https://plans-central-lincs.hub.arcgis.com/pages/consultations

The consultation runs from 22 October to 17 December at 23:59. An updated draft can be brought back to committee for approval on 16 December and submission on the 17 December.

Recommendation: Review the draft and provide feedback to be incorporated into a final draft for committee approval at the December meeting.

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Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council

Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Review – Scoping Consultation Response

October 2026

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The responses below are proposed answers for the Parish Council to consider. Where a response is marked "Don't know" or is subject to further evidence, this is intentional.

About you

Who is this response being submitted for?

On behalf of an organisation.

Organisation: Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council.

Section 1: Plan-making and process

Evidence

Is there any additional evidence that you believe should be compiled to support the plan?

Suggested answer: Yes.

If yes, please provide details of what this evidence is and why you think it is needed.

The Local Plan should be supported by detailed, up-to-date evidence of infrastructure capacity in villages experiencing growth, including Saxilby.

The Parish Council would particularly like to see:

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- **Highways and traffic:** An assessment of the cumulative effect of existing and proposed development on the A57, Church Lane, Sykes Lane, High Street and Bridge Street. This should consider peak-time congestion, road safety, access to the A57, pedestrian safety and parking.
- **Drainage and flood risk:** An independent assessment of drainage capacity, surface-water flooding, flood risk and the capacity of existing drainage infrastructure. The Saxilby NDP identifies the investigation of an independent parish drainage report as a community project.
- **Water and sewerage:** Evidence that water supply, foul drainage and wastewater treatment infrastructure can accommodate planned development without placing existing residents at risk of reduced capacity or service problems.
- **Healthcare and education:** Evidence of capacity within local GP surgeries, schools and other essential services, including the effect of additional residents on waiting times and access.
- **Public transport:** Evidence of whether existing bus and rail services provide a realistic alternative to car use, including evening and weekend services.
- **Housing needs:** Up-to-date local evidence of the need for affordable housing, smaller homes, family housing and accessible homes for older people.
- **Biodiversity and green infrastructure:** Evidence of existing wildlife corridors, hedgerows, mature trees, watercourses, green spaces and the cumulative effects of development on local habitats.

Infrastructure should be assessed before sites are allocated, rather than relying on improvements being identified after planning applications have been submitted.

Digital Local Plans

Do you agree with the proposed approach for digital local plans and evidence?

Suggested answer: Yes.

If no, please provide details.

The Parish Council supports digital access to Local Plan documents and interactive mapping. However, digital access must not become the only means of accessing information.

Downloadable PDF documents, paper copies and accessible summaries should continue to be available. Information should be written in clear language and be easy for residents, including those who are less confident using technology, to understand.

Engagement

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Do you support the proposed approach for engaging on the Local Plan?

Suggested answer: Yes, subject to improvements.

If no, please provide details of what you would change in order to be effective.

The Parish Council supports continued public consultation but believes that engagement with parish and town councils should be meaningful and take place throughout the plan-making process.

Consultation should include:

- Early notification of proposals that may affect individual villages and parishes.
- Clear maps showing proposed allocations, settlement boundaries and infrastructure changes.
- Public meetings and opportunities for residents to ask questions.
- Sufficient time for parish councils to consider technical documents and obtain views from councillors and residents.
- Clear explanations of how consultation responses have influenced decisions.

Parish councils have detailed local knowledge and should be treated as important partners in identifying local constraints and opportunities.

Section 2: Vision and priorities

Local Plan baseline

Having reviewed the Baseline Report and interactive map, do you think they provide a good picture of Central Lincolnshire today?

Suggested answer: Don't know.

Parish council to add

Are there any important issues, trends or challenges facing Central Lincolnshire that you think are missing from the Baseline Report?

The Parish Council asks that particular attention is given to:

- The cumulative impact of housing growth on roads, drainage, utilities and community facilities.
- The ability of rural villages to accommodate further development without losing their character.
- The availability and capacity of GP surgeries, schools and other essential services.
- The ageing population and the need for accessible and adaptable homes.

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- The availability of affordable housing for people with a local connection.
- The limited availability of public transport in rural areas, particularly during evenings and weekends.
- The importance of local green spaces, wildlife corridors, footpaths and access to the countryside.
- The impact of surface-water flooding and the capacity of existing drainage systems.

Local Plan priorities

Do you agree with the contents of the SWOT analysis?

Suggested answer: Don't know.

Parish council to add

Do you agree with the proposed priorities for the new Local Plan?

Priority	Suggested answer
1. Deliver the right homes in the right places	Yes
2. Align delivery of jobs and growth in sustainable locations	Yes
3. Improve connectivity and transport choices	Yes
4. Regenerate and strengthen urban areas and centres	Yes
5. Maximise environmental sustainability and climate resilience	Yes
6. Support sustainable rural communities	Yes
7. Enhance strong place identity and quality of place in all areas	Yes
8. Ensure infrastructure provides for growth	Yes

Vision

Are there any elements of the current vision that you think should or should not be carried into the new plan vision and if so, why?

The Parish Council supports retaining the emphasis on positive growth, thriving communities, protecting the environment, supporting the local economy and providing the infrastructure needed to support development.

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However, the new vision should place greater emphasis on ensuring that growth is genuinely sustainable and that existing communities benefit from development rather than experiencing increased pressure on roads, services and facilities.

What do you think are the key things or topics in our local area that should be included in the vision?

The vision should include:

- Appropriate housing that meets local needs.
- Affordable and accessible homes.
- Infrastructure delivered alongside development.
- Protection of village identity and rural character.
- Improvements to public transport, walking, and cycling routes.
- Protection and enhancement of biodiversity and green spaces.
- Protection of heritage assets and local landscape character.
- Sustainable employment opportunities.
- Access to healthcare, education and community facilities.
- Measures to address climate change and flood risk.

Are there any locally specific elements that relate only to certain locations that are so important that should be specifically mentioned in the vision?

Saxilby should be recognised as a large hub village providing an important role serving the surrounding rural area. Its position on the A57, its railway station, the Fossdyke Navigation and its local employment parks provide opportunities, but also create particular infrastructure and environmental considerations.

The vision should recognise the importance of the Fossdyke Navigation, the village's historic core, its conservation area, the surrounding countryside and the relationship between Saxilby and Ingleby.

It should also recognise that significant housing development above planned growth levels has already taken place and that future growth must be supported by adequate infrastructure.

Do you have any general comments you wish to make on the potential contents or approach of the Local Plan?

The Local Plan should provide a clear and realistic framework for growth. It must consider the cumulative effect of development, not simply the impact of individual planning applications in isolation.

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The Parish Council would like to see a stronger link between the identification of housing sites and the delivery of necessary infrastructure. Where infrastructure improvements are required, there should be clear engagement, commitments, funding arrangements and delivery timescales.

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Section 3: Spatial Strategy

Approach for the spatial strategy

Are there any options in the list that you think should be pursued in the spatial strategy?

Option	Suggested answer
Continue current spatial strategy	Yes
Deliver new settlements	**Unsure**
Focus on carbon reduction	Yes
Disperse more growth across a wider area	No
Co-locate housing and job growth	Yes
Focus growth on transport corridors	**Unsure**

Please provide any further justification for your selections above.

The Parish Council supports a strategy that directs growth to sustainable locations where services, employment and transport are available. However, the availability of a road or railway connection should not automatically mean that a settlement can accommodate further development.

The strategy should consider the capacity of existing infrastructure and the ability to provide improvements before allocating additional growth.

Dispersing development across a larger number of smaller settlements could place pressure on rural roads and services without providing the infrastructure needed to support that growth.

New settlements may offer opportunities to provide infrastructure from the outset, but their location, size, environmental impact, transport connections and long-term viability would need to be carefully assessed.

Do you have a suggestion for an alternative approach to the spatial strategy options listed above?

The Parish Council recommends a strategy based on proportionate and sustainable growth, supported by a clear infrastructure delivery plan. The strategy should prioritise the use of previously developed land where appropriate.

Growth should be assessed against the cumulative effect on existing communities, rather than relying only on individual site assessments.

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Are there any parts of Central Lincolnshire that you think require a bespoke approach in the spatial strategy to take account of local circumstances?

Saxilby should be considered as a large village with specific local circumstances.

The NDP records that more than 360 homes had been completed since the previous plan was adopted and that the population had increased by 11% over ten years. It also identifies continuing concerns about traffic congestion, highway capacity, public transport and infrastructure.

Any future growth in Saxilby should therefore be considered in the context of development already completed and planned, including the cumulative impact on the A57, Church Lane, Sykes Lane, and the village centre.

The relationship between Saxilby and the rural hamlet of Ingleby should also be recognised, with development respecting the separate character of the two places as well as improving local sustainable connectivity.

Do you agree that market capacity and deliverability should be considered when creating the spatial strategy?

Suggested answer: Yes.

However, deliverability should not be considered in isolation. A site should not be regarded as suitable simply because a developer is willing to build it. Infrastructure capacity, environmental constraints, access and the impact on existing residents must also be considered.

If a new settlement or settlements were to be included, is there a specific approach to choosing a location or deciding how big it should be that you would recommend?

Any new settlement should be supported by evidence demonstrating that it can provide the necessary infrastructure, including roads, public transport, schools, healthcare, utilities, drainage, employment and community facilities.

It should be planned as a complete community, with infrastructure delivered at the same time as housing, rather than relying on existing villages to absorb the additional demand.

Settlement hierarchy

Do you agree with the proposed approach set out in the methodology for the settlement hierarchy?

Suggested answer: No.

The Parish Council recognises the value of a consistent evidence-based approach. However, the number of dwellings alone should not determine the level of growth a settlement can accommodate.

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The hierarchy should also take account of the availability and capacity of services and facilities.

Do you agree with the proposed changes to specific settlements in the hierarchy listed?

Suggested answer: Unknown

The proposed change to Ingleby from a hamlet to countryside reflects the stated dwelling threshold of fewer than 15 homes. However, the Parish Council would like clarification of how this classification will affect future planning decisions and the ability to support appropriate rural housing and local needs.

The classification should not remove recognition of Ingleby's historic and rural character or prevent appropriate development (including for established commercial purposes) where it is supported by the relevant planning policies.

Settlement boundaries

Do you agree with the proposed methodology for establishing settlement boundaries?

Suggested answer: Unknown.

If you have any specific observation you wish to note on a proposed boundary, please provide details of the settlement and precise location.

Any boundary should be checked against the Saxilby with Ingleby NDP, particularly its developed footprint, designated Local Green Spaces, recreation areas and the countryside setting of the village.

Section 4: Housing and site allocations

Housing requirement

Do you agree with the proposed approach to the housing requirement?

Suggested answer: Unknown

The Parish Council recognises the need for an up-to-date housing requirement. However, the requirement should be based on robust evidence of housing need and should take account of existing housing commitments, completions and infrastructure capacity.

Housing numbers should not be treated as a target that must be met regardless of the consequences for individual communities.

If no, please provide details for your response.

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The Parish Council would expect the housing requirement to take account of the amount of development already completed and committed in each settlement, together with the ability of local infrastructure to support further growth.

Are there any specific types, sizes, or tenure of housing that you think are needed? If so, please provide details.

The Saxilby with Ingleby Housing Needs Assessment 2024 identifies a need for a range of housing types, including a focus on two- and three-bedroom properties.

The NDP also identifies a potential 74% increase in the population aged 65 and over during the plan period. Future development should therefore provide a suitable mix of homes, including:

- Two- and three-bedroom properties.
- Affordable rented and social rented housing.
- Smaller homes suitable for older people wishing to downsize.
- Accessible and adaptable homes.
- Homes suitable for people with disabilities and changing mobility needs.
- Family homes that meet local housing needs.

The mix should be based on up-to-date local housing evidence rather than a standard approach applied to every settlement.

Are you aware of any unmet need from neighbouring areas that may need to be considered in the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan?

No.

Site allocations and methodology

Do you agree with the proposed assumptions used to calculate the developable area of potential allocation sites?

Suggested answer: Unknown

Do you agree that the proposed housing density assumptions provide a realistic estimate of how many homes could be delivered on potential allocation sites?

Do you have any comments on the overall approach set out in the site assessment methodology, including the criteria and stages that will be used to assess and select sites for allocation?

Suggested answer: Unknown

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The Parish Council would like site assessments to consider:

- The cumulative impact of existing, approved and proposed development.
- The capacity of the local road network and access to the strategic road network.
- Pedestrian and cycle safety.
- Surface-water and flood risk.
- Foul drainage, wastewater and water supply capacity.
- Access to healthcare, schools and community facilities.
- Affordable housing need.
- Biodiversity, mature trees, hedgerows and wildlife corridors.
- Heritage assets, landscape character and important views.
- Access to public transport and employment.
- The availability of suitable infrastructure funding and realistic delivery timescales.

The assessment should identify infrastructure constraints at an early stage and explain how they will be resolved before development takes place.

Existing allocations

Do you agree with the proposed approach of de-allocating sites where they have not come forward as envisaged in the adopted 2023 Local Plan?

Suggested answer: Yes

Are there any specific site allocations within the adopted Central Lincolnshire Local Plan that should be removed as part of the new Local Plan review?

Add response

Adaptable and accessible homes

Should the Local Plan introduce an area-wide requirement for new residential development to meet accessible and adaptable housing standards, subject to evidence of need, viability and deliverability?

Suggested answer: Yes.

The Local Plan should encourage accessible and adaptable homes across Central Lincolnshire.

The Saxilby with Ingleby NDP identifies a potential increase in the population aged 65 and over during the plan period. Housing should be designed to accommodate changing needs and allow people to remain in their homes for longer.

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Nationally Described Space Standards

Do you think that the plan should require new homes to meet the Nationally Described Space Standards?

Suggested answer: Yes.

What would be the likely implications for development viability, site capacity, affordability and housing delivery?

The Parish Council supports homes being built to a suitable size and standard so that they provide adequate living space for occupants.

The implications for viability and delivery should be supported by evidence. However, the need to provide genuinely suitable homes should not be overlooked in order to maximise the number of dwellings on a site.

Custom and self-build

Do you think that the current percentage-based policy for custom and self-build homes should be retained in the new plan?

Suggested answer: Unknown

Affordable housing

What affordable housing tenures should be prioritised?

Suggested selections:

- Social rent.
- Affordable rent.
- Discounted market sales
- Military affordable housing

What barriers are preventing affordable housing delivery and how should planning policy address them?

The Parish Council considers that the Local Plan should ensure that affordable housing is delivered as part of developments, rather than relying on off-site contributions wherever possible.

Planning policy should provide clear requirements and ensure that affordable homes are genuinely affordable to local households. The delivery of affordable housing should be monitored to ensure that the agreed number, tenure and size of homes are provided.

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How can the Local Plan best support the delivery of affordable housing in rural areas?

The Local Plan should support appropriately located rural exception sites and affordable housing for people with a local connection, where this is consistent with national and local planning policy.

The Saxilby with Ingleby Housing Needs Assessment 2024 identifies a need for affordable housing and suggests a tenure mix of 50% affordable rented homes and 50% affordable home ownership, while recognising that a greater proportion of social or affordable rented homes may be justified by local need.

The Parish Council supports a focus on two- and three-bedroom homes and housing that meets the needs of local residents.

Section 5: Jobs, shops and tourism

Existing employment allocations and employment hierarchy

Do you agree with the tiers of the hierarchy for employment sites?

Suggested answer: Yes.

Are there any specific employment sites that you think should no longer be designated for employment use?

Suggested answer: No specific sites identified.

Are there any specific employment sites that you think should be added as an employment designation?

The Parish Council supports the continued recognition and appropriate development of Saxilby's existing employment areas, including Saxilby Enterprise Park, Allen's Business Park and Riverside Enterprise Park.

The NDP also recognises the smaller employment area at Ingleby. Any proposals for new or expanded employment sites should be assessed against their access, scale, impact on neighbouring properties and effect on the surrounding countryside.

Strategic Employment Sites

Do you support the principle of allocating additional Strategic Employment Sites to ensure needs for floorspace are met and adequate variety of sites are provided for the market?

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Suggested answer: Yes

Are there any specific locations that you think should be considered for inclusion as a new Strategic Employment Site and, if so, why?

The Parish Council does not propose a new Strategic Employment Site in this response. It supports the continued recognition of Saxilby's existing business and enterprise parks and their appropriate expansion where this is consistent with the NDP.

Are there any specific business uses needed that require land and that cannot be delivered on the current Strategic Employment Allocations?

The Parish Council has no specific additional business use to identify at this stage. The Local Plan should nevertheless maintain a varied supply of employment land to support local businesses and rural employment opportunities.

Local Employment Areas

Do you agree with the current approach of using a descriptive definition for identifying Local Employment Areas rather than map-based sites?

Suggested answer:

Suggested answer: Unknown

Rural employment

Should the Local Plan do more to allow for diversification and technological advances in farming?

Suggested answer: Yes.

If yes, please provide details.

The Parish Council supports rural business diversification and the use of new technology to support sustainable farming practices.

Development should be appropriate to its location and scale and should not cause unacceptable harm to the countryside, biodiversity, highway safety or neighbouring properties.

Are there other employment opportunities in rural areas that the plan should seek to enable?

The Local Plan should support small businesses, rural services, tourism-related businesses and appropriate home-working opportunities. It should also recognise the contribution of existing rural businesses to local employment.

Retail centres

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Do you agree that the centres identified in the 2023 Local Plan should be carried forward unless evidence suggests that this is no longer suitable?

Suggested answer: Yes.

Check Saxilby included

The Parish Council supports retaining Saxilby as a village centre. Its local shops and independent businesses provide an important service to residents and the surrounding rural area.

Is there a centre not listed in the table above which you think should be considered against the hierarchy definitions?

Suggested answer: No

Are there any centres where you think a boundary change is needed?

No.

Tourism

Do you agree with broadly retaining the current approach in the plan?

Suggested answer: Yes.

Are there any specific tourism facilities that would benefit from specific policy to support or restrict further development?

The Parish Council supports appropriate tourism facilities that make use of Saxilby's historic and environmental assets, particularly the Fossdyke Navigation and the waterfront.

The NDP supports improvements to the waterfront, visitor facilities, heritage interpretation and the potential development of a tourist information and heritage centre.

Any proposals should protect the character, heritage, biodiversity and recreational value of the area.

Are there any specific types of tourist facility or accommodation that are needed within the area and, if so, where should this be located?

Small-scale visitor accommodation, bed and breakfast accommodation, visitor moorings and improved visitor information could support the local economy.

These should be located in suitable places, particularly where they can make use of the Fossdyke Navigation and village centre without causing unacceptable traffic, parking or environmental impacts.

Section 6: Green infrastructure and open spaces

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Local Green Spaces

Do you agree that the Local Green Spaces designated in the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2023 should be carried forward in the new Local Plan, unless there is evidence that they no longer meet the designation criteria?

Suggested answer: Yes.

If no, please identify the Local Green Space(s) concerned and explain why you believe they should not be carried forward.

Not applicable.

Do you have suggestions for additional Local Green Spaces?

The existing NDP designations should be checked against the Local Plan mapping to ensure that all relevant sites are correctly recorded and protected.

If yes – there is a nomination form to complete.

Important Open Spaces

Do you agree that the Local Plan should continue to identify and protect Important Open Spaces?

Suggested answer: Yes.

Do you agree with the proposed approach of dividing Important Open Spaces into either Settlement Character and Visual Amenity Spaces or Sport and Recreation Spaces depending on their function?

Suggested answer: Yes.

Do you agree that all designated Important Open Spaces should be shown on the Policies Map?

Suggested answer: Yes.

All designated spaces should be clearly identified on the Policies Map so that residents, developers and decision-makers can understand which areas are protected.

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Is there an open space that you think should be designated as an Important Open Space in the new Local Plan?

Check

The Parish Council asks that the following Saxilby areas are considered against the designation criteria:

- Saxilby Public Recreation Ground, including its playing fields, bowls green, tennis courts, cricket and football pitches, playground and wheeled skate park.
- Westcroft Green and its network of pedestrian routes, trees and hedgerows.
- The green spaces and wildlife corridors identified in the Saxilby with Ingleby NDP.
- The areas around St Botolph's Church, including the churchyard and cemetery, which contribute to the historic setting and tranquil character of the area.

The detailed boundaries and existing designations should be checked to avoid duplication and to ensure that spaces are protected under the most appropriate policy.

Are there any Important Open Spaces designated in the 2023 Local Plan that you think should not continue to be designated?

No.

Green Infrastructure Strategy

Do you agree with the existing vision for Central Lincolnshire's green infrastructure?

Suggested answer: No.

If no, what do you think are the most important things that should be included in the new vision?

The updated vision should place greater emphasis on connecting existing green spaces and wildlife habitats, improving access to nature, protecting mature trees and hedgerows, and using green infrastructure to help reduce flood risk and address climate change.

It should recognise the importance of green infrastructure in smaller villages and rural areas, not just within larger urban settlements.

What should be the main priorities for green infrastructure in Central Lincolnshire over the next 20 years?

- Protecting existing green spaces, mature trees and hedgerows.
- Creating and improving wildlife corridors.

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- Improving access to the countryside and local nature sites.
- Providing accessible green spaces within new developments.
- Using sustainable drainage and natural flood-management measures.
- Increasing native tree planting and vegetation.
- Protecting the Fossdyke Navigation and its surrounding environment.
- Ensuring new development contributes to the quality and connectivity of green infrastructure.

Green Infrastructure and Open Space Standards

Which types of open space do you think should be prioritised in new developments?

The Parish Council supports the provision of:

- Accessible public open space.
- Children's play areas and facilities for young people.
- Outdoor sports and recreation facilities.
- Natural green spaces and wildlife areas.
- Walking and cycling routes.
- Trees, hedgerows and landscaped areas.
- Allotments and community growing spaces.
- Dog exercise areas

Provision should reflect the size and nature of the development and the needs of existing and future residents.

Are there any types of green space or green infrastructure that are currently lacking in your local area?

The Parish Council would like to see further improvements to accessible walking and cycling routes, additional tree planting, improved wildlife corridors and more opportunities for children and young people to take part in outdoor activities.

The NDP identifies projects including allotments, dog exercise areas, increased tree planting, community orchard, wildflower planting on verges and improvements to footpaths and cycleways.

Which of the following Natural England Green Infrastructure Standards should the Local Plan seek to apply?

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Suggested selections:

- Accessible Greenspace Standard.
- Urban Nature Recovery Standard.
- Urban Greening Factor Standard.
- Urban Tree Canopy Standard.

Where should these standards apply?

Suggested answer: Unknown

The requirements should be proportionate to the size and nature of each development but should not be restricted only to large developments or urban areas.

Are there any parts of Central Lincolnshire that would particularly benefit from improvements to green infrastructure?

Saxilby and Ingleby would benefit from continued investment in sustainable connectivity - footpaths, cycle routes, tree planting, wildlife corridors and access to local green spaces.

Connectivity is a particular issue to enable access and between sites attention such as Saxilby Community Wood, Hardwick Scrub, Ingleby Clay, Westcroft Green Space, and the network of green spaces identified in the NDP.

Green Wedges

Do you agree with the proposed approach to separate Green Wedges into Green Wedges and Green Gaps to recognise their distinct functions?

Suggested answer: Yes.

Are there additional Green Wedges or Green Gaps which you think should be considered for designation?

The Parish Council does not propose a specific new designation in this response. However, the relationship between Saxilby, Ingleby and the surrounding countryside should be recognised when considering future growth and settlement identity.

Are there any current Green Wedges that you think should be amended?

Suggested answer: Unknown. Check.

If yes separate form to fill in.

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Playing pitches

Do you agree with the proposed approach of safeguarding existing playing fields, improving ancillary facilities, and providing new pitches where required to meet the needs generated by new development or where a demonstrated need for additional provision exists?

Suggested answer: Yes.

Section 7: Community, health, leisure and facilities

Delivering healthy communities in new developments

Do you think health and wellbeing should be considered when assessing site allocations?

Suggested answer: Yes.

Which health and wellbeing factors should be considered when assessing site allocations?

Suggested selections:

- Access to healthcare facilities.
- Access to schools and education facilities.
- Walking and cycling opportunities.
- Access to parks, green spaces and nature.
- Access to community facilities.
- Opportunities for sport and recreation.
- Air quality.
- Noise levels.
- Access to healthy food.
- Reducing health inequalities.

Do you think the Local Plan should continue to require Health Impact Assessments for some types of development?

Suggested answer: Yes.

If yes, what types of development should require a Health Impact Assessment?

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Health Impact Assessments should be required for larger housing developments, major employment proposals and developments likely to have a significant cumulative impact on local services, facilities or the health and wellbeing of existing communities.

Please provide any additional comments on how the Local Plan can help create healthy communities through new development.

The Local Plan should ensure that new development provides safe, connected. accessible routes to services, schools, shops, community facilities and green spaces which promote sustainable travel.

It should also ensure that the additional demand created by new residents is considered when assessing the capacity of local GP surgeries, schools and other services.

The Saxilby NDP identifies health and wellbeing as an important local objective and recognises the need to improve access to community facilities, recreation and public transport.

Hot food takeaways

Do you think the Local Plan should include a policy to manage where new hot food takeaways can open?

Suggested answer: No.

Please provide any comments, local evidence or examples that should be considered when deciding whether new hot food takeaway restrictions are needed in particular locations.

Section 8: Environment and the changing climate

Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Do you agree that the Local Plan should support the priorities identified in the Greater Lincolnshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy?

Suggested answer: Yes.

Which should be the highest priorities for nature recovery in Central Lincolnshire? Select up to three.

Suggested selections:

1. Protecting existing wildlife habitats.
2. Planting more trees and hedgerows.
3. Connecting habitats to help wildlife move through the landscape.

Improving rivers, wetlands and watercourses should also be given strong consideration, particularly where this can support biodiversity and help reduce flood risk.

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Are there any habitats, species or natural features in your local area that you think should be protected or enhanced through the Local Plan?

The Parish Council would particularly highlight:

- The Fossdyke Navigation and its associated habitats.
- Saxilby Community Wood.
- Hardwick Scrub and Ingleby Clay.
- Existing mature trees, hedgerows and wildlife corridors.
- Wildlife Breeding Ponds and other local water features.

Development should retain healthy mature trees and hedgerows wherever possible and provide meaningful biodiversity improvements.

Changing climate and energy efficiency

Do you agree that this plan should continue to take a proactive approach to making new buildings energy efficient?

Suggested answer: Yes.

Do you have any specific views on the current energy efficiency policies that you would like to make?

The Parish Council supports retaining effective requirements for energy efficiency, renewable energy, water efficiency, permeable surfaces and soft landscaping.

The Saxilby with Ingleby NDP Policy 8 supports measures including sustainable construction materials, passive heating, reduced water usage, renewable energy, permeable surfacing and trees and hedgerows.

Requirements should be clear, achievable and supported by evidence and should not be weakened without good reason.

Do you agree that this plan should look to include policy requirements relating to reducing embodied carbon?

Suggested answer: Yes.

The Local Plan should encourage the use of sustainable construction materials and methods that reduce the carbon impact of development. Requirements should be supported by evidence and should take account of practical delivery and viability.

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Section 9: Design

Design

Which design topics should be prioritised in the Local Plan? (select 3)

Suggested selections:

- Building design and appearance.
- Green spaces and landscaping.
- Walking, wheeling and cycling connections.

Options:

☐Building design and appearance

☐Local character

☐Heritage and historic settings

☐Green spaces and landscaping

☐Public open spaces

☐Trees and biodiversity

☐Safety and security

☐Energy efficiency and climate adaptation

☐Walking, wheeling and cycling connections

☐Other

Do you agree that some towns, villages, neighbourhoods or growth areas may require more detailed design requirements to reflect their local character and circumstances?

Suggested answer: Yes.

Different settlements have different characteristics and development pressures. More detailed local guidance should be used where it helps protect local identity and ensures that development is appropriate to its surroundings.

Saxilby has theb adopted Character Assessment and Design Code.

Do you agree that larger developments should be supported by masterplans, design codes, or other design tools to help coordinate the delivery of homes, infrastructure, green spaces and community facilities?

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Suggested answer: Yes.

Section 10: SEA Scoping

Consultation on SEA Scoping

Do you agree with the proposed approach to the Strategic Environmental Assessment as set out in the Scoping Report?

Suggested answer: Unknown

Are there any environmental issues, challenges or opportunities that you think should be included in the Scoping Report?

The Parish Council would like the assessment to give particular attention to:

- Surface-water flooding and the capacity of existing drainage systems.
- Foul drainage, wastewater and water supply capacity.
- The cumulative effect of development on local roads.
- The effect of development on mature trees, hedgerows, habitats and wildlife corridors.
- The impact on the Fossdyke Navigation and its surrounding environment.
- The impact on designated and non-designated heritage assets and their settings.
- The effect of development on landscape character, rural views and settlement identity.
- The availability of accessible green spaces and recreational facilities.
- Noise, light pollution and the effect on local residents and wildlife.
- The cumulative effect of development on existing communities and their access to services.

The assessment should consider the combined effects of completed, approved and proposed development, rather than assessing each site in isolation.

Do you have any comments on the proposed SEA objectives or the way the assessment will be carried out?

The Parish Council supports an evidence-based assessment that considers environmental effects at an early stage and identifies measures to avoid or reduce harm.

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The assessment should consider reasonable alternatives for development locations and should explain why particular sites or strategies are considered more sustainable than others.

It should also consider the long-term effects of development, including climate change, flood risk, biodiversity, water resources and the capacity of local infrastructure.

Please provide any additional comments on the SEA Scoping Report below.

The Parish Council considers that the Strategic Environmental Assessment must give proper consideration to the cumulative impact of development on rural communities.

In Saxilby, significant housing growth has already taken place, and the NDP identifies continuing concerns about highway capacity, drainage, public transport, community facilities and the environment.

The Local Plan should ensure that environmental and infrastructure constraints are properly understood, including through engagement with local communities, before land is allocated for development. Where significant impacts are identified, clear mitigation measures and delivery arrangements should be established before development proceeds.

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