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New Local Plan for SKDC – Sites and Settlement Consultation

A new Local Plan is being prepared for South Kesteven District. This will set out the vision and strategic objectives for the district, establish the amount and location for further sustainable growth, and guide the form, scale and type of future development up to 2036.

The new Local Plan and policies within it will be based on up to date evidence, much of which is available to view at www.southkesteven.gov.uk/evidencebase

As part of the preparation we are

seeking your views on the Sites and Settlements Consultation. This will run from Tuesday 5 July until Friday 5 Aug 2016. It will cover topics such as:

- The future housing requirement for the district over the Local Plan period
- Our initial thoughts on a spatial strategy for the new Local Plan
- A proposed settlement hierarchy for the new Local Plan
- Possible site options for meeting the future land requirements of the new Local Plan

The consultation document will be available to view and respond to at: www.southkesteven.gov.uk/sitesandsettlements on Tuesday 5 July.

In addition to the document being available electronically, there will also be a number of consultation events held across the district where people can drop in to view the document and have a discussion with officers involved in the preparation of the new Local Plan.

Consultation Events List

Date	Location	Venue	Time
Tuesday 11 July	Grantham	Guildhall Arts Centre	11:30am - 8pm
Thursday 14 July	Long Bennington	Long Bennington Village hall	2pm - 8pm
Tuesday 19 July	Market Deeping	Deepings Community Centre	2pm - 8pm
Wednesday 20 July	Stamford	Stamford Arts Centre	2pm - 8pm
Monday 25 July	Colsterworth	Colsterworth Village Hall	2pm - 8pm
Wednesday 27 July	Billingborough	Billingborough Village Hall	2pm - 8pm
Thursday 28 July	Bourne	Bourne Corn Exchange	11:30am - 8pm

Street markets could be just a click away

A new online app to boost the fortunes of South Kesteven's markets and market traders is being developed with the help of South Kesteven District Council.

Grantham man Leon Mitchell Smith has designed his new Street Markets proto-type application for smart phones and tablets to link market traders and customers across the district.

It has the potential to deliver a better 24/7 connection between

buyer and seller to drive sales, create a bespoke channel for promotion and advertising and thereby increase market footfall.

Leon, who has benefitted from SKDC's Business Support Programme with business and marketing advice and contacts with market traders, has previously designed apps for household names including the NHS, Bet 365, The Nottingham Building Society and Vodafone.

Customers will be able to view

inventories of any market within a 25-mile radius with live updates of traders' stock.

Traders will be able to take pictures of their inventory to upload and advertise so customers are able to find out price, location and quantity of any item as well as the timings of the market it is sold at and are able to view the 'liked' items of any friends that use the application.

Integrated QR scanning means that customers can reserve an item for a selected period of time, present the code to the trader who can confirm the transaction by scanning the QR code with their smart device.

The app would initially be free but would eventually incur a monthly or yearly fee. It has potential for traders to run Groupon vouchers and their own local offers.

Leon is now researching demand from both traders and market visitors and deciding how best to take his product forward. He said: "The market should be the central hub of many market towns, encouraging local entrepreneurs, traders and cultures to come together. The problem is that market traders are working at a disadvantage as lots of today's commerce is online.

"Street Market wants to readdress the balance so that market traders can compliment, compete with and even surpass this current trend.

Potential shoppers can view and search the items at anytime during the week enabling them to store their desired items and make time to visit on market day, driving footfall into the market and improving a town's prosperity.

"We plan to develop new uses with Street Market, such as identifying purchase trends in other towns and cities and even allowing market traders to buy those items wholesale so they can be totally up to the minute with what people want to buy."

The Google Android version of the Street Market App can be accessed via : <http://bit.ly/streetmarketlaunch> . The Apple iOS App is coming soon.



Free central heating for homes

A new scheme in the county is giving eligible tenants and homeowners the opportunity to have a central heating system installed for free if their property has never had it fitted.

Anyone living with expensive and inefficient heating methods like solid fuel open fires or portable room heaters, could have a new heating system installed, if they meet the eligibility criteria.

Government funding is available to install central heating where none exists, if you own your own home or rent from a private landlord, (and

have the owner's permission to do the work) and you receive certain income related benefits. Funding is for a limited time and subject to availability, entitlement checks and a technical home survey.

You must get at least one of a range of qualifying benefits (such as state Pension Credit and Child Tax Credit (where your income is £16,010 or less))

To find out if you could be eligible contact the Lincolnshire Home Independence Agency on 01522 516300 or email info@lincshia.org to make an application.

£5,000 available to help bring your empty property back into use

The council is renewing efforts to bring empty homes back into use by giving landlords and owners an incentive grant of up to £5,000 to help them re-let their properties.

Hundreds of addresses in the district have been identified as long term unoccupied at a time when there is increasing housing demand nationally and locally.

In support of the government's initiative to tackle the shortfall, owners with properties registered as empty are being encouraged to get them back into use.

SKDC is aware that some properties will require a considerable amount of work in order to develop them into a habitable condition.

Properties that are empty and unfurnished will pay nothing towards council tax for the first month that they are empty.

For the next five months they pay 75% of the charge and for the following 18 months 100%. After two years the amount goes up to 150%.

If the property is undergoing major structural repair the charge is 75% for the first 12 months followed by 100% over the next year. After two years it rises to 150%.

Landlord Philip Lee from Grantham

is now using the grant to help restore several properties.

He said: "The generous grant has been of great assistance in enabling me to bring empty properties back into use and provide good quality, affordable housing. It is a very straight forward process to apply for.

"I'd encourage any home owner or landlord to consider the grant to get a property into habitable condition, whatever your plans for its future."

SKDC's Business Manager for Environmental Health Anne Marie Coulthard, said: "It can be challenging for some owners who own homes that have not been maintained over a number of years to bring them back into habitable condition.

"Therefore the Empty Homes grant is a channel to assist this to help improve the condition and value of the property and in some cases allows landlords to let the property to generate an income."

To qualify for the scheme, the property must have been empty for a minimum of six months and owners must agree to charge rent that does not exceed Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates for a minimum period of three years.

The property must be brought back into use within 12 months of work starting and the grant does not cover

fees, drainage, works already completed or repairs to outbuildings.



Landlord Philip Lee says he encourages other empty property owners to consider the grant

For further information about the grant visit www.southkesteven.gov.uk/emptyhomesassistance

Collection changes for community venues

From September the council will be removing the provision of a free collection service for non domestic properties, except places of worship.

These include parish halls, village halls, social and sports clubs and other such non-residential venues in our communities where bins have been provided by the council for collections.

Organisations using these venues have now been written to informing them charges could now be applied after this time and to complete a form so the council can assist them further.

The provision of waste/recycling collections from non domestic

properties is currently provided by a number of private sector companies but alternately, the council will be providing a commercial service from September at competitive rates.

Costs can also be managed in a number of ways by allowing the users of each property who create the waste to pay for it by passing on the costs.

Each organisation will decide its own charging policies but the council is aware that many, who let their hall to the public, ask them to take home any rubbish created once their booking is complete.

This enables organisations to operate without a waste management

agreement in place.

However, if employing any private company or individual to collect waste, collectors should display a waste carriers' licence and provide venue owners with a waste transfer note.

If either of these items is not in place, the venue could be in breach of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

For queries please email tradewaste@southkesteven.gov.uk

Greater Lincolnshire Devolution – have your say

People in Greater Lincolnshire are being asked for their views on the creation of a Mayoral Combined Authority with a Directly Elected Mayor for the area.

The consultation is now live and will close on 8 August at 5pm.

Ten local authorities, from the Humber to the Wash, have joined together to explore devolving some powers, responsibilities and funding from Government to Greater Lincolnshire. This could mean more decisions on public services would be made locally, rather than nationally.

If all ten councils sign up to this, some changes would happen. A 'Mayoral Combined Authority' would be established. The Authority would be made up of elected councillors from the ten councils and a representative from the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership. The Authority would be chaired by the Directly Elected Mayor, chosen by Greater Lincolnshire residents.

The Combined Authority would not replace existing councils or affect the services they already provide. It would only be responsible for the new powers and funding devolved from central Government, which could include transport, housing, skills training and flood risk management.

Under the deal an additional £450 million over the next 30 years (£15 million per year) would be provided for investment in housing and infrastructure. The consultation also seeks views from the community on whether, if a Mayoral Combined Authority was established, they would want to see the role of Mayor combined with that of Police and Crime Commissioner if it reduced administrative costs.

We want your views on the Scheme for the establishment of a Mayoral Combined Authority for Greater Lincolnshire. Visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/greaterlincs to have your say or pick up a consultation form and read the supporting information at your

local Council Access Point or library. Frequently Asked Questions, along with other useful information, are available online.

The consultation form can also be returned without a stamp by sending it to FREEPOST RTAC-AUAA-

SSZS, Public Health, County Offices, Lincolnshire County Council, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YL.

The consultation closes on August 8 at 5pm. Responses will be reviewed by each council before the issue is considered again later this year.



Gravity Fields Festival

2016 goes live

Tickets are on sale and the website is live for SKDC's third Gravity Fields Festival (21-25 September) with a very special theme.

Our five day festival of science, arts, heritage, music, drama and outdoor spectacular in and around Grantham takes the theme of 'Genius' to celebrate Newton's legacy and the 350th anniversary of his Year of Wonders in 1666.

It commemorates the year Newton spent at his Lincolnshire birthplace at Woolsthorpe Manor to escape the plague in Cambridge, and his extraordinary burst of scientific creativity on light, mathematics and gravitational forces.

Now, 350 years on, the plague hits Woolsthorpe again! History is re-written for schools and adults sessions as actors and plague doctors convey the impact of the bubonic nightmare if it had reached Lincolnshire!

A special Sunday event by acclaimed Newton expert and festival patron Professor Rob Iliffe adds the Second Dutch War and the Great Fire of London as a social commentary on Newton's Year of Wonders - the middle instalment of a three week commemoration by The Royal Society of its most illustrious President.

It's part of a packed programme ranging from TV zoologist Dr Sasha Norris and cutting edge baroque band Red

Priest to circus performers and the genius engineers of WW2, courtesy of Cambridge scientist Dr Hugh Hunt.

Aerial spectacular comes courtesy of Ockham's Razor, an AntiGrav box turns people's worlds upside down and top Spanish creative company Ponten Pie invites its audience into a unique 'shed' for a life-changing experience!

Explore the science of Doctor Who and hear news from CERN's High Energy Frontier from physicist and festival co-curator Dr Harry Cliff from Cambridge University.

Join TV science presenter Dallas Campbell for a special hosted evening and what will a microlight find as a result of recording audio in the ether above Woolsthorpe Manor?

Royal Society President and Nobel Prize winner Sir Venki Ramakrishnan is among world class speakers on subjects from nature to nanotechnology and the pinhole camera technique used by Newton as he studied the refraction of light.

Arts Council funding delivers a stunning 'Ingenius' Saturday finale with circus artists, street performers, puppeteers and magicians evoking the era of alchemists, fire, flame and stars and Newton's time at the Royal Mint.

Capping the outdoor show is Pangottic's animated giant Heath Robinson contraption - the greatest machine never to be invented!

A full education programme includes a Ministry of Science blockbuster show at Grantham's 1,000-seater Meres stadium.



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Rent a room scheme

The Rent a Room Scheme lets you earn up to a threshold of £7,500 per year tax-free from letting out furnished accommodation in your home. This is halved if you share the income with your partner or someone else. You can let out a room or an entire floor.

A lodger is someone who lives with you as part of your household sharing some of your accommodation, such as the bathroom or kitchen. They may have their 'own' room, but they live in your home with your permission and don't have the right to exclude you from their room or any part of your home.

If you own the property outright, you do not need permission from anyone to let a room in your home.

If you have a mortgage on your property, contact your mortgage lender to obtain their agreement to let part of the property - otherwise you could be in breach of the mortgage terms.

If you are a long leaseholder, you should check the terms of the lease to ensure that you can let part of the property and, if necessary, get the freeholder's agreement first.

If you are a secure council tenant, you have the right to take in a lodger, but cannot sub-let part without the council's written permission. You cannot sub-let the whole of a secure tenancy.

If you are a private tenant, you should check the terms of your tenancy. If you do need to get permission from your landlord, it is best to get this in writing before letting part of the property.

If you are in receipt of Housing Benefit, you need to advise the Benefits department about the income which you receive from your lodger.

Any rental income may also affect the Benefits/Tax Credits which you receive and so you must advise them of this.

If you receive Universal Credit, the rent from your lodger is not classed as income. You will still be subject to the spare room subsidy though.

If you were previously a sole occupant, you will need to advise the Council Tax department that you are no longer eligible for Single Person Discount.



See website <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letting-rooms-in-your-home-a-guide-for-resident-landlords> for further information.

Report dog fouling online

SKDC is continuing to work with dog owners to help reduce animal fouling in neighbourhoods in South Kesteven and urging those who witness others allowing their pets to foul to report issues online.

Anyone can report dog fouling at www.southkesteven.gov.uk

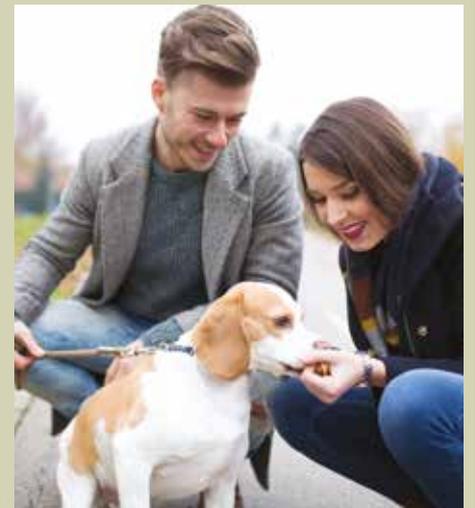
The council is aware most dog owners are very responsible and educate fellow owners to always pick up after their dogs in public spaces.

Dog fouling signs are present across the district warning dog owners of their responsibilities to pick up after their animals backing up the possibility that SKDC can issue a fixed penalty of £75 to those who do not comply with the rules.

If owners can provide details of the fellow dog owners who unfortunately

choose to not follow the rules, this should be reported on the website.

Owners are also reminded their pets' waste can be placed in litter bins in the district - as long as it is bagged.



Community heroes praised at Deeping St James' Making A Difference awards

Deeping St James has acknowledged some of its community heroes through its annual Making A Difference awards.

The accolades celebrated people in the community that were recognised in recent times for making a real impression on the town with their voluntary efforts.

Local Farmer and Conservationist Nicholas Watts, MBE, presented the awards at the village's annual parish council meeting in front of more than 100 local residents and dignitaries.

Eight year old Morgan Underwood scooped the Young Person award for her efforts to raise money for children with hair loss.

Carol Precey won Citizen of the Year, whilst Liz Waterman and Helen Morgan from Friends of Deeping Library won the

Organisation of the Year award for their efforts to save the facility.

Lisa Goodchild scooped the 'In the course of doing their job' prize and there were two special awards, the first recognising the late John Fisher for his support to the community, his award received by his widow Rosemary.

Bob and Maggie Clack were also recognised for over 20 years commitment to serving the community, most prominently in the village post office.

Linchfield Community Primary School Choir entertained during a musical interlude in the evening and SKDC chairman Cllr Judy Smith gave a speech of thanks at the close of the event, praising the village's community spirit that shone through on the evening.



FLOWER POWER: Deeping St James parish clerk Julie Fortnum presents SKDC Chairman Cllr Judy Smith with flowers at the end of the event



GIRL POWER: Eight year old Morgan Underwood scooped the Young Person award presented by Nicholas Watts



REMEMBERING JOHN: Rosemary Fisher picked up a special award on behalf of her late husband John



WINNING TEAM: Among the winners were L-R Liz Waterman, Lisa Goodchild, Morgan Underwood pictured with Nicholas Watts.

News from Deeping St James

Deeping St James Parish Council celebrated the official birthday of The Queen by holding a 'Clean for the Queen' Litter pick of the village and the lighting of a beacon on Jubilee Park.

Joining in the Litter pick, organised by DSJPC, was chairman Steve Gilbert, Wayne Lester, Mayor of Market Deeping Town Council, councillors from both DSJPC and Market Deeping TC, members of the community including Deepings Rotary, Lions, Allotment Association, residents of Station Road DSJ, Friends of Jubilee Park and a team from McDonalds Glinton.

Everyone met at Riverside Park and then split into smaller groups to cover litter picking across the village which resulted in two extra skips being needed to dispose of the bags.

The beacon was lit on Jubilee Park, to time with other beacons across the country, to mark the Queen's 90th birthday. Around 250 people attended, children were all given a Union Flag, the

British Legion were in attendance and the singing of the National Anthem was accompanied by Good Vibes and three trumpeters from Peterborough Big Band.

The first of three planned footpath walks in the parish took place in early June. Thirty people met in the car park of the Wildlife Trust Deepings Nature Reserve on Station Road and after a walk through the reserve followed the route of public right of way 909 along the bank of the River Welland to Eastgate.

Further footpath walks have been organised for Thursday 7 July 2016 meeting at the former Rose Inn Frognall at 7pm and Tuesday 26 July 2016 meeting at Woody Heights recreation area Linchfield Road at 7pm.

The fourth annual Deepings Dog Show will be held on Sunday 10 July 2016 on Jubilee Park Thackers Way. A very popular event, it raises funds for additional equipment for the park, such as benches and waste bins and noticeboards.



RESPECTFUL: Lance Corporal Lovesy and Lance Corporal Crawford from Market Deeping Army Cadets



Other events to be held in the parish include The Deepings Carnival on Sunday 3 July 2016, St Guthlac's Church Fete 16 July 2016, The Deepings Raft Race on Sunday 7 August 2016 and The Deepings Duck Race on Sunday 4 September 2016.

What's on...

MERES LEISURE CENTRE GRANTHAM NG31 7XQ

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE – GRAVITY FIELDS FESTIVAL

Wednesday 21 September

6.30pm

**Family show: 6.30pm - £12 / £10
conc/ £38 family of four**

There's a scientist, engineer or inventor in all of you!

Watch this extraordinary science show - coming with a bang, a whoosh and most of all with a hovercraft built on stage. Oh, and a human cannon too!

This highly entertaining new production comes from a completely different direction to look at the inventors and engineers who have shaped and inspired the modern world. We are talking liquid nitrogen frozen flowers to hydrogen bottle rockets, Buzz Aldrin to Virgin Galactic, a cat food tin to the hovercraft and the discovery of methane to the invention of the battery.

Join the super talented presenters with the voiceover of X Factor's Peter Dickson on a journey using brilliantly designed demonstrations with a few loud bangs to lead the way. Fingers in ears advised....

ELAINE PAIGE - STRIPPED BACK

Friday 21 October

**£55 / £35.50 / £28.50 +£1 Booking
Fee Per Ticket**

Elaine has performed live in concert all over the world and as a recording artist has worked with legendary producers such as Tony Visconti, Dennis Lambert, Peter Matz and Phil Ramone amongst others and has released 22 solo albums (four multi-platinum and nine gold,) been

featured on seven cast recordings and has had major worldwide hits with songs such as Memory (Cats) and I Know Him So Well (Chess.)

GUILDHALL ARTS CENTRE ST PETER'S HILL GRANTHAM NG31 6PZ

MARTY MACDONALD'S TOY MACHINE

Saturday 23 July 2pm

**£10 / £9 concessions / £36
family of four**

A brand new show for 2016 featuring the voices of CBeebies' Justin Fletcher and Nicole Davis as Pongo the Pig and Molly-Moo the Cow!

Marty MacDonald's Toy Machine is a fun, interactive, song-filled adventure, set on a colourful farmyard and featuring a host of lovable puppet characters. It's a family show particularly suitable for 2 - 7 year olds, lasts for 80 minutes (including a 15-minute interval) and has a special cast meet and greet after the performance! (Please note Justin and Nicole do not appear in person)

SOUNDS OF THE GLENN MILLER ERA

Saturday 10 September 7.30pm

£19.50

An audience waits for that first moment of sound. The Big Band is poised, relaxed, but with eyes anxious for the lead. And then, as if giving body to an echo, the murmured notes of 'Moonlight Serenade' and the night, it seems, is suddenly full and timeless.

There are those who watch and listen who tap a shy finger to the melodies, others who follow with a silent

foot-beat, still others who murmur softly through the lyrics, and those who simply permit a fleeting smile. But common to all are memories. Recapture the sounds of a bygone era as the Nick Ross Orchestra presents 'an unmissable evening of music and song' - the Classic Big Band Sound of the 1940s.

BOURNE CORN EXCHANGE 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE PE10 9EF

THE PREMIER CRU SHOW

Friday 29 July 7.30pm

A really great live band of experienced musicians specialising in music from the swinging sixties right up to the eighties showcasing the fantastic music of the Beatles, The Kinks, Cliff Richard and the Shadows, Roxy Music, The Drifters and many others.

Please call the Guildhall Box Office on (01476) 406158 for more information.

TONY PEERS PRESENTS 'MOVIES MEETS THE MUSICALS'

Wednesday 28 September 2pm

Ticket prices to be announced. Please call the Guildhall Box Office on (01476) 406158 for more information.

STAMFORD ARTS CENTRE 27 ST MARY'S STREET STAMFORD PE9 2DL

ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS (PG)

Sunday 24 July 5pm

**Monday 25 July – Thursday 28 July
2pm**

£5.50

Dir: James Bobbin USA
2016 Starring: Johnny Depp,
Anne Hathaway, Helena Bonham-
Carter The dazzling sequel to Tim
Burton's Alice in Wonderland sees
Alice return to the enchanted world
in order to save the Mad Hatter
from the Red Queen's desire to
have him executed.

ROAMING ROBOTS WORKSHOPS
Mon 1 August 10.30am –
12.30pm and 1.30pm – 3.30pm
£12

If you like robotics or making
things, or if you want to have some
fun racing your own custom-made
robots in our special arena, come
along and join a team! John Findlay
(from TV's Robot Wars) shows
you how to make your own small
fighting robot out of craft materials
and electronics. Definitely not one
to miss!

Ways to book your tickets:

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www.guildhallartscentre.com

Stamford Arts Centre
01780 763203
www.stamfordartscentre.com

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