engagement is always necessary. Egdon also request flexibility in the timing and location of public events, noting that evenings and weekends may not always be practical. Additionally, they object to some of the minimum requirements for Consultation Statements particularly the need to offer alternative sites and explain design changes stating these should only apply "if any and where appropriate." Finally, they recommend that mineral and waste extraction be explicitly included in the list of application types in Figure 4.</p>	<p>Applicants are encouraged to consult local communities on large-scale major developments. Any pre-application community consultation should be tailored to suit the circumstances of the site, proposal and the locality. Methods and timings of consultation is flexible - a mix of in person and online/virtual events can be held for example. It is acknowledged that for some development types there may not be any alternative sites or explanation of design changes required and the reasoning for this should be stated in the community statement. Table 3 is a succinct table which covers the timescales and modes of consultation for all application types including minerals and waste.</p>	Amend Figure 4 to make reference to minerals and waste applications as major proposals that may require the preparation of a consultation statement.

Sharon Jenkins	Natural England	<p>General Comment: Natural England supports the principle of early and meaningful engagement with communities, organisations, and statutory bodies in both plan-making and decision-making processes. However, they are unable to provide detailed comments on individual Statements of Community Involvement.</p>	Comment is noted, no request for amendments to the SCI.	Comment is noted. No changes to the SCI required.
Thomas Farminer		<p>General Comment: The respondent strongly objects to development on Graizelound Fields Road citing flood risk, drainage, traffic impacts, loss of prime agricultural land, and the site's LC14 designation as an Area of Special Historic Landscape Interest. The respondent suggests alternative site options and urges the Council to follow its own planning policies, specifically Policy LC14, noting that no ordinary resident would be granted permission to build on this land. They stress the importance of protecting greenfield countryside and listening to local views. They also express concern that the North Lincolnshire Local Plan lacks clear plans for infrastructure and job creation.</p>	Comment is noted. Comments relate to Local Plan Initial Engagement consultation and will be considered that way.	Comment is noted. No changes to the SCI required.
Tracey Farminer		<p>General Comment: The respondent strongly objects to development on Graizelound Fields Road, citing flood risk, traffic impacts, and the site's LC14 designation as an Area of Special Historic Landscape Interest. They argue the land is prime agricultural and green belt, and no local resident would be allowed to build there.</p> <p>Concerns include lack of infrastructure (GPs, dentists, leisure, retail), inadequate public transport, and no provision for higher-paid local jobs—leading to more commuting and pollution. They highlight ecological value, including deer and endangered lapwings, and fear merging Haxey and Graizelound.</p> <p>They suggest alternative sites including near Epworth Road and Low Street that could better accommodate development. They also criticise the Council for ignoring local views and its own planning policies.</p>	<p>Comment is noted, those which relate to Local Plan Initial Engagement consultation will be considered that way.</p> <p>The Draft SCI Tables 1 and 2 set out the methods of consultation for the Local Plan and Supplementary Planning Documents. Appendix 2 (Community Involvement Methods) sets out a variety of methods likely to be used during the Local Plan making process. Each stage of Local Plan preparation will be consulted widely in line with the requirements of national planning regulations and the Draft SCI.</p>	Comment is noted. No changes to the SCI required.
Wayne Karl Webster	Security Services	<p>General Comment: A resident of Graizelound Fields in Haxey expressed concern over proposed development in the area. They highlighted that the existing road is too narrow, and both junctions are already problematic. Drainage is also a known issue.</p> <p>Additionally, they noted wider infrastructure pressures, including limited availability of school places, GP appointments, and dental services, questioning how further development could be justified given these constraints.</p>	Comment is noted. Comments relate to Local Plan Initial Engagement consultation and will be considered that way.	Comment is noted. No changes to the SCI required.