

Good evening Chair and Councillors,

Thank you for inviting representatives of the Saxilby with Ingleby Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to address Members this evening and formally hand over our revised Neighbourhood Plan. I am pleased to be joined by Martin Furnish and Pete Crowther, members of the Steering Group.

The Parish Council considered it essential that the Plan was updated to reflect changes in national planning policy, emerging priorities such as climate change and biodiversity, and the evolving nature of our parish. Since the original Plan was adopted, around 366 new dwellings have been built. It was therefore important to understand the views of newer residents, alongside those of longer-established members of our community, on how the parish should continue to develop.

Community consultation lies at the heart of neighbourhood planning. The policies contained within the revised Plan are based on the views, priorities and aspirations expressed by local residents through surveys, consultation events and ongoing engagement. Those conversations helped shape the Plan before you today.

I had the privilege of chairing the first Neighbourhood Plan, which was adopted in 2017. When we began this review, we expected it to take around a year. In reality, it took three years and involved a number of challenges, including delays caused by changing funding arrangements. We are particularly grateful to West Lindsey District Council for its support during the final stages of the process.

Despite those challenges, the revised Plan is underpinned by a strong evidence base, including the Design Codes and Guidance document and the Housing Needs Assessment. Together, these provide a robust framework for guiding future development in a way that reflects the character, identity and priorities of Saxilby with Ingleby Parish. We have retained the format used in the original Plan, combining planning policies with photographs, illustrations and explanatory text to make it accessible and easy to use.

I would like to place on record our sincere thanks to our planning consultant, Luke Brown, for his expertise throughout the review; to Nev Brown, Senior Neighbourhood Planning Officer at West Lindsey District Council, for his guidance and support; to all past and present members of the Steering Group; and to the Parish Clerk and Administration Officer for their invaluable assistance.

I would also like to recognise the dedication of the final core group: Brett Fegan, Martin Furnish, Sheila Hughes and Pete Crowther whose commitment over the past three years ensured the successful completion of this review. As Chair of the Steering Group, it has been a privilege to work alongside them and to help bring this review to completion.

Most importantly, I would like to thank the residents of Saxilby with Ingleby who participated in consultations, shared their views and ultimately voted in the neighbourhood plan referendum. The revised Plan received overwhelming support,

with more than 90% of those voting backing its adoption, providing a clear mandate from the community for the policies it contains.

On behalf of the Parish Council and the Steering Group, thank you for your support throughout this process. We are delighted that the revised Neighbourhood Plan has reached this final stage, and it gives me great pleasure to formally hand over the Saxilby with Ingleby Neighbourhood Plan.

Thank you.