

Dunholme Parish Neighbourhood Plan



Consultation Statement

Introduction

The Dunholme Parish Neighbourhood plan (NP) has been prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Order Act 2004, the Localism Act 2011, the Neighbourhood Planning (general) regulations 2012 and the Directive 2001/42/EC on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). The NP establishes a vision for the future of the Parish and sets out how this vision will be realised through planning and managing future land use and development change over the lifetime of the NP.

The NP is a planning document prepared by the local community. It is legally bound and once it has been formally 'made' by West Lindsey District Council (WLDC), it must be used by:

- Planning Officers at WLDC when assessing planning applications; and
- Applicants who are preparing planning applications.

In order for this NP to carry sufficient 'weight' when assessing planning applications, it must be examined by an independent examiner who will assess the plan for its conformity to a set of 'basic conditions' as set out in the NP regulations. If successful, the Plan, along with any recommended amendments, will be subject to a public referendum.

The Aims of this (Regulation 14) Consultation

The aims of Dunholme Neighbourhood Plan consultation process were:

- To involve as much of the community as possible throughout all consultation stages of the Plan development, so that the Plan was informed by the views of local people and businesses from the start of the process;
- To ensure consultation events took place during the consultation period in order to allow members of the community to 'have their say' during the process;
- To engage with a wide range of people as possible, using a variety of approaches and communication and consultation techniques; and
- To ensure the results and findings of the consultation are fed back to the community for them to view.

Regulation 14 Consultation

The Regulation 14 consultation is a statutory six-week (minimum) consultation period as detailed within the NP regulations 2012. The Regulation 14 consultation is where a draft NP is available for the local community as well as statutory consultees to provide comment and input into the process. Any suggested amendments to the Plan are detailed in this statement and a decision on whether these suggested amendments has been made are also detailed.

The draft NP Plan was sent to all statutory consultees such as WLDC, the Environment Agency, Historic England etc. A list of all relevant statutory consultees can be found in **Appendix 1**.

What is a Consultation Statement?

This Consultation Statement relates to the draft Dunholme NP and has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the NP Regulations 2012. Section 15(2) of parts of the Regulations sets out that a Consultation should contain the following:

- Details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed NP;
- Explain how they were consulted;
- Summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
- Describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed NP.

This statement provides an overview and description of the consultation period on the proposed Dunholme NP which ran from 18th June 2016 until the 30th July 2016.

Public Consultation

Several methods were undertaken in order to promote this consultation period to the wider community and other relevant stakeholders. These include:

Website

The NP website provided detail of the consultation period, public events and how to respond. Copies of relevant documents and response forms were also provided where people could download at their convenience. The NP website can be found at the following address:

<http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Dunholme/>

Local Media and advertising

The following lists the principle engagement and promotion activities undertaken during the consultation period.

Method of Consultation	Detail	Who was Consulted?
Village Newsletter		All residents
Posters	A number of posters were erected across the parish advertising the consultation period and events.	All residents and businesses
Public Events	Designed to allow local residents to 'have their say' on the draft Dunholme NP.	All residents and businesses in the parish
Website	A regularly updated information on the parish council website	To all who have internet access

A consultation summary on events and publication through 2014 and 2015 has been produced by Community Lincs and is available to view in Appendix 2.

Public Events

During the consultation period, the NP steering group organised a number of public events whereby it gave members of the local community to attend and gain further information about the NP process and the current consultation. Four separate public events were organised, including:

2014 – Residents Questionnaire

Main issues raised:

- The majority of people agreed that the NP was a good idea and the majority of policies were appropriate to manage future development;
- Concern over the lack of existing infrastructure to accommodate large scale future development;
- Increase in the level of traffic;
- Concern over the recent high level of housing growth;
- Concern over the proposed infill policy and the scale of development;
- Concern over the loss of local services and facilities.

Public Event 1 – September 25th 2014 (57 attendees)

This first event was the start of a comprehensive engagement process and aimed to enable residents to improve their knowledge and understanding of the NP process by providing useful information about the process and how they can get involved.

Main issues raised:

- The majority of people agreed that the NP was a good idea and the majority of policies were appropriate to manage future development;
- Concerned over the lack of school places;
- Concerned over traffic congestion and accidents on the A46 junction;
- Believed the local landscape needed to be preserved;
- Concerned over the amount of new development planned within Dunholme and Welton.

Public Event 2 – Focus Group – 29th October 2014 (31 attendees)

Representatives from local businesses, organisations and the general public were invited to a focus group in the village hall. The purpose of the focus group was to explore, in greater detail, the main topics that had begun to arise from previous consultations.

Specific questions were asked on issues such as development, recreation and infrastructure in order to gain some more constructive and detailed feedback.

Main issues raised:

- People generally understood the need for more development, but were concerned over what implications this would cause to the existing infrastructure in the village;
- It was identified that local services need supporting in order to cope with an increasing population.
- Concern over the recent loss of some services within Dunholme and the issues with the existing capacity of the Primary School.

- Some residents suggested a greater mix of open spaces and more things for children and teenagers to do within the village.
- It was generally acknowledged that existing social facilities need improving

Public Event 3 – 15th December 2014 (10 attendees)

A public workshop was organised and undertaken in order to gain further information and provide an update to interested residents.

Main issues raised:

- The majority of people agreed that the NP was a good idea and the majority of policies were appropriate to manage future development;
- The local businesses and services needed protecting;
- New development should provide family and older persons accommodation;
- Concerned over an increase in traffic into the village.

Public Event 4 – 22nd January 2015 (30 attendees)

This event was aimed at providing people with a summary of findings and providing information on the next steps in the process.

Community Lincs and representatives from both the Parish Council and NP working group were also there to explain the next steps and answer any questions.

Local residents could look at display boards and take away a summary of information on the outcome of recent public consultation events.

Public Event 5 - Spring 2015 – Residents’ Questionnaire

In March 2015, the NP working group decided to undertake another residents’ questionnaire in order to gain further information on some specific issues that concerned residents and businesses. The NP working group felt it was important to undertake this additional survey to provide a better and more informed representation of the village. The questionnaire was delivered to each property within the parish and over 36% were returned.

Public Event 6 – Summer 2015 - consultation on policy intentions and draft plan

The Neighbourhood Plan working group produced a small policy intentions document in order to gain views on the potential policies and content within the Neighbourhood Plan. At this stage discussions also took place with WLDC on specific policy themes. The NP working group consulted the public and some key agencies on these policy intentions over the summer and then began to prepare a second draft Neighbourhood Plan thereafter.

WLDC and some other agencies provided constructive feedback on the propose policy intentions and work began on working towards the regulation 14 draft plan statutory public consultation.

Public Event 7 – June 2016 – Consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan

In June 2016, the NP working group undertook a public consultation for 6 weeks on their Regulation 14 Draft Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan was made available to the public and was also sent to the relevant statutory consultees as identified in **Appendix 1**. During this time, the group undertook two events in the primary school and church where over 50 residents came to look and discuss the proposals.

Copies of the plan were made available to residents and comments were made during the events.

The statutory consultees were also sent a copy of the Plan and were invited to make comments during the consultation period.

The consultation period ran from the 18th June until the 30th July 2016. Responses to this consultation are detailed in **table 1** below.

Consultation Responses

This section contains the responses and comments received on the draft NP throughout the Regulation 14 consultation period from both local residents and other consulted bodies and statutory consultees.

Table 1: Regulation 14 comments

Response Number	Comment Number	Comments Made	NDPG Comments
Claire Miller			
1	01	Fit for purpose accommodation for pre-school and kids club (before and after school care) would be extremely useful	Noted. Although the Neighbourhood Plan Group support this intention, it is down to the education authority – Lincolnshire County Council to make future plans, investment and provision for the education within Dunholme.
1	02	Expanding the provision of safe childcare on the existing site of Dunholme St Chad’s Primary School or directly adjacent reducing the number of drop-off locations/ car journeys required for parents travelling to and from work	Noted. Although the Neighbourhood Plan Group support this intention, it is down to the education authority – Lincolnshire County Council to make future plans, investment and provision for the education within Dunholme.
1	03	Ensure Dunholme St Chad’s school is able to expand as required, maintain class sizes at reasonable numbers.	Noted. Although the Neighbourhood Plan Group support this intention through policy 15, it is down to the education authority – Lincolnshire County Council to make future plans, investment and provision for the education within Dunholme.
1	04	Providing a drop-off area for parents accessing Dunholme St Chad’s primary school/ pre-school and kids clubs.	Noted. Although the Neighbourhood Plan Group support this intention, it is down to the education authority – Lincolnshire County

			Council to make future plans, investment and provision for the education within Dunholme.
1	05	It would be a missed opportunity if the plot currently for sale adjacent to the primary school wasn't purchased for the community.	Noted. It is down to the education authority – Lincolnshire County Council to make future plans, investment and provision for the education within Dunholme.
1	06	Widening the pavements outside the primary school and along Honeyholes Lane to improve the safety of children walking to and from school.	Noted. Although the Neighbourhood Plan Group support this intention, it is down to the highway authority – Lincolnshire County Council to make future plans, investment and provision for the education within Dunholme.
1	07	Providence of a safe crossing area at the bottom of Honeyholes Lane (junction with Ryland Road). This is currently a blind spot and dangerous.	Noted. Although the Neighbourhood Plan Group support this intention, it is down to the highway authority – Lincolnshire County Council to make future plans, investment and provision for the education within Dunholme.
1	08	Additional recreational facilities within walking distance of all village areas for older children and families, including sport facilities and a restaurant bar/ social hub/ amenities.	Noted. The Neighbourhood Plan group are fully supportive of more recreational spaces and community facilities within the community. Policies 6 and 9 within the Neighbourhood Plan provide the necessary detail on these issues.
1	09	Fixed speed camera on the A46 between the two southerly Dunholme turnings. With increased traffic, these junctions may become even more hazardous.	Noted. The Neighbourhood Plan supports the improvement to road infrastructure through policy 16. Additionally, monies have been obtained by recent developments within Dunholme to contribute to improvements to junctions along the A46 in the future.
1	10	I am fully supportive of the green belt area between Dunholme and Welton is to be maintained to ensure the village continues to have its own identity.	Noted. The Neighbourhood Plan groups welcomes the support to policy 11.
Emma and Aaron Atkinson			

2	01	We are concerned about the existing footprint of the school grounds is already undersized for the number of children on roll. We therefore think that consideration should be made as to how additional land can be acquired or if another location would be more appropriate.	Noted. Although the Neighbourhood Plan Group support this intention, it is down to the education authority – Lincolnshire County Council to make future plans, investment and provision for the education within Dunholme.
2	02	To balance the number of young families with those who are retired, it is important that young families move to the village. The plans for new houses gives the opportunity for this to happen. However, amenities within the village need to be attractive to anyone who wants to move.	Noted. The Neighbourhood Plan Groups agrees with providing the right balance of people and development. Policy 2 supports providing an appropriate mix of housing to cater for the needs of the village.
2	03	For many families, pre-school and school are the main consideration, currently, pre-school operates in a mobile classroom where space and facilities are seriously limited due to the constraints of the building. Expansion in its current form is not an option as the site already takes up a portion of the school site. Resolving this issue is of key importance as a purpose built pre-school with facilities and space will attract children at the beginning of their education and encourage families to continue to educate them within the village.	Noted. Although the Neighbourhood Plan Group support this intention, it is down to the education authority – Lincolnshire County Council to make future plans, investment and provision for the education within Dunholme.
2	04	In addition to the schools, the park areas also need to be considered, new additions in recent years (Witches hat at the Allwood Park Road) have been very popular as it has occupied children beyond pre-school age. We feel it is important that other more modern equipment is made available at all the park sites to engage children as they grow older. Dunholme village	Noted. The Neighbourhood Plan group recognise that some improvements to existing recreation spaces are needed. Plans are underway to improve the village hall site. Policy 6 also supports the improvement and creation of new facilities and spaces.

		hall play area needs particular attention given the number of houses to be built in the area.	
Steph Hepworth			
3	01	Securing both commercial investment together with providing community based development should be the primary aim. Appropriate housing development is important however this I feel will be easier to deliver.	Noted.
3	02	The Primary School will no doubt need improvements and considerable investment to cope with the inevitable influx of places required.	Noted. Although the Neighbourhood Plan Group support this intention, it is down to the education authority – Lincolnshire County Council to make future plans, investment and provision for the education within Dunholme.
Lincolnshire County Council Public Health Response			
4	01	Creating a sustainable community - there is reference to the use of brownfield land (8.9) and as stated this gives the opportunity to develop smaller units suitable for an elderly population within easy distance of local amenities. It is also commendable that the residents of Dunholme have shown innovation in supporting their local community with the use of a post office facility within the local church.	Noted.
4	02	New housing developments – It is recognised from Policy 1 that the level of growth (324 homes, most with existing planning permission) offers limited opportunities. Nonetheless, the Plan sets out laudable aspirations. In order to meet the needs of the population as identified in Appendix 1 (2), Policy 2 could go further and reference bungalows and a proportion of housing being built to higher accessibility standards than standard M4 building regulations	Noted and amended policy 4 accordingly with point 11.

		(i.e. M4(2) or M4(3)). Seeking Building for Life Standards on major developments in Policy 4 is welcomed. It would be good to see mention of connectivity to Dunholme village centre and amenities here through walking and cycling routes to encourage physical activity.	
4	03	Supporting Employment Growth – There appears to be just small scale job opportunities within Dunholme, although the development of healthcare/dental facilities would offer a small opportunity for local residents. However the proposals within 10.4 and Policy 5 support developing business opportunities.	Noted.
4	04	Natural Environment – the proposed enhancements, especially to the pedestrian and cycle links (Policy 6) is supported and perhaps more could be considered around the wetlands area as well as the Beck Green Corridor (Policy 8). Green spaces are well distributed throughout the village and the aim to maximise the benefit of these for all residents is good. Policy 7 on Green Infrastructure is strongly supported for the health and wellbeing benefits it brings to residents. Under "easy access" other impairments such as sight loss and mental health, including dementia could be referenced. Policies 4 and 7 could go as far as seeking to create a dementia friendly village. Maximising the benefit of the "Green Wedge" between Dunholme and Welton for access to the countryside, or even if at all feasible	Noted. However, we do need some flexibility within the policies and it would be unreasonable to expect all developments to contribute towards green spaces, infrastructure and health benefits. No amendment to policies.

		development in to a country park, could be included in Policy 11.	
4	05	Reduce Flood Risk – Policy 13 is an important consideration to reduce the economic, environmental, health and personal issues that can arise from flooding.	Agreed and Noted.
4	06	Community Facilities – The development of further facilities appears to take into account inter-generational needs within the village and any enhancement of leisure and sports facilities that encourage physical activity are welcomed. Policy 15 (school extension) could go further through supporting its expansion with dual use of facilities by the wider community being secured.	Noted. No change to policy.
4	07	<p>Infrastructure Improvements – The proposal for new dental and healthcare facilities (18) – it would be advisable for the plan to make reference to the need to contact West Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) indicating that new facilities may be required. However the number of new dwellings (residents) may not lead to requiring an additional GP.</p> <p>There is no specific 'Environmental' policy in the Plan, which would be worthy of inclusion. This could include referencing air pollutants and local energy generation as well as other 'green initiatives' (e.g. electric vehicle charging points to dwellings). There is no mention of access to healthy foods or growing spaces (e.g. allotments, community gardens or orchards).</p>	<p>Noted. The project lists and ambitions are merely aspirations and are not linked, specifically, to the policies or effectiveness of the plan.</p> <p>The NDP feel that the Green infrastructure, design and landscape policies cover the necessary environmental issues we have in Dunholme. No change to existing policy.</p>

4	08	<p>Community Projects - The list and the engagement to get such projects is applaudable, with all having a potential positive impact on residents' health and wellbeing. It is fair to say that not all of these projects will be achieved or driven through the planning process. It may, therefore, be a useful exercise to see how any of these could be achieved through linking to existing assets there are already and what could be achieved collectively. Social exclusion is recognised as a problem in Appendix 1. It might be possible to include a regular, informal meeting place (e.g. a community café serving healthy food choices), which could be linked to the parish office with catering facilities.</p>	Noted.
Lincolnshire County Council Historic Environment Response			
4	09	<p>Whilst supported as far as it goes, neither Section 15 nor Policy 12 mention the Conservation Area. Policy 12 refers to a "local list". Is this the short list of non – designated heritage assets at para. 15.5? It was not possible to view the Character Assessment for more background information.</p> <p>Although archaeological finds are listed in para. 2.5 there is no further reference in Policies. There is underlying archaeology in the village and they should be aware that any applications for new development should have a 'Heritage Impact Assessments' with it as required by the NPPF and where impact on underlying remains</p>	Noted. Policy 12 has now been amended to reflect the conservation area and remove the reference to a local list when one doesn't exist for Dunholme.

		is identified there should be a planning requirement to address the impact.	
Lincolnshire County Council Flood Risk Response			
4	10	<p>The background to flood risk seems to be based on the Environment Agency 'Flood Map for Planning (rivers and sea)' identifying that parts of Dunholme lie within flood zones 2 and 3, specifically around the Beck. National planning guidance does not preclude developing within flood zones 2 and 3 but offers guidance on what types of development might be permitted. Consideration should also be given to the publically available Flood Map for Surface Water (also available on the Environment Agency website), especially when considering new development. Any development, not just housing, should have a drainage strategy to say how surface water will be managed. Planning applications should also provide a flood risk statement for smaller developments, or a flood risk assessment for larger developments, to show how flood risk to the site and from the site will be managed, although currently, only major development (10+ houses or an area of greater than 1 ha) is required to consider SuDS.</p> <p>When considering planning applications, Local Planning Authorities should ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • flood risk is not increased elsewhere and • only consider development appropriate in area of flood risk if a site-specific FRA demonstrates that: 	<p>Noted. The NDP group refer to all developments in policy 13 and not just too residential. It is for the Environment Agency as a statutory consultee to provide the necessary planning advice during the planning application stage.</p> <p>No changes made to the existing policy.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - most vulnerable development is located in areas of lowest flood risk - development is flood resilient and resistant - safe access and escape routes are available - residual flood risks can be safely managed and - development gives priority to sustainable drainage 	
Lincolnshire County Council Children's Services Response			
4	11	Regarding the list of Community Projects at point 18 the County Council is aware that St. Chads Primary School has raised needs with themselves and the Parish Council, which it may be appropriate to mention.	Noted.
Lincolnshire County Council Public Rights of Way Response			
4	12	<p>Policy 4 Design Principles – para 2. This could also include "as well as protecting existing public rights of way by ensuring they remain aligned through areas of open greenspace."</p> <p>Para 11.8</p> <p>This should refer to "public rights of way and footways" rather than just "footpaths"</p>	<p>Noted. Amended accordingly.</p> <p>Noted amended accordingly.</p>
4	13	<p>Policy 7 Green Infrastructure para 2.</p> <p>It is suggested that this could be expanded: "Contribute to the enhancement of our existing public rights of way within the parish,</p>	Agreed and amended accordingly.

		particularly those to and from Welton and along Dunholme Beck <i>and to seek opportunities to create new public rights of way to create linkages into the wider countryside locally.</i>	
Lincolnshire County Council Minerals and Waste response			
4	14	<p>The County Council, as Mineral and Waste Planning Authority, is responsible for producing the Minerals and Waste Local Plan for the County. The first part of this document, the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies (CSDMP), has been completed and was formally adopted by the Council on 1 June 2016. This document therefore forms part of the "development plan" for the county.</p> <p>As you may be aware, it is a statutory requirement that Neighbourhood Plans must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan, including the minerals and waste policies. I would therefore ask that you have particular regard to the proposals and policies in the CSDMP that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguard existing minerals and waste sites from incompatible development; • Safeguard Mineral Resources to prevent unnecessary sterilisation by development; and • Identify the locational criteria and Areas of Search for future minerals and waste development. <p>The Second part of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan, the Site Locations Document (SLD), is</p>	Noted.

		still in preparation, but a Draft document identifying the preferred sites and areas for future mineral working/waste management was published in December 2015. Any policies and proposals in your Neighbourhood Plan should not conflict with the proposed allocations set out in the draft SLD.	
Anglian Water Response			
5	01	<p>Policy 1: General Housing Growth</p> <p>Anglian Water has made an initial assessment of the available capacity within the water supply and foul sewerage networks to accommodate the sites identified in the neighbourhood plan. This assessment will be revisited when we are approached by the developer and/or a planning application is submitted to West Lindsey District Council.</p> <p>It is important to note that proposed housing allocation sites (CL4084 and CL1190) are expected to require improvements to be made to the foul sewerage network to enable these developments to come forward.</p>	Noted.
5	02	<p>Policy 13: Reducing Flood Risk</p> <p>Policy 13 includes reference to development within the Parish not having a detrimental impact on sewer discharge networks in the village.</p> <p>Anglian Water assesses the available capacity of existing sewers to accommodate further development as part of the planning application process. As part of which we consider the potential risk of downstream flooding within the foul sewerage network.</p>	Noted.

5	03	<p>Waste and Water (paragraphs 16.12 and 16.13)</p> <p>Reference is made to developers engaging with Anglian Water at an early stage which is welcomed. Please note that Anglian Water provides a pre-planning service for applicants to identify feasible water and drainage solutions. Further details in relation to this service is available to view at the following address: http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/developers/pre-planning-service-.aspx</p>	Noted.
5	04	<p>Waste and Water (paragraph 16.10) and Policy 14: Water and Waste</p> <p>Reference is made to developers demonstrating that there is adequate capacity within the water supply and foul sewerage networks. All sites will require a local connection to the existing sewerage network which may include network upgrades. Upgrades are to be expected as our sewers are not designed to have capacity for all future growth. The cost and extent of the required network improvement are investigated and determined when we are approached by a developer and an appraisal is carried out. Foul network improvements are generally funded/part funded through developer contribution via the relevant sections of the Water Industry Act 1991. Similarly water infrastructure provision will be dependent on location and scale of the development and contributions for upgrades or strategic schemes will be obtained through provisions in the Water Industry Act 1991.</p>	Noted and amended accordingly.

		<p>It is therefore suggested that Policy 14 should be amended as follows: ‘Developers will be required to demonstrate that there is adequate wastewater and water supply capacity or that it can be made available, both on and off the site to serve the development and that it would not lead to problems for existing or new users.’</p>	
Andrew Otterwell			
6	01	<p>I did meet up with Russell Clarkson at the West Lindsey stand, Lincolnshire show spoke about my plans for Custom Home site and seemed very supportive to the idea of one Custom build company like e.g. Potton homes working with the landowner and the Client home buyer , and within reason with there architect design people's own Be- Spoke home . Russell arranged me to see Fran Bell a few weeks ago at West Lindsey , Fran also seemed to like the idea, but told me my next job was to put a outline or a full planning into West Lindsey , but I have thought about that if it is a good idea I was thinking to wait a little why'll when then hopefully this new different idea of housing need in Custom home building could be supported on Dunholme's NP</p>	<p>Noted. Dunholme NDP group welcome custom build as it is tailored to individual needs. However, the neighbourhood plan already has over 300 homes permitted therefore it does not specially allocate sites for this type of housing. We do however, encourage the developers of the existing sites with planning permission to provide a suitable range and mix of housing types and styles in order to meet the local needs of the population. It may be that some of this mix could accommodate some custom build.</p>
6	02	<p>I was also told it would be a good idea to speak to West Lindsey Building Control , had a long chat to Trevor Darrant who also like the idea, in fact told me they have been promoting Custom build / Self build on the Web Site , encouraging Landowners to come forward & explain how there help comes in the Building control side of</p>	<p>Noted. Dunholme NDP group welcome custom build as it is tailored to individual needs. However, the neighbourhood plan already has over 300 homes permitted therefore it does not specially allocate sites for this type of housing. We do however, encourage the developers of the existing sites</p>

		things ,as well as people wanting the chance to build there new dream home can register if they are looking in the West Lindsey district to build there Custom built home.	with planning permission to provide a suitable range and mix of housing types and styles in order to meet the local needs of the population. It may be that some of this mix could accommodate some custom build.
Highways England			
7	01	<p>Highways England welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Dunholme Neighbourhood Plan which covers the period 2016- 2036. It is noted that the document provides a vision for the future of the village and sets out a number of key objectives and planning policies which will be used to help determine planning applications.</p> <p>It is the role of Highways England to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the strategic road network whilst acting as a delivery partner to national economic growth. in relation to the Neighbourhood plan, Highways England’s principal interest is safeguarding the operation of the A46 which routes 7 miles south-west of the plan area.</p> <p>Highways England understands that a Neighbourhood Plan is required to be in conformity with relevant national and local planning policies. Accordingly, the Neighbourhood Plan is also required to be in</p>	

		<p>conformity with the central Lincolnshire local plan and this is acknowledged within the document.</p> <p>Highways England notes that approximately 324 dwellings are expected to come forward across Dunholme during the plan period. Given this limited scale of growth and the significant distance between Dunholme and the strategic road network, it is considered that there will be no impacts on the A46.</p> <p>Highways England has no further comments to make and trusts the above is useful in the progression of the Plan.</p>	
Natural England			
8	01	Natural England does not have any specific comments to make on the draft of this Neighbourhood Plan.	Noted.
Charlie Pickering			
9	01	Sorry to add to your burden, as you keep both villages in order during Laura's leave. As there is no Dunholme Parish Council meeting until next month and given that West Lindsey will be moving ahead towards the next stages of the Neighbourhood Plan, I feel it is important to make all parish councillors aware of the contents of my email straight away. It is easy to imagine a scenario where councillors are again completely unaware that any interest has been shown or concerns raised about the draft plan	Noted.

		<p>until they are informed - or not informed - at the September monthly meeting. Clearly that would be unacceptable. The process would again have failed.</p> <p>To avoid my efforts to engage and to assist in the process of shaping the future of our village once again being thwarted, I should be grateful if you would forward this and my previous email of 30th July to all members of the Dunholme Parish Council.</p> <p>It would be a real travesty if my contribution was once again treated as too late to be relevant or even to be considered. Perhaps it's just a case of unnecessary concern on my part, but 'once bitten, twice shy.' The decisions are too important and far-reaching for our village, to allow the voice of the residents outside the built environment of the residential centre to be silenced. One of the great benefits of localism is that the collected views of all interested residents help shape the development of the village. If a section of interested residents is ignored, or shunned, much of the positivity and enthusiasm is extinguished and the process becomes irrelevant, remote and uninspiring. The Neighbourhood Plan would simply be imposed on us, rather than have any sense of being our document. I shall continue to fight for us to be heard.</p>	
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9	02	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft document. For me and for others at Ashlin Farm, it is particularly important. Parish councillors will recall that none of us received questionnaires, despite the intention that each household would receive a copy through their door. We were understanding, as it was clearly a major task for volunteers (I had offered my services if required, but was not needed). I was unable to obtain copies from the clerk, as no further copies were available. I tried at the village shop, but again no copies were available. Eventually we were given a copy from a resident who chose not to fill in his form. I photocopied several copies and each family and a single resident filled in their own copies.</p>	Noted.
9	03	<p>It was recommended to me by the clerk that I handed in all the completed copies at the parish council meeting. I agreed and handed in all the completed questionnaires prior to the start of the meeting. The chairman made a unilateral decision, without a vote, that all our questionnaires were void, as he determined we were too far past the deadline. He advised that he had unilaterally decided to accept other questionnaires handed in late, but he was using the power vested in him to refuse ours due to lateness, despite the responsibility lying entirely with the council's non-delivery of our questionnaires. Those presenting copies late that the chairman chose to accept had no such reason for their copies to be accepted after the closing date. I pressed the point strongly, as I</p>	Noted.

		<p>felt it was against the spirit of community involvement enshrined in localism and also against our constitutional rights, given that the results would inevitably be skewed as our responses were not counted. I felt this was a serious breach of the regulations surrounding a vital step in the process of reaching a legally binding document, that is intended to shape our community for many years. Quite simply, we were disenfranchised on a whim, without proper discussion, consideration or opportunity to appeal even to the full council and through no fault of our own. We all took considerable time to write comments and suggestions we hoped would be helpful, as well as simply ticking boxes to register or vote on each matter. I spent a lot of time gently encouraging our grandchildren to consider how they hoped their village would develop over the next generation and eventually they became excited at the prospect of having a voice and a say in the future of their community. I felt it unwise to destroy their enthusiasm, so did not explain the chairman took it upon himself to refuse to even read their views or allow the rest of the council to read what they had prepared. It still makes me disappointed and angry on their behalf. It is the unacceptable face of localism and has diminished the parish council, as it seeks to take on a much greater role in deciding the future development, or lack of development, within our parish.</p>	
9	04	The enormous efforts made by the parish council in seeking to produce a Neighbourhood	Noted. Point of clarification. All responses and discussions through the process are duly

		<p>Plan are greatly appreciated. Already it is a very substantial body of work and covers many areas of importance within the village. There are various items where I feel individual councillors have reached very surprising conclusions, that seem directly at odds with the findings of the Village Questionnaire. Somewhat mysteriously, these conclusions have now appeared as if they were decisions reached by parishioners and the full council and are written into the Plan. I had assumed it was the business of the council to prepare a plan based on the findings of the Questionnaire. When I have made this observation to the council at the parish meetings, I have been told that as only a proportion of parishioners voted, it is for the council to decide what is best for the future of the village, as most members of the community failed to express an opinion in the Questionnaire. That is definitely not democracy in action as I understand it.</p>	<p>considered by the NDP working group and a decision is taken whether to include or not include the information or request, which is based on relevant justification at that time.</p>
9	05	<p>Reading through the plan, I make the following observations. Please ensure this email is made available to the independent examiner, as some of the points strike to the heart of the plan and need to be tested for conformity with the NPPF, the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 and the Localism Act 2011, along with other Directions 2001/42/EC. It would be very disappointing if once again views not necessarily consistent with the views of particular members of the council are ignored and hidden from view.</p>	<p>Noted. In order for us to make this clear to an examiner. The respondent will need to resubmit or make additional comments during the Regulation 16 stage of the process.</p>

9	06	<p>A central theme of the plan is that no further planning permission for residential development is to be supported within the lifetime of the plan, other than windfall sites within the built environment. Two sites in Honeyholes Lane, one in the Green Wedge and the other in open countryside, have already been granted permission. It is of course important to take proper note of the effect of these two developments, but it cannot be appropriate or acceptable for Dunholme, designated a growth village and a dormitory village of Lincoln, to put forward a plan seeking to deny any further meaningful growth over the twenty years of the plan. It will fail the first test of the NPPF. The plan needs to embrace and encourage further growth and show a willingness, determination and vision to improve the infrastructure of the village (mainly through s106 commitments attached to planning consents) to make a success of that growth and development. The 'pulling up the drawbridge' approach to stifle further growth is inconsistent with national policy, as it affects our particular village.</p>	<p>Noted. During the public consultation, the majority of responses indicated that they did not want to see any further large scale development before the already permitted sites were developed.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan allocates that large scale sites that have permission. The Plan also builds in a monitoring section (section 20) which will look at the delivery of these sites and whether they are built within the early stages of this plan. If not, then the Parish Council may consider a review of the plan in order to look at alternative sites in the future.</p>
9	07	<p>Emphasis and focus within the plan on the built environment of the village is understandable and necessary. However, it does seem of great importance to also properly consider the whole parish in the plan. Currently no mention is made of the individual areas of the wider parish, other than to record the plastics manufacturing business in the list of businesses. Perhaps other farms and outlying properties also failed to</p>	<p>Noted. The group acknowledge that not every area of green space is identified within the Parish. The Plan concentrates on the green spaces within the built form of Dunholme, but recognises that there are others within the open countryside. The group agree that the Nature reserve down Ashings lane be included and this is now included within the open space section of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>

		<p>receive questionnaires and so the voice of the wider parish has not been heard? In the lane where we live, the enormous community resource of Pickering's Meadow, Watts Wood and the Co-op Wood and lake are not even mentioned. The fifty acres of land, generally referred to as Ashing Lane Nature Reserve, includes the largest area of newly planted native species woodland in Lincolnshire. The diverse habitats created within areas of wetland, woodland, (some now more than twenty years since planting,) open, winding rides and raised paths, a large lake with island and species-rich hay meadows, provide an enormous contribution to biodiversity within the parish. Many residents from Dunholme and Welton frequently walk through the woods and meadows, which offer unrestricted public access. Surely the plan should celebrate this wonderful resource within the parish and seek to encourage its improvement and expansion over the period of the plan? I meet many visitors from the surrounding villages and further afield for whom Dunholme is known for its Nature Reserve, just as Market Rasen is known by many for its racecourse. It is surely already Dunholme's greatest natural managed asset, cared for and developed by volunteers. It deserves recognition and encouragement within the plan. Perhaps it could also be referred to next to the 'Environmental Problems' section in a much more encouraging and positive 'Environmental Benefits' section, where the</p>	<p>In terms of identifying local businesses, the list is merely a selection of businesses and the group realise that there may be others.</p>
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		splendid and evidenced increase in bio-diversity could be encouraged and celebrated. Evidence of the diversity of plant, animal, bird, reptile, butterfly, moth and dragonfly populations is freely available from the relevant experts. Mark Johnson, our village resident wildlife and micro-photographer, can provide hundreds of incredible photographs of Reserve creatures 'on our doorstep.' Mark's business should be listed in the Business section.	
9	08	Also, the four, 4-bedroomed holiday lets under construction in Ashing Lane are not mentioned as a developing business within the parish. Given that this business will create employment and enterprise in the parish and fits with every positive aspect of the plan at 10.4, including its aim to give particular support to businesses providing local employment and a wider community and social function, its omission from the growing businesses within the parish is regrettable. Dunholme Pottery, Cattery, B and B and Postal Sorting Office are listed - all tiny enterprises by comparison.	Noted. In terms of identifying local businesses, the list is merely a selection of businesses and the group realise that there may be others.
9	10	The various maps throughout the plan show Ashing Lane as a public bridleway. This is incorrect. Ashing Lane is a Byway Open to All Traffic (B.O.A.T). It is very important this is corrected, as Lincolnshire Highways must not be allowed to cease to maintain the road from the War Memorial along Ashing Lane. All parishioners living along the lane (in the region of sixty residents) would be prejudiced if that became the case, as motor vehicles would be	Noted. The Map is from Lincolnshire County Council who are the statutory body for public rights of way, including byways. Therefore, the NDP group believe this plan to be correct. They have not provided any alternative information to suggest otherwise.

		excluded from a bridleway. The increasing numbers of people with physical challenges requiring vehicle access to the All Abilities Area of the Ashing Lane Nature Reserve would be denied access if the road fell into disrepair and decline. All maps, plans and script should be amended to properly record and refer to its status in the NP.	
9	11	Congratulations and grateful thanks to all involved in this huge undertaking. Without your generosity in giving up your time to strive to protect, develop and improve our village, our voice would not be heard. Good luck with your final amendments and the next stages. Should you wish me to expand on any points, or offer clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me. It is a very important document, allowing us the opportunity to set our vision for the future of our community. We must all seek to make it a worthwhile, optimistic and realistic plan for our village.	Noted. Thank you for your contribution.
Angela Hopson			
10	01	<p>It is not clear in the plan that the major parking problem in the village is around the school at both opening and leaving times.</p> <p>It regularly receives complaints and annoyance from residents on Watery Lane, Barratts Grove, Allwood Road, swan close and Ryland Road.</p> <p>The community police regularly are contacted regarding the parking issues. Parking along Ryland Road causes a dangerous situation by</p>	<p>Noted. Parking has been raised by a number of local people. However, it is the educational and highway authority that need to improve this situation. An improved parking agreement in the village will be welcomed and supported by the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>In terms of using land within the Green Wedge, this is down to both the landowner and the planning authority to explore.</p>

		<p>making it a single carriageway of considerable length. Could these issues be resolved by providing car parking spaces along the green wedge space of Charlie Pickering land currently awaiting appeal.</p> <p>It would also leave a safer space in front of the school for kids clubs and pre-school drop off and pick up – particularly for disabled drivers.</p> <p>Parking along the two sites mentioned would generate safer access for pedestrians as the footpath to the left of the school is wider than that to the right where there is barely space for a double buggy, not to mention scooters or bikes.</p> <p>The vision for the school is to remain as a single form of entry village school giving a maximum number on role of 218 so that its vision ‘to aspire to be a village school, which families actively choose knowing their children will be happy and listened to. Our children will enjoy an inspirational curriculum and exceptional teaching which empowers learning’.</p> <p>Maybe this vision can be included within the character assessment of the plan?</p>	<p>The character assessment includes an assessment of the built and natural environments within the parish and is not the best place to include the vision for the school.</p>
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Appendix 1: List of Statutory Consultees

- **Anglian Water**
- **West Lindsey District Council**
- **Network Rail**
- **Environment Agency**
- **Natural England**
- **Historic England**
- **Lincolnshire County Council**
- **Police Authority**
- **Health Authority**
- **Coal Authority**
- **Neighbouring Parish Councils**

Appendix 2: Copy of the Community Lincs Consultation Summary

See separate attachment.