



The Stamford Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Publication Stage Consultation

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The Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on our website at;

<http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/stamfordplan>

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You can return completed forms by either:

- e-mail to planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk or
- post to

Planning Policy and Partnerships Team
South Kesteven District Council
Council Offices
St. Peter's Hill
Grantham NG31 6PZ

Comments on the Neighbourhood Plan must be submitted no later than the 19th of April 2021.

Completing the Form

Please clearly state to which part of the Neighbourhood Plan your response relates, whether you are supporting, objecting or commenting, what your reasons for this are and what changes, if any, to the Neighbourhood Plan you consider necessary.

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¹ <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/neighbourhood-planning/the-basic-conditions-that-a-draft-neighbourhood-plan-or-order-must-meet-if-it-is-to-proceed-to-referendum/>



1) Your Contact Details: (Please Note – an Email address is a mandatory requirement)	
Name:	Phil Hughes
Company/Organisation Name <i>(If applicable):</i>	Lincolnshire County Council
Address:	[REDACTED]
Telephone No:	
Email Address <i>(Mandatory):</i>	

2) Please indicate to which part (or Policy) of the Neighbourhood Plan your response relates:
Chapter 10 Environment

3) Please indicate if the response is: please mark with an "x"			
<u>Supporting:</u>		<u>Objecting:</u>	x



4) Please indicate your reasons for this. Please be as precise as possible and ensure any relevant evidence and supporting information is included (continue on separate sheet if needed)

Despite Lincolnshire County Council's (LCC) initial comments in the Nov 2020 consultation, the current iteration of the Plan remains poor in terms of recognition for Public Rights of Way (PROW) and despite comments about "further consideration" under The Environment, LCC can find no reference to how the Plan will develop linkages into the wider countryside.

Public rights of way are mentioned only twice in the entire document (under the Environment section) and merely in relation to their value as green infrastructure (GI) listed amongst other GI resources and also in relation to the R.Welland Green Corridor. There is no mention of the wider existing PROW network and the opportunities and value it provides and absolutely no mention of bridleways despite there being a number of such rights in the area. Greater consideration should be given to linking the Town to the countryside especially when considering the impacts of new developments on the edge of the Town inclusive of the need to consider new links to existing networks and the potential for improvements to access furniture / path surfaces on the existing network.

Given the significant increase in access to the countryside activity during the pandemic year it is disappointing that this is not reflected in a plan for one of the County's main towns.

LCC should also point out poor practice in the interchangeable use of the term "footpath" when "footway" is what is being described - for clarity:

Footway – an area of carriageway set aside for the use of pedestrians and occasionally set aside from the main vehicular part of the carriageway by a verge

Footpath – a public right of way separate from the carriageway and a highway in its own right.



5) Please set out what changes to the Neighbourhood Plan you consider to be necessary included (continue separate sheet if needed):

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Signed: [Redacted]

Date: 13 April 2021



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Chapter 12, Policy 9

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Chapter 12 'Heritage and views' is dominated by consideration of views and designated heritage assets. There is little mention of the consideration of non-designated heritage assets which will include rich archaeological deposits throughout the historic core of the town. This results in Policy 9 completely failing to mention archaeology. This policy also does not use NPPF-compliant language. The NPPF says that the planning system ought to secure the future of and where possible enhance the significance of heritage assets and their settings. Significance is an important concept which underpins good management of change in the historic environment



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