



Reepham Publication of  
Neighbourhood Planning Area  
Consultation Statement  
July 2017

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# Introduction

## The purpose of this document

1. This document provides a record of the publication that took place regarding the Reepham Neighbourhood Development Plan Area and related Neighbourhood Planning Body. The main methods used to promote the publication process are also documented, along with the main findings from the publication. As this was only a publication process and not a more open consultation, the response rate is not expected to be high.
2. This formal publication period provided members of the public and other key stakeholders an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed neighbourhood plan area and proposed neighbourhood planning body for Reepham. The proposed neighbourhood planning body is Reepham Parish Council and the proposed neighbourhood planning area is shown in appendix 1 along with the rest of the Parish Council's application.

## Regulations and government guidance

3. The regulations associated with this first stage of neighbourhood planning provide guidance on the criteria to be included for this phase. Within this publication, we as the local planning authority must publicise on our website:
  - a copy of the area application
  - details of how to make representations; and
  - the date by which those representations must be received, being:
    - (i) In the case of an application to which paragraph (2)(b) of regulation 6A applies, not less than four weeks from the date on which the area application is first publicised;
    - (i) in all other cases, not less than six weeks from the date on which the area application is first publicised<sup>1</sup>.

## Publication timescales

4. The publication period for this stage of the neighbourhood development plan process must cover a minimum period of four weeks<sup>1</sup>. The proposed publication period is from the 14 June 2017 to the 12 July 2017.

Timescales break down as follows:

Publication period	14.06.17 – 12.07.17
Cabinet meeting date or delegation	13.07.17

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation 6, Town and Country Planning, England – The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations, April 2012 (Amended)

### Previous consultation

5. This matter has not been the subject of previous consultation. The Parish Council are at the earliest stages of their neighbourhood plan development process.

## Publication responses

6. We received 1 response to the publication which can be seen in appendix 3. The response was a general observation regarding how the neighbourhood plan can help to facilitate social interaction and create healthy, inclusive communities. The District Council received no objection to the proposed designation. This is generally in keeping with the low response rate that we receive with neighbourhood plan area consultations. The breakdown of responses received are;

Email	1
Web consultation system	0
Letter	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

## Outcomes

7. The results of this publication will be used by the council to decide whether or not to approve the Reepham Neighbourhood Planning Area and body for the neighbourhood planning process to be undertaken by Reepham Parish Council.

## Decision

8. West Lindsey District Council has approved the application by **Reepham Parish Council** to have the parish of Reepham designated as a neighbourhood area, for the purposes of producing a neighbourhood plan (see appendix 2).

## APPENDIX 1

# REEPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk

Email:

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Next Meeting: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Mr D Evans  
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Dear Mr Evans

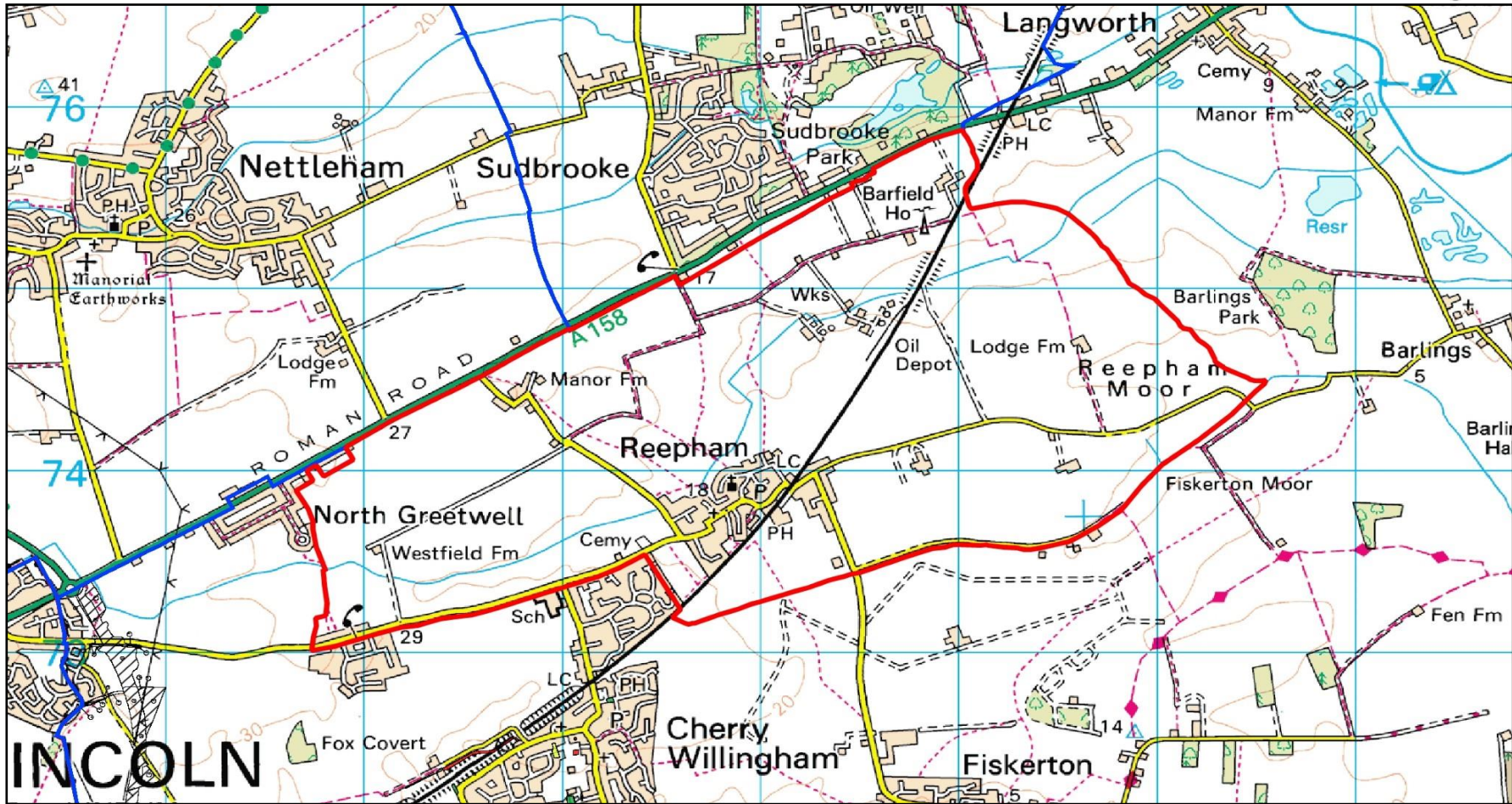
**Re: Reepham Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Reepham Parish Council is the appropriate qualifying body to oversee a Reepham Neighbourhood Plan. At the Annual General Meeting of Reepham Parish Council on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017, under Item 8 (d) it was resolved that a formal approach be made to inform the intention to develop such a plan. A current Parish Councillor has been elected to act as Head of the Steering Group and a core of interested residents have been or are being recruited.

A map of the boundaries of the Parish of Reepham is attached and, although some aspects of the wider landscape value unique to the area may be drawn into the considerations, the completed policies will refer only to the area within the defined boundary (in red on the map).

It is requested that you, in receipt of this, kindly advance the matter to its next stage.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr B Wharton  
Clerk to Reepham Parish Council



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## APPENDIX 2



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Reepham Neighbourhood Plan

13/07/2017

Dear Mr Wharton

### **REEPHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA APPROVAL**

Regulation 7 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (Amended 2016)

West Lindsey District Council has approved the application by **Reepham Parish Council** to have the parish of Reepham designated as a neighbourhood area, for the purposes of producing a neighbourhood plan.

The application for the neighbourhood area has been subject to a statutory 4 week consultation period (Regulation 6 (amended)) which ended on 12th July 2017. One comment was made during the consultation period, details of this are contained within the designation statement. In accordance with the above regulation, Reepham Neighbourhood Area is approved from 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and has been signed under delegated powers.

Yours sincerely

**Mark Sturgess**  
Chief Operating Officer

## **APPENDIX 3**

Reepham Neighbourhood Plan - Area Designation

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above neighbourhood plan.

Government planning policy, within the **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**, identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important.

It is essential therefore that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 73 and 74. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's statutory consultee role in **protecting playing fields** and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport England's playing fields policy is set out in our Planning Policy Statement: 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England'.

<http://www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy>

Sport England provides guidance on **developing planning policy** for sport and further information can be found via the link below. Vital to the development and implementation of planning policy is the evidence base on which it is founded.

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/forward-planning/>

Sport England works with local authorities to ensure their Local Plan is underpinned by robust and up to date evidence. In line with Par 74 of the NPPF, this takes the form of **assessments of need and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports facilities**. A neighbourhood planning body should look to see if the relevant local authority has prepared a playing pitch strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports facility strategy. If it has then this could provide useful evidence for the neighbourhood plan and save the neighbourhood planning body time and resources gathering their own evidence. It is important that a neighbourhood plan reflects the recommendations and actions set out in any such strategies, including those which may specifically relate to the neighbourhood area, and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support their delivery.

Where such evidence does not already exist then relevant planning policies in a neighbourhood plan should be based on a proportionate assessment of the need for sporting provision in its area. Developed in consultation with the local sporting and wider community any assessment should be used to provide key recommendations and deliverable actions. These should set out what provision is required to ensure the current and future needs of the community for sport can be met and, in turn, be able to support the development and implementation of planning policies. Sport England's guidance on assessing needs may help with such work.

<http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance>

If **new or improved sports facilities** are proposed Sport England recommend you ensure they are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/>



Any **new housing** developments will generate additional demand for sport. If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then planning policies should look to ensure that new sports facilities, or improvements to existing sports facilities, are secured and delivered. Proposed actions to meet the demand should accord with any approved local plan or neighbourhood plan policy for social infrastructure, along with priorities resulting from any assessment of need, or set out in any playing pitch or other indoor and/or outdoor sports facility strategy that the local authority has in place.

In line with the Government's NPPF (including Section 8) and its Planning Practice Guidance (Health and wellbeing section), links below, consideration should also be given to how **any new development**, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles and create healthy communities. Sport England's Active Design guidance can be used to help with this when developing planning policies and developing or assessing individual proposals.

Active Design, which includes a model planning policy, provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity. The guidance, and its accompanying checklist, could also be used at the evidence gathering stage of developing a neighbourhood plan to help undertake an assessment of how the design and layout of the area currently enables people to lead active lifestyles and what could be improved.

NPPF Section 8: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities>

PPG Health and wellbeing section: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing>

Sport England's Active Design Guidance: <https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign>

*(Please note: this response relates to Sport England's planning function only. It is not associated with our funding role or any grant application/award that may relate to the site.)*

If you need any further advice, please do not hesitate to contact Sport England using the contact details below.

Yours sincerely

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