

Local Planning Authority Consultations

The Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk from time to time are consulted by neighbouring Local Planning Authorities and those that share strategic issues, and invited to make representations/comments on their Local Plans and policy documents that they are formulating. In the same way that we consult other Local Planning Authorities.

As part of the duty to cooperate, created in the 2011 Localism Act, there is a duty on Local Planning Authorities to engage constructively and actively on an ongoing basis to maximise the effectiveness of Local Plan perpetration in the context of strategic cross boundary matters.

A Local Planning Authority must notify specific bodies and persons, as detailed by regulation 18 of the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, and invite representations from these in developing their Local Plan. Representations received must be taken into account, and the Local Planning Authority needs to set out how the main issues raised have been taken into account.

Previously we have invited to submit comments by South East Lincolnshire (South Holland and Boston Borough) and East Cambridgeshire emerging Local Plans. Currently we are being consulted on South Lincolnshire Local Plan which can be viewed from the link below:

South Lincolnshire: <http://www.southeastlincslocalplan.org/>

Summary of content of South Lincolnshire consultation document and implications for the Borough Council of West Norfolk

The document subject to consultation represents the preferred options of South Lincolnshire's Local Plan.

Headline figures

Plan period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2036

Housing	Objectively assessed housing need: Provision will be made for a net increase of at least 18,250 dwellings in South East Lincolnshire.
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•a minimum of 82ha of land being allocated for 'main employment uses' (within Use Classes B1, B2 and B8);•a further 17.5ha identified for Specific Occupier Use (sites primarily occupied by up to three businesses within Use Class B, who operate a shared site management regime); and•55.6ha identified for Restricted Uses (sites with a unique employment function within Use Class B that should be protected from main employment use) at the ports of Boston and Sutton Bridge and at Spalding Rail-Freight Interchange.
Retail	sets a local threshold for impact tests for additional new floor space of 500sqm gross for Boston town and 250sqm gross for Spalding and the District and Local Centres

Implications of headline figures

The settlements of Walpole Cross Keys and Terrington St Clements are closest to the boundary shared with South Lincolnshire and Sutton Bridge is the closest settlement to the boundary of BCKLWN. The settlement is designated a Main Service Centre and has a small housing allocation (180 houses) and employment allocation – around existing employment sites. There is a significant physical

separation between all settlements and therefore any proposed growth scenario is unlikely to adversely impact residents within the borough, or to require the need for extensive collaboration on proposals unlike, for example, growth in Wisbech Fringe where the border shared is within an urban area.

Most new allocations are directed to the Sub Regional Centres: Spalding and Boston. The Plan also designates an area in Spalding for a new rail-freight interchange for transporting food produce by rail to reduce the impact on road transport.

The Local Plan has been prepared according to evidence and working with neighbouring authorities under the duty to cooperate. It is considered that there are no proposals which would have a significant impact on Kings' Lynn and West Norfolk.

The Plan covers the following topics:

- Policy 1: Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development
- Policy 2: Spatial Strategy
- Policy 3: Development Management
- Policy 4: Strategic Approach to Flood Risk
- Policy 5: Meeting Physical Infrastructure and Service Needs
- Policy 6: Developer Contributions
- Policy 7: Improving South East Lincolnshire's Employment Land Portfolio
- Policy 8: Specific Occupier and Restricted Use Sites
- Policy 9: Spalding Rail-Freight Interchange
- Policy 10: Employment Development in the Countryside
- Policy 11: Meeting Objectively Assessed Housing Needs
- Policy 12: Distribution of New Housing
- Policy 13: A Sustainable Urban Extension for housing in Spalding
- Policy 14: Providing a Mix of Housing
- Policy 15: Affordable Housing
- Policy 16: Rural Exception Sites
- Policy 17: Accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople
- Policy 18: Houses in Multiple Occupation and the Sub-Division of Dwellings
- Policy 19: Replacement Dwellings in the Countryside
- Policy 20: Conversion of Redundant Rural Buildings to Residential Use
- Policy 21: Agricultural, Forestry and other Rural Workers Dwellings
- Policy 22: The Retail Hierarchy
- Policy 23: Primary Shopping Frontages
- Policy 24: Additional Retail Provision
- Policy 25: The Natural Environment
- Policy 26: The Historic Environment
- Policy 27: Pollution
- Policy 28: Climate Change and Renewable and Low Carbon Energy
- Policy 29: Design of New Development
- Policy 30: Promoting Safe, Accessible Open Space, Sport and Recreational Facilities
- Policy 31: Delivering a More Sustainable Transport Network
- Policy 32: Vehicle and Cycle Parking

Implications of proposed policies

These policies present a comprehensive range of more strategic policies, development management policies and site allocations. Such policies are not considered to have any specific implication for BCKLWN, although the range of policies is of interest when considering the potential content of the boroughs own emerging Local Plan review.

Recommended BCKLWN Response – South Lincolnshire Consultation

Officers request that members of the LDF Task Group approve the following response to the consultation:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments relating to the above consultation. The Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk shares an administrative boundary with South Lincolnshire District Council, hence welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the development of the District. The Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk raises no objections to the documents, and requests that due consideration is given to cross-border impacts on West Norfolk (if any) at the planning application stage.

The Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk believes that the level of cooperation has been proportionate to the significance of the cross-border issues, and has met the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate.