

Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Further Draft – Consultation
Comments from Metheringham Parish Council (MPC) – November 2015

Some members of the parish council attended the Local Plan Drop in Sessions held in the area. However there were no sessions held in Metheringham again and at the events held at other locations there was no specific information relating to Metheringham.

The comments detailed below are from Metheringham Parish Council members; due to the time constraints no public consultation has taken place. No representations have been made to the council by members of the public.

Page Number	Policy Number	Item Number	Comment
4		2.1.3	Decision making on planning applications remains with the LA. Parish /Town Councils that achieve Local Council Award Scheme status should be statutory consultees on planning applications in their community, as they have local knowledge.
9	LP1		Support: Sustainable development must be encouraged.
10	LP2		Object: Metheringham has been identified as a large village, the council are in support of this if the developments are in the right locations. The one area of land identified in the Policies Map contained within the further draft plan CL904 may be suitable for mixed housing and associated amenities eg. doctors, dentist and community buildings. The council may be in favour of the site proposed; however they must include the appropriate infrastructure to support the developments. This should include adequate water and drainage. Of particular concern is the access and egress from the site onto the B1188 which is the only red route B road in the county. The main traffic flow on and off the development should not be via Dunston Road (with the consequences of vehicles going through Dunston and out onto the B1188 at a very poor junction).
17	LP4		Support: Economic growth within Metheringham would be welcomed, as the majority of people leave the village to commute to work in Lincoln, Sleaford and surrounding RAF bases. Infrastructure – the road network must be improved the B1188 and A15 are ‘red routes’ due to the high number of serious collisions and deaths. Communication – phones and broadband in the centre of Metheringham is reasonably well served and has recently acquired BT infinity. However there are some areas of the parish eg Metheringham Heath, Metheringham Fen, Sots Hole and Tanvats that suffer from extremely poor phone/broadband facilities and in some cases no broadband. This will have a detrimental impact on new businesses moving into the area

			and home working.
22	LP5		Support: The Metheringham Industrial Area has a number of successful small businesses. Further businesses should be encouraged to the area.
26	LP6		Support: Metheringham is a Tier 4 centre and has a local centre which is thriving and new businesses should be welcomed.
28	LP7		Support: A sustainable visitor economy in Lincoln is to be encouraged as this could have a positive impact on the surrounding villages including Metheringham.
29	LP8		Support: Development of the showground would be advantageous for the area.
31	LP9		Support: Health and Wellbeing are crucial the parish council want to build a new sports pavilion in the village to enhance the services on offer. Additional recreation land is required and with potential future development of new residential properties will only exacerbate the issue. A new super health clinic would be an asset to Metheringham and would also serve the neighbouring villages of Dunston, Nocton, Blankney and Scopwick, total approximate population of 5561. There are a number of competitive swimming clubs in Lincolnshire and they are in great need of suitable accessible facilities. An Olympic 50 metre swimming pool would be a major asset to the area. A cycle route from Metheringham to Lincoln/Sleaford would encourage residents to cycle to/from work and use for recreational purposes.
34	LP10 & LP11		Support: Accommodation and housing needs in the village are encouraged in the right locations. However we would like clarification on rural affordable housing? There are already a high number of bungalows in the village so any future developments should include a mix of housing for families, first time buyers, single parents, affordable homes, this should meet the needs of all sectors of the community. CIL or 106 payments should be paid direct to the relevant town/parish council and not to the LA.
37	LP12 & 13		Support: As stated above the infrastructure is paramount to support future growth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve road network – dual A15 and A17 • Improve public transport in the evening and offer a bus/train service on a Sunday • Cycle path to Lincoln/Sleaford • 50 metre swimming pool • Communications and broadband to be developed for all in the parish • Additional Recreation land • Allotment plots • Land for burials/extension of the cemetery • Community Buildings • Health Clinic

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dentist <p>The council appreciate Metheringham is located in an agricultural rural area and accept the benefits this brings to the district, however the agricultural vehicles currently in use are extremely large and sometimes wider than some of the roads. The centre of Metheringham already has a number of traffic problems relating to residents from Metheringham and surrounding villages accessing our facilities. (There are two car parks FOC in the village centre). It is not clear from the plan where funding will be obtained to improve the infrastructure.</p>
44	LP14		<p>Support: Some parts of the parish are in Flood Zone 3 and parts of the village centre experience flash flooding. Appropriate sewerage and drainage should be considered before any future developments, it is noted that the Lincoln area has seen major development. Does this include Metheringham?</p>
45	LP15		<p>Support: New or extensions to community facilities are essential with any proposed new development. These facilities need to be built alongside projects and before occupancy.</p>
48	LP17		<p>Support: The council has serious concerns about the potential loss of the distinctive rural landscape. The LPA has recently approved two major applications for renewable energy facilities; biomass fuelled renewable energy facility on Metheringham Heath and in the neighbouring parish of Scopwick/Blankney a 49.59MW solar photovoltaic power generating installation with associated 132kv substation. A NSIP for 20 wind turbines of 149.5metres in height has recently been stopped in the neighbouring parish of Nocton. However had this progressed this would have had a major negative impact on the historic views of Lincoln cathedral and the Lincolnshire Wolds. The parish council is concerned about the cumulative affect these major developments will have on the rural landscape. Metheringham Heath and Fen should be identified as an Area of Great Landscape Value, please clarify how this can be achieved?</p>
49	LP18		<p>Support: The council are in favour of low carbon living, however some of the recent applications approved by the LPA as stated above in LP15, will have an impact on sourcing our food locally. The soil is grade 2 or 3 – very good/good agricultural land as stated in the Agricultural Land Classification System. The parish council are therefore concerned about the possible loss of very good quality agricultural land.</p>
51	LP19		<p>Object: At the current time there is one stand-alone renewable energy scheme in the parish of Metheringham and two in neighbouring parishes. One of the schemes the anaerobic digester on Nocton Fen has raised traffic</p>

			safety concerns in Metherringham, which are to be addressed by LCC. This will only be exacerbated when the biomass anaerobic digester facility on Metherringham Heath is in operation with the growing of maize locally and within a 30 mile radius. The following have recently been approved within NK at Leasingham a further anaerobic digester facility and at Branston and Scopwick solar farms. The neighbouring parish councils should be consulted on planning applications of this type.
53	LP20		Support: The green infrastructure such as stepping out walks, public rights of way and wildlife, may suffer detrimental impacts due to the above proposals any further industrialization of the area could see long term damage.
54	LP21		Support: There are no green wedges identified on the policies map for Metherringham. We believe there should be an area identified between Metherringham and Dunston, so that the two villages remain separate and retain their own identity.
55	LP22		Support: Metherringham Fen should be identified as a local green space. If land is to be taken for development, brown land should be used first. Has an exercise been done to identify brown land within the whole consultation area? If not, this should be done to identify the extent to which it would meet Lincolnshire's housing needs, before encroaching on green field sites.
56	LP23		Support: SSIs within the parish are to be protected and enhanced.
59	LP24		Support: Greater power should be granted to parish/town councils in relation to the historic environment when considering planning applications. The planning Committee should be a statutory consultee. The members of the council/residents of the parish have local knowledge which should be listened to.
61	LP25		Support: In agreement with the principles of the policy; however local knowledge presented by residents must be acknowledged.
63	LP26		Support: The parish council have been searching for additional recreational land for many years without any success. If any further land is identified during this process that is suitable for recreational use the parish council will be happy to discuss with the landowner.
64	LP27		Support: The local highways authority to be encouraged to adhere to the relevant legislation and local plan and have the resources to enforce.
65	LP28		Support: However there are serious concerns about the infrastructure including secondary schools and the road network.
69	LP29		Support: However the green wedges are important and the city centre and surrounding villages must remain distinctive and separate. Park and ride would be advantageous to

			reduce traffic issues.
73	LP30		Object: Serious concerns about the scale of the major development sites, without the infrastructure eg. hospitals, doctors, schools, road network, care for older people and job opportunities. Any new major road structures should not separate one part of an existing settlement from another.
76	LP31		Support: Lincoln's economy should be supported and encourage tourism and new employers to the area. a) 'seek to' should be deleted and add 'should' enhance.
77	LP32		Support: The university is a major asset to the city, any future development of the university should incorporate existing buildings. Concerns are expressed in relation to the lack of local housing for families in the Carholme Road area.
78	LP33		Support: St Marks to Portland Street to be pedestrianized. Lincoln market should be re-instated/encouraged to thrive. Major retailers eg John Lewis and independent traders would encourage more people to come to the city centre. A park and ride system similar to Norwich and cheaper car parking, as prices are extortionate.
80	LP34 & 35		Support: To reduce the carbon footprint the district and local shopping centres are an asset. Regeneration of certain areas will improve the overall economic growth.
84	LP36		Support: The road network must be vastly improved to cope with a higher number of vehicles; many of the roads are already gridlocked at peak and off peak times of the day. Public transport from the rural areas should be improved eg train service on a Sunday. Cycle path from Metheringham to Lincoln and Sleaford.
85	LP37		Neutral: This has already had a major impact on some areas of the city eg Monks Road/Carholme Road. The sociological impacts and effects could be detrimental for families that wish to live within the city.
96	LP43		Support: The sustainable neighbourhood to include community amenities is a positive move. However the road network must be improved and secondary schools.
98	LP44		Support: Sleaford should be enhanced as a market town, but retain its character. The suggestion of an East West Leisure Link should be initiated.
100	LP 45 & 46		Support: Regeneration areas should be incorporated sympathetically into the current surroundings. Retailers should be encouraged to the centre as there is a lack of High Street names eg. Next.
103	LP47		Support: The idea of a link road is excellent, however we cannot find any details of where this will run from and to.
120	LP55, 56 and 57	7.6.3	Support: Large areas of Metheringham parish are in a rural location eg the Heath, Metheringham Fen and the hamlets of Sots Hole and Tanvats. Part G of LP55 is extremely important for Metheringham Fen with high Grade

			2 quality land. Item10.3.3 still states residential development in rural settlements will be of a modest scale; this is open to interpretation and needs to be clarified.
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