

## **West Lindsey District Council**

### **Sturton by Stow and Stow Neighbourhood Plan Review July 2024**

#### **Decision Statement – August 2024**

##### **Introduction**

In October 2023, Sturton by Stow and Stow parish councils agreed to review their joint neighbourhood plan. In July 2024, the parish councils submitted their reviewed neighbourhood plan to West Lindsey District Council (WLDC), the local planning authority (LPA), for approval. The submission comprised the Sturton by Stow and Stow Neighbourhood Plan Review (NP Review) July 2024 with supporting documents.

##### **Review**

There are 3 Categories of review which can be made to a neighbourhood plan (NP), depending on the degree of modifications and they are:

1. Minor (non-material) modifications to a NP are those which would not materially affect the policies in the NP. Such a review can be agreed between the parish council/s and the LPA and there is no requirement for an examination, referendum, or remaking of the NP.
2. Material modifications to a NP which do not change the nature of the NP.
3. Material modifications which do change the nature of the NP.

The submitted NP Review's modifications are minor ones only (Category 1). They update the original NP adopted in 2022 to primarily refer only to: the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan adopted April 2023; the release of Census 2021 results since 2022; the NPPF December 2023; and the delivery of community aspirations.

##### **Decision**

West Lindsey District Council supported the parish councils' submission. It has approved the Sturton by Stow and Stow Neighbourhood Plan Review - July 2024 as a non-material review of the original NP.

The NP Review succeeds the original NP, to form part of the West Lindsey Development Plan for the Sturton by Stow and Stow parish areas. As the Plan Review is a minor one only, it has not resulted in the original plan's remaking. The Plan Review's aim, policies, policy maps, and key dates

(adopted/plan period) remain the same as those given in the original plan.

The Council will issue a decision letter to the parish councils and publish the NP Review on its website. This decision was made by WLDC's Director of Planning, Regeneration and Communities with delegated authority to deal with all NP reviews that fall under Category 1 minor (non-material) modifications. The decision follows relevant legislative guidance including Regulation 30 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and National Planning Practice Guidance – Updating a neighbourhood plan