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## South Kesteven District Council Local Plan Review 2023 - 2043

### Settlement Hierarchy Review

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# 1. Introduction

## Background

- 1.1 As part the South Kesteven Local Plan review the settlement hierarchy is being revisited to identify any changes to settlements in the District that are the most sustainable, based on the range of facilities and services present.
- 1.2 A settlement hierarchy involves identifying and grouping together settlements that perform similar roles. Establishing a Settlement Hierarchy is an important element of a Local Plan, as it guides the types of developments that are appropriate in each location and enables different levels of growth in different locations, based upon the services and facilities within the settlement.
- 1.3 The Local Plan review will set out a revised 'Settlement Hierarchy', which will influence where development can occur and what is appropriate in each location.
- 1.4 The purpose of this paper is to undertake a review of the Settlement Hierarchy that is currently set out within the adopted SKDC Local Plan<sup>1</sup> and ascertain whether
  - All Larger villages should be retained
  - All Smaller villages should be retained,
  - Additional Larger Villages should be added, and;
  - Additional Smaller Villages should be added.
- 1.5 All settlements (excluding the Market Towns and Sub Regional Centre of Grantham) have been assessed under a methodology which combines the approach of the previous scoring methodology in the 2017<sup>2</sup> and the update of smaller villages in 2019<sup>3</sup>, with the 2024 review<sup>4</sup> which introduced further criteria.
- 1.6 This document provides
  - a brief overview of the national and local planning policy context,
  - sets out the broad methodology used to develop the settlement hierarchy, and
  - outlines any changes to the classification of each of the District's settlements.
  - A Council response to the matters raised in objection to Policy SP2 and the Settlement Hierarchy Report (Feb 2024) (Appendix 4)

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/planning-building-control/planning-policy-local-plans/south-kesteven-local-plan>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-08/HOU5\\_Settlement\\_Hierarchy\\_Review.pdf](https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-08/HOU5_Settlement_Hierarchy_Review.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-08/JH- Smaller Settlement Report Draft 2.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-02/Settlement%20Hierarchy%20Review%20February%202024.pdf>

## Policy Context

- 1.7 The current Local Plan 2011-2036 provides the main planning policies for new development within South Kesteven District. Since the adoption of the Local Plan there have been a number of changes to national planning policy, which must be taken into consideration while preparing the Local Plan review.

### National Planning Policy

- 1.8 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2024 states that sustainable development must be achieved through three overarching objectives;

- **Economic** (ensuring that sufficient land of the right types is available in the right places to support growth, innovation and improved productivity and identifying and coordinating the provision of infrastructure)
- **Social** (supporting strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ensuring that a sufficient number and range of homes can be provided with accessible services and open spaces) and;
- **Environmental** (protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land, helping to improve biodiversity).

- 1.9 The NPPF states

*“Planning policies and decisions should play an active role in guiding development towards sustainable solutions, but in doing so should take local circumstances into account, to reflect the character, needs and opportunities of each area” (Paragraph 9).*

And

*“To promote sustainable development in rural area, housing should be located where it will enhance or maintain the vitality of rural communities. Planning policies should identify opportunities for villages to grow and thrive, especially where this will support local services. Where there are groups of smaller settlements, development in one village may support services in a village nearby” (Paragraph 83).*

- 1.10 The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. One of the key principles of national policy is an understanding of the different roles and character of different areas. This enables the direction of growth to areas that are most sustainable in terms of the services and facilities they offer, or can be made more sustainable through additional growth.

## Local policy

- 1.11 The adopted Local Plan (2011-2036) sets out the settlement hierarchy for South Kesteven. The settlements vary in size, location, and function, the current Local Plan has a simple settlement hierarchy.
- 1.12 The current settlement hierarchy ranks settlements based on various factors, such as availability of local services and access to sustainable transport options.
- 1.13 In the adopted Local Plan, the settlement hierarchy focuses the majority of development in Grantham to strengthen its role as a Sub-Regional Centre and also towards the market towns Stamford, Bourne, and The Deepings. The District's four towns provide a range of local services and facilities which also serve a much wider population.
- 1.14 There are 15 Larger Villages, identified within South Kesteven, they are the most sustainable type of village in the district. The Larger Villages are a focus for development, and some have been allocated development proposals. The Local Plan also identifies 60 smaller villages which have (or are close to) "essential" services and facilities.
- 1.15 Policy SP2 of the adopted Local Plan supports development in large and small Villages in accordance with Policy SP3: Infill development and Policy SP4: Development on the edge of Settlements, and other relevant policies. Other settlements not listed in Policy SP2 are classified as open countryside and less sustainable therefore our current planning policies restrict new development to exceptional cases in these locations.
- 1.16 The Settlement Hierarchy in the adopted Local Plan is as follows;

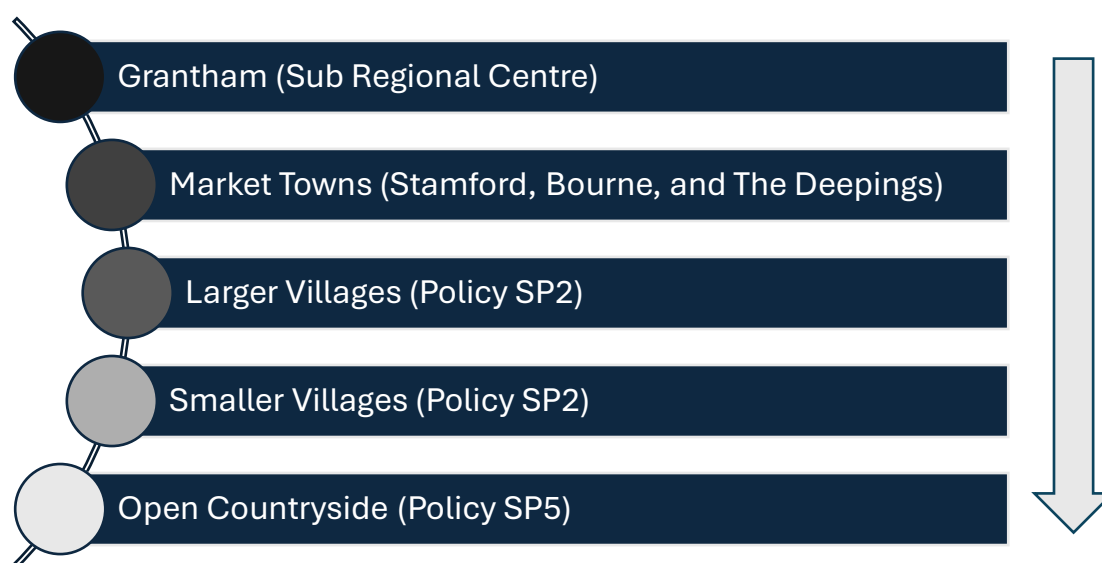


Figure 1: Settlement Hierarchy

- 1.17 The Council is now reviewing its adopted Local Plan (2011-2036). As part of the review a new evidence base is being prepared and this includes assessment of the need for new homes, employment and retail land across South Kesteven. The settlement hierarchy will form part of the evidence base to inform and determine the distribution of development in the Local Plan.

## 2. Methodology

### Approach

- 2.1 This section of the paper identifies how each settlement was appraised as part of the review. This is primarily based on the assessment of each settlement on its relative accessibility to a range of services, facilities and employment opportunities.

### Village Services and Facilities Survey

- 2.2 The Settlement Hierarchy review process begun with a Village Services and Facilities Survey in March 2024. A questionnaire (see Appendix 1) which included a number of economic and social indicators to assess the sustainability of each settlement and was distributed to all Parish Council's across the District. Each Parish Council was asked to complete a form for each of the settlements present within the Parish. This sought to identify an updated picture of the provision of services and facilities within each settlement.
- 2.3 Indicators included;
- The presence of schools, shops and community facilities including; village halls, community centers, Food facilities, Hairdressers, Place of Worship, Post Office, Public House, Doctors, Police stations, Fire stations, and recreational open spaces.
  - Access to local employment opportunities
  - Access to Bus and other transport routes
- 2.4 The Council received a good response rate from the Parish Council's. Further desktop research was also undertaken where there was no response or outstanding information on the survey was yet to be received. This involved checking information about services and facilities available online through published sources.



- 2.5 The adopted Local Plan has a number of Larger Villages, which consist of two settlements due to their proximity to each other. These relationships were established where smaller settlements were situated with no physical gap of a larger settlement. The current Larger Villages which consist of two settlements are
- Caythorpe and Frieston and;
  - Thurlby and Northorpe
- 2.6 These relationships were established in the superseded Core Strategy (2010) and were carried forward into the Local Plan (2011-2036).
- 2.7 ‘Caythorpe and Frieston’ and ‘Thurlby and Northorpe’ are joint Larger Villages and retain their joint status as Larger Villages in the review of the Local Plan because there is a clear join of these settlements (i.e., there is no physical gap between them).

### Scoring and Criteria

- 2.8 A scoring matrix which was based on the previous approved methodology, provides an overall score for each settlement based on the availability of services and facilities.
- 2.9 Not all services and facilities have been scored equally and this reflects their weighted importance. As such a Primary School, Local Shop, have high scores as they are considered as essential facilities, and both must be present for a settlement to be considered within the Larger Village category.
- 2.10 Where a settlement has two or more of the same listed facilities, an additional score was added to the total scoring for the settlement. For example, a village with a Local convenience store and a Butchers would score 9.
- 2.11 If there is a part time facility, then a part time score would override the first score. For example, a post office service open only on a Monday and Thursday would score 1.
- 2.12 Table 1 below sets out the scoring matrix used and detailed scores for each settlement can be found within Appendix 2.

Table 1: Scoring Matrix

Category	First Score	Additional Score	Part Time Score
Primary School	6	3	
Local Shop (including Butchers/Bakers)	6	3	3
Village Hall/ Community Hall	3	1	1
Place as Worship (not as use as village hall)	3	1	1
Bus Service to nearest Town Centre (0-1 hour)	4	2	
Bus service to nearest Town Centre (1 hour +)	3	1	
Bus Service (less frequent/Call Connect)	2	1	
School Bus	2	1	
Post Office	3	1	1
Public House	3	1	1
Doctors	3	1	1
Police/Fire Station	2	1	1
Recreational/Open Space – all	2	1	
Children's Play area (equipped)	2	1	
Secondary School	3	1	
Train Station	3	1	
Local Business >10	1		
Local Business 11-20	2		
Local Business 21-30	3		
Local Business 31-40	4		
Local Business 41-50	5		
Local Business 51-60	6		
Day nursery, preschool, playgroup, creche	2	1	1



Category	First Score	Additional Score	Part Time Score
Mobile Library	1		
Other services (e.g. Hairdressers, Restaurant, Café, Petrol Station)	1	1	

2.13 Each settlement was given its overall score and then assessed against the following criteria in order to see which category the settlement was most suited too. For a settlement to be determined as a larger village it must have a score of 30 or more, before application of the following criteria:

**Criteria 1)** – Does the settlement has a primary school and a local shop?

**Criteria 2)**– Does the settlement have more than 30 dwellings

**Criteria 3)** – Does the settlement has at least one primary facility. A primary facility was assessed to be one of the following;

- Local Shop
- School
- Public House
- Village Hall

**Criteria 4)** – Is the settlement is within a 10 minute walking distance from another settlement with a primary facility?

2.14 The following flowchart has been designed to highlight the process.

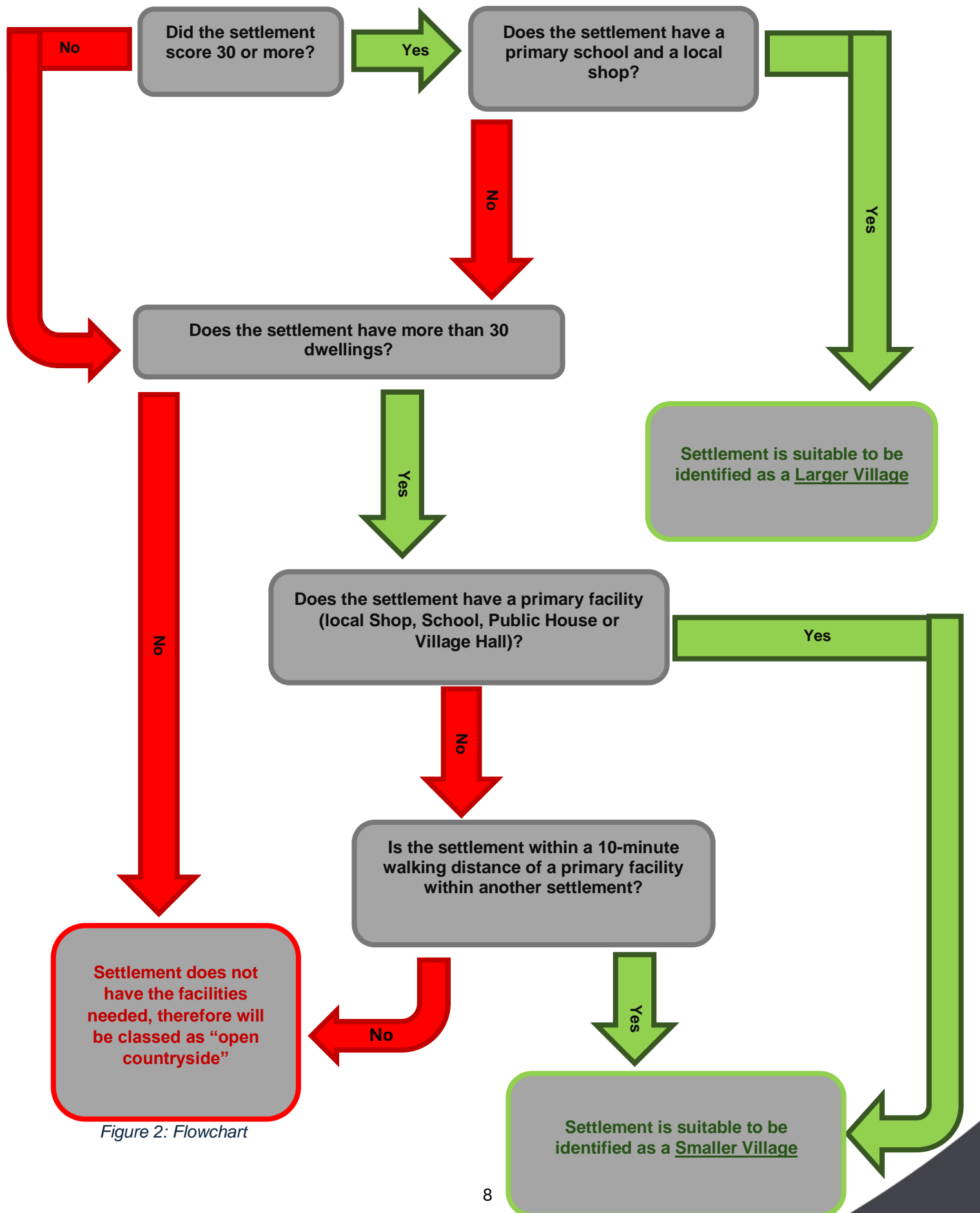


Figure 2: Flowchart

## 3. Policy Changes

### Results and Conclusions

- 3.1 The initial scoring assessment results can be found in Appendix 2. The settlements are in order from highest to lowest scoring.
- 3.2 The results highlight that of the 128 settlements assessed in the settlement hierarchy review, a total of 16 settlements have been deemed to be allocated as a Larger Village and 58 as Smaller Village. A full breakdown of details of the changes to village status can be found in Appendix 3. This reflects the scores and assessments undertaken in February 2024, and updated in May 2025.
- 3.3 Whilst the results are broadly similar to the adopted Local Plan hierarchy there have been some changes, which were highlighted in the February 2024 update and this refresh.
- 3.4 The settlement of Claypole (previously a Smaller Village) has been recognised as a Larger Village due to its high scoring (a score of 30 or more) given the availability of services and facilities. There is also a Primary School and Local Shop, which means that it meets the Larger Village criteria.
- 3.5 There has also been changes in regards to the category of Smaller Villages. The settlement of Careby has been recognised as a Smaller Village due to a newly refurbished village hall now being in use in the village meaning it now has one of the key facilities to meet the Smaller Village criteria.
- 3.6 Three settlements have been removed from the smaller village category. Claypole, which is now recognised as a Larger Village. Sedgebrook and Toft, have also been removed as smaller villages and recognised as open countryside due to reduction in available facilities and services.
- 3.7 The Settlement Hierarchy will also be used to determine which settlements will have site allocations. However, it is not the only factor that has been used for determining where sites for allocation should be located. The Sustainability Appraisal, the availability of suitable, developable land and infrastructure capacity will also be key considerations.

## Updated Settlement Hierarchy

- 3.8 The proposed updated settlement hierarchy for the Local Plan review can be found in Table 2 below.

*Table 2: Updated Settlement Hierarchy*

Category	Settlements
<b>Sub – Regional Centre</b>	Grantham
<b>Market Towns</b>	Stamford, Bourne, The Deepings
<b>Larger Villages</b>	Ancaster, Barkston, Barrowby, Baston, Billingborough, Caythorpe and Frieston, <b>Claypole</b> , Colsterworth, Corby Glen, Great Gonerby, Harlaxton, Langtoft, Long Bennington, Morton, South Witham, Thurlby and Northorpe
<b>Smaller Villages</b>	Aisby, Allington, Aslackby, Barholm, Belton, Braceborough, Boothby Pagnell, Burton Coggles, <b>Careby</b> , Carlby, Carlton Scoop, Castle Bytham, <b>Claypole</b> , Denton, Dowsby, Dry Doddington, Dunsby, Dyke, Edenham, Folkingham, Foston, Frognall, Fulbeck, Greatford, Great Ponton, Haconby, Hanthorpe, Horbling, Hougham, Hough on the Hill, Ingoldsby, Irnham, Kirby Underwood, Lenton, Little Bytham, Manthorpe (Bourne), Marston, North Witham, Oasby, Old Somerby, Pickworth, Pointon, Rippingale, Ropsley, <b>Sedgebrook</b> , Skillington, Stubton, Sudbrook, Swayfield, Swinstead, Syston, Twenty, <b>Toft</b> , Tallington, Uffington, Welby, Westborough, Witham on the Hill, West Deeping, Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth.
<b>Open Countryside</b>	All other settlements/areas not listed above

## 4. Conclusions

- 4.1 This study will form part of our evidence base and will help inform the Local Plan review. Our evidence base and Sustainability Appraisal will also assist us in making decisions regarding the future location of development. It will highlight those areas that are considered to be the most sustainable and will make recommendations regarding which settlements might be able to accommodate, and best benefit from, additional growth.

### Monitoring and Future review

- 4.2 The review has been based upon village surveys and data collated as of April 2025. It is recognised that information on services and facilities may change and that the information will only be correct at a particular point in time.
- 4.3 The Authority Monitoring Report monitors new development. This helps us determine whether the vast majority of new homes and other forms of development are being located within the most sustainable locations. Through the Authority Monitoring Report we will monitor the effectiveness of our new Local Plan and, if necessary, it will trigger a review of policies or supporting evidence base.

## Appendices

### Appendix 1: Village Services and Facilities Survey



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#### **South Kesteven District Council – Local Plan Review - Village Services and Facilities Survey 2024**

Dear Parish Clerk/Chair,

We are revisiting the Village Service and Facilities Survey which was previously undertaken with Parish Councils in 2021. The survey informed the settlement hierarchy proposed as part of the Draft Local Plan consultation which is currently open for comment.

We would be grateful if you could complete the enclosed survey indicating the range of shops, services and facilities, employment opportunities and availability of public transport that are present within your village(s), including any additional details you may be able to provide about them. For example, it would be helpful to know shop opening times, if there are any mobile services, and if there is more than one of the same facility.

The survey consists of the following four parts

- Part 1: Available Services and Facilities
- Part 2: Local Employment Opportunities
- Part 3: Bus and Transport Routes
- Part 4: Supplementary Information

Part 4 of the survey provides space for you to express the views of the Parish Council on several topics, including any consultation you may have conducted with local residents. In addition, if there are other areas you think that the Council should be aware of, please include them within your response.

Any changes to the services and facilities available in villages since the previous assessment will be used to inform any required update to the settlement hierarchy as part of the Local Plan Review.

If your Parish Council represents more than one village, please complete a **separate** survey for each village.

Please return your completed survey(s) by **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April** to [planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk) or via post to Planning Policy, Council Offices, The Picture House, St Catherine's Road, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 6TT.

In addition to the completion of the attached survey we also welcome any comments on the proposed settlement hierarchy via the ongoing consultation on the Draft Local Plan – information about the consultation on the Draft Local Plan can be found at the following webpage - [www.southkesteven.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/localplanreview)

If you have any queries about this survey, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Policy Team using the contact details at the bottom of this email.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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## South Kesteven Village Services and Facilities Survey 2024

Name of Village

### Part 1: Available Services and Facilities

Type of Facility		Available?		Additional information (opening hours/ mobile service/ availability)
		Yes	No	
Shops	Post Office			
	Newsagent			
	Butcher			
	Baker			
	Greengrocery Store			
	Grocery Store			
	General Store			
	Mini Supermarket			
	Craft Supplies			
	Hardware Store			
	Other Retail (not included or in addition to above)			

Services	Hairdressers			
	Florist			
	Café			
	Restaurant			
	Hot Food Takeaway services (e.g., Fish & chip shop)			
	Bank/Building Society			



		Available?		Additional information (opening hours/ mobile service/ availability)
Type of Facility		Yes	No	
	ATM facility			
	Chemist/Pharmacy			
	Petrol Filling Station/ Electric Vehicle Charging Points			
	Motor Repairs and Servicing			
	Other services (not included or in addition to above)			

Community Facilities	Primary School			
	Secondary School			
	Nursery/ Pre-School/ Crèche			
	Doctors Surgery			
	Police Station/Office			
	Fire station			
	Dentist			
	Place of Worship			
	Village Hall			
	Community Centre			
	Library			
	Public House			
	Social Club			
	Residential/Nursing/Extra Care Facility			
	Allotments			



Type of Facility		Available?		Additional information (opening hours/ mobile service/ availability)
		Yes	No	
	Children's Equipped Play Area			
	Sport Field/Facilities (public use)			
	Other Parks or Open Space			
	Other Community Facility (not included or in addition to above)			

Other	Please state any other facility/services not included above in the spaces below			



## Part 2: Local Employment Opportunities

Please provide information about Local Employment Opportunities

Company Name and Location	Type of Employment*	Number of Employees			Comments/ Additional Details
		0-4	5-20	20+	

### Type of Employment\*

**Industrial** (e.g., food processing]; **Manufacturing**; **Office**; **Retail** (inc. web-based sales); **Service** (e.g., support industrial such as cleaning, insurance, recruitment agency); **Transport** (inc. haulage, bus operators, taxis); **Other** (anything not included in the other categories)



### Part 3: Bus and Transport Routes

Please provide information about the Bus and Transport Routes which service your village

Type of Public Transport (e.g., Bus, Train).	Operator	Destination	Frequency of Service							Comments/Information about the service (e.g., bus number)
			Every 30 mins	Hourly	1-3 Hourly	School Bus	Daily	Weekly	Bookable (e.g., Call connect)	
Location							Comments			
Location(s) of Bus/Train Stop(s) within the Village										
Location of Nearest Bus/Train Stop outside the Village (If none within the Village)										
Are there any specific school transport arrangements?			School(s) served				Service provided by;			



#### **Part 4: Supplementary Information**

Any additional information you can supply on the following topics would be helpful

<b>It is recognised that many of our villages have few shops and facilities, and residents are, therefore, heavily reliant upon travelling to other villages or towns. This can create linkages or relationships with other villages. Do you think this is the case with your village? If so, with which villages(s) do you have established/recognised ties?</b>
<b>Are there any known infrastructure deficiencies in your village? If so, are these already being addressed?</b>
<b>Are there any areas/issues which are of concern to the village (e.g., traffic, parking, lack of facilities, housing etc.)?</b>
<b>Some villages are preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. Has this been considered by your village?</b>
<b>Have the views of your community been sought on issues such as new housing etc?</b>
<b>Land will need to be found for new housing during the life of the new Local Plan (up to 2041) in some of the District's villages. Does the Parish Council feel that your village would wish to be a Growth Village?</b>
<b>Do you think that the village could accept:</b> a) small developments (e.g., 1 or 2 houses but not more than 5), b) larger developments (e.g., 5-20 houses), or c) infill developments only (i.e., single properties)?



## Appendix 2: Village Survey Scoring Results

Settlement	Primary School	Food Shop/Local Shop	Village Hall/Meeting Hall/Memorial Hall	Place of Worship	Bus service	School Bus	Post Office	Public House	Doctors	Police/Fire	Recreational/Open Space/ Allotments -all	Children's Play area (equipped)	Secondary school	Train station	Local business	Day nursery, pre school playgroup, creche, childminder	Other services (1 point)	Mobile Library	Total
<b>BILLINGBOROUGH</b>	6	12	3	3	5	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	0	0	4	2	7	2	63
<b>LONG BENNINGTON</b>	6	9	3	3	5	3	1	4	3	2	3	2	0	0	2	2	5	1	54
<b>ANCASTER</b>	6	9	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	0	3	2	0	3	1	2	4	1	51
<b>CORBY GLEN</b>	6	6	3	3	3	3	1	4	4	2	2	2	3	0	2	2	4	1	51
<b>COLSTERWORTH</b>	6	9	3	3	3	2	1	3	3	0	4	2	0	0	2	2	6	0	50
<b>GREAT GONERBY</b>	6	9	3	3	5	3	3	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	3	1	47
<b>MORTON</b>	6	6	3	4	6	2	1	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	4	1	46
<b>CAYTHORPE AND FRIESTON</b>	6	6	3	3	4	2	3	4	3	0	3	2	0	0	0	2	3	1	45
<b>LANGTOFT</b>	6	6	3	3	7	0	3	3	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	2	5	1	44
<b>CLAYPOLE</b>	6	9	3	3	4	3	0	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	4	1	42
<b>HARLAXTON</b>	6	6	3	3	5	2	3	3	3	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	42
<b>SOUTH WITHAM</b>	6	9	3	3	3	2	1	3	1	0	3	2	0	0	2	2	1	1	42
<b>THURLBY AND NORTHORPE</b>	6	6	3	4	6	2	3	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	40
<b>BARKSTON</b>	6	6	4	3	7	2	1	3	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	40





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BASTON	6	6	3	3	4	0	3	4	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	38
BARROWBY	6	6	3	3	4	2	0	3	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	2	1	1	37
POINTON	6	0	3	3	2	1	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	4	1	31
FOLKINGHAM	0	6	3	3	2	2	1	3	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	2	1	30
TALLINGTON	0	6	3	3	7	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	3	1	29
CASTLE BYTHAM	0	3	3	3	3	2	1	4	3	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	29
ALLINGTON	6	0	3	3	3	2	1	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	28
GREAT PONTON	6	6	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	27
EDENHAM	6	0	3	3	2	2	0	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	26
ROPSLEY	6	0	3	3	3	0	1	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	26
UFFINGTON	6	0	3	3	4	0	0	3	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	26
FULBECK	0	0	3	3	3	2	0	3	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	3	1	24
RIPPINGALE	0	0	3	3	3	2	1	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	2	1	1	24
LITTLE BYTHAM	6	0	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	22
DRY DODDINGTON	0	0	3	3	4	2	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	22
INGOLDSBY	6	0	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	22
SEDGEBROOK	0	0	0	3	7	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	21
MARSTON	6	3	3	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	21



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BURTON COGGLES	0	6	3	3	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
HORBLING	6	0	3	3	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	20
SKILLINGTON	0	0	3	4	4	2	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	20
SWAYFIELD	0	0	3	3	2	2	0	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	20
DENTON	6	0	0	3	5	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	20
WITHAM ON THE HILL	0	0	3	3	2	2	0	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	19
WOOLSTHORPE BY BELVOIR	0	6	3	3	4	2	0	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	19
WEST DEEPING	0	0	3	3	4	2	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	19
CARLBY	0	0	3	3	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	17
GREATFORD	0	0	3	3	2	0	0	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	17
FOSTON	0	0	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	17
WESTBOROUGH	0	0	3	3	5	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	16
ASLACKBY	0	0	3	3	3	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	16
SWINSTEAD	0	0	3	3	2	2	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	16
DOWSBY	0	0	3	3	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	16
SYSTON	0	0	3	3	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	15
HONINGTON	0	0	3	3	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	14
HACONBY	0	0	0	3	2	2	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	14



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CARLTON SCROOP	0	0	3	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	14
DUNSBY	0	0	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	14
BOOTHBY PAGNELL	0	0	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	13
HOUGHAM	0	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	13
DYKE	0	0	3	0	4	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	13
OLD SOMERBY	0	0	0	3	3	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	13
HOUGH ON THE HILL	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	13
NORTH WITHAM	0	0	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
CAREBY	0	0	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	12
WELBY	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	12
STUBTON	0	0	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	12
BRACEBOROUGH	0	0	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	12
WOOLSTHORPE BY COLSTERWORTH	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	12
MILLTHORPE	0	6	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	12
BELTON	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	11
GELSTON	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	11
AISBY	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
BARHOLM	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	10



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PICKWORTH	0	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
CREETON	0	0	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	10
IRNHAM	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	9
NORMANTON ON CLIFFE	0	0	0	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
TWENTY	0	0	3	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	9
FROGNALL	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	9
MANTHORPE (BOURNE)	0	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	9
LITTLE PONTON	0	0	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	9
TOFT	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8
BRANDON	0	0	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	8
WYVILLE CUM HUNGERTON	0	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
WILSTHORPE	0	0	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	8
STAINFIELD	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
GRIMSTHORPE	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	7
KIRKBY UNDERWOOD	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
LENTON	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
STOKE ROCHFORD	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6



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FENTON	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
GREAT HUMBY	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
STROXTON	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
BASSINGTHORPE	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
BRACEBY	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
SAPPERTON	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
WEST WILLOUGHBY	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
BITCHFIELD	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
SEMPRINGHAM	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
HUMBY (LITTLE HUMBY)	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
GUNBY	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
BULBY	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
HEYDOUR	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
LOBTHORPE	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
STAINBY	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
BIRTHORPE	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
HAWTHORPE	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
SCOTTLETHORPE	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2



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COUNTHORPE	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ELSTHORPE	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
AUNBY	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
GRABY	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
KEISBY	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
LOUND	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
EASTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
SUDBROOK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
OASBY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
HANTHORPE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
CASTHORPE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
CAWTHORPE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
HOLYWELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
LAUGHTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
OSGODBY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
WESTBY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIRKHOLME	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRIDGE END	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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CASEWICK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COLD HARBOUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HANBY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LOWER BITCHFIELD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEWSTEAD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STENWITH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WOODNOOK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





### Appendix 3: Recommended Village Status

Settlement	Current Status	Number of residential addresses	Total Score	Larger Village Criteria			Smaller village Criteria							Recommend Village Status	Change in Status?
				Scores More than 30?	Both Key Facilities required		More than 30 dwellings?	1 Key Facility required					10-min walk to key facility?		
					Primary school	Food Shop			Shop	Primary School	Village Hall	Public House			
AISBY	Small	67	10	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	/	Small	No	
ALLINGTON	Small	557	28	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	/	Small	No	
ANCASTER	Large	826	51		Y	Y	/	/	/	/	/	/	Large	No	
ASLACKBY	Small	162	16	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	/	Small	No	
AUNBY	Open Countryside	20	2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
BARHOLM	Small	58	10	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	/	Small	No	
BARKSTON	Large	341	40	Y	Y	Y	/	/	/	/	/	/	Large	No	
BARROWBY	Large	1068	37	Y	Y	Y	/	/	/	/	/	/	Large	No	
BASSINGTHORPE	Open Countryside	11	5	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
BASTON	Large	829	38	Y	Y	Y	/	/	/	/	/	/	Large	No	
BELTON	Small	107	11	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Small	No	
BILLINGBOROUGH	Large	769	63	Y	Y	Y	/	/	/	/	/	/	Large	No	
BIRKHOLME	Open Countryside	14	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
BIRTHORPE	Open Countryside	14	3	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	



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				Scores More than 30?	Both Key Facilities required		More than 30 dwellings?	1 Key Facility required				10-min walk to key facility?			
					Primary school	Food Shop			Shop	Primary School	Village Hall		Public House		
BITCHFIELD	Open Countryside	53	5	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
BOOTHBY PAGNELL	Small	97	13	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	/	Small	No	
BRACEBOROUGH	Small	100	12	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	/	Small	No	
BRACEBY	Open Countryside	29	5	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
BRANDON	Open Countryside	93	8	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
BRIDGE END	Open Countryside	7	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
BULBY	Open Countryside	35	3	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
BURTON COGGLES	Small	94	21	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	/	Small	No	
CAREBY	Open Countryside	44	12	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	/	Small	Yes	
CARLBY	Small	237	17	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	/	Small	No	
CARLTON SCROOP	Small	129	14	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	/	Small	No	
CASEWICK	Open Countryside	19	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	



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				Scores More than 30?	Both Key Facilities required		More than 30 dwellings?	1 Key Facility required				10-min walk to key facility?		
					Primary school	Food Shop			Shop	Primary School	Village Hall			
CASTHORPE	Open Countryside	17	1	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No
CASTLE BYTHAM	Small	455	29	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	/	Small	No
CAWTHORPE	Open Countryside	29	1	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No
CAYTHORPE AND FRIESTON	Large	770	45	Y	Y	Y	/	/	/	/	/	/	Large	No
CLAYPOLE	Small	725	42	Y	Y	Y	/	/	/	/	/	/	Large	Yes
COLD HARBOUR	Open Countryside		0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No
COLSTERWORTH	Large	899	50	Y	Y	Y	/	/	/	/	/	/	Large	No
CORBY GLEN	Large	682	51	Y	Y	Y	/	/	/	/	/	/	Large	No
COUNTHORPE	Open Countryside	21	2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No
CREETON	Open Countryside	49	10	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No
DENTON	Small	184	20	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	/	Small	No
DOWSBY	Small	96	16	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	/	Small	No
DRY DODDINGTON	Small	181	22	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	/	Small	No
DUNSBY	Small	83	14	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	/	Small	No



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				Scores More than 30?	Both Key Facilities required		More than 30 dwellings?	1 Key Facility required				10-min walk to key facility?			
					Primary school	Food Shop			Shop	Primary School	Village Hall		Public House		
DYKE	Small	157	13	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	/	Small	No	
EASTON	Open Countryside	92	1	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
EDENHAM	Small	122	26	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	/	Small	No	
ELSTHORPE	Open Countryside	18	2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
FENTON	Open Countryside	75	6	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
FOLKINGHAM	Small	467	30	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	/	Small	No	
FOSTON	Small	299	17	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	/	Small	No	
FROGNALL	Small	90	9	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	/	Small	No	
FULBECK	Small	388	24	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	/	Small	No	
GELSTON	Open Countryside	42	11	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
GRABY	Open Countryside	14	2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
GREAT GONERBY	Large	1167	47	Y	Y	Y	/	/	/	/	/	/	Large	No	
GREAT PONTON	Small	263	27	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	/	Small	No	
GREATFORD	Small	136	17	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	/	Small	No	
GRIMSTHORPE	Open Countryside	76	7	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	



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				Scores More than 30?	Both Key Facilities required		More than 30 dwellings?	1 Key Facility required				10-min walk to key facility?			
					Primary school	Food Shop			Shop	Primary School	Village Hall		Public House		
GUNBY	Open Countryside	33	7	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
HACONBY	Small	223	3	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	/	Small	No	
HANBY	Open Countryside	26	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
HANTHORPE	Small	127	1	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Small	No	
HARLAXTON	Large	461	42	Y	Y	Y	/	/	/	/	/	/	Large	No	
HAWTHORPE	Open Countryside	18	2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
HEYDOUR	Open Countryside	20	3	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
HOLYWELL	Open Countryside	34	1	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
HONINGTON	Open Countryside	117	17	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
HORBLING	Small	269	20	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	/	Small	No	
HOUGH ON THE HILL	Small	136	13	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	/	Small	No	
HOUGHAM	Small	128	13	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Small	No	
HUMBY (LITTLE HUMBY)	Open Countryside	54	4	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	



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				Scores More than 30?	Both Key Facilities required		More than 30 dwellings?	1 Key Facility required				10-min walk to key facility?			
					Primary school	Food Shop			Shop	Primary School	Village Hall		Public House		
INGOLDSBY	Small	184	22	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	/	Small	No	
IRNHAM	Small	77	9	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	/	Small	No	
KEISBY	Open Countryside	19	2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
KIRKBY UNDERWOOD	Small	117	6	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	/	Small	No	
LANGTOFT	Large	1050	44	Y	Y	Y	/	/	/	/	/	/	Large	No	
LAUGHTON	Open Countryside	22	1	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
LENTON	Small	54	6	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	/	Small	No	
LITTLE BYTHAM	Small	199	22	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	/	Small	No	
GREAT HUMBY	Open Countryside	17	6	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
LITTLE PONTON	Open Countryside	58	9	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
LOBTHORPE	Open Countryside	36	3	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
LONG BENNINGTON	Large	1405	54	Y	Y	Y	/	/	/	/	/	/	Large	No	
LOUND	Open Countryside	44	2	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	



Settlement	Current Status	Number of residential addresses	Total Score	Larger Village Criteria			Smaller village Criteria							Recommend Village Status	Change in Status?
				Scores More than 30?	Both Key Facilities required		More than 30 dwellings?	1 Key Facility required				10-min walk to key facility?			
					Primary school	Food Shop			Shop	Primary School	Village Hall		Public House		
LOWER BITCHFIELD	Open Countryside	14	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
MANTHORPE (BOURNE)	Small	77	9	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	/	Small	No	
MARSTON	Small	252	21	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	/	Small	No	
MILLTHORPE	Open Countryside	46	6	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
MORTON	Large	1102	46	Y	Y	Y	/	/	/	/	/	/	Large	No	
NEWSTEAD	Open Countryside	33	0	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
NORMANTON ON CLIFFE	Open Countryside	62	9	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
NORTH WITHAM	Small	87	13	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	/	Small	No	
OASBY	Small	122	1	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Small	No	
OLD SOMERBY	Small	139	13	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	/	Small	No	
OSGODBY	Open Countryside	11	1	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
PICKWORTH	Small	107	10	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	/	Small	No	
POINTON	Small	256	31		Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	/	Small	No	
RIPPINGALE	Small	446	24	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	/	Small	No	
ROPSLEY	Small	433	26	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	/	Small	No	





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					Primary school	Food Shop			Shop	Primary School	Village Hall		Public House		
SAPPERTON	Open Countryside	25	5	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
SCOTTLETHORPE	Open Countryside		2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
SEDGEBROOK	Small	201	21	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	Yes	
SEMPRINGHAM	Open Countryside	23	5	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
SKILLINGTON	Small	208	20	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	/	Small	No	
SOUTH WITHAM	Large	854	42	Y	Y	Y	/	/	/	/	/	/	Large	No	
STAINBY	Open Countryside	57	3	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
STAINFIELD	Open Countryside	36	7	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
STENWITH	Open Countryside	6	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
STOKE ROCHFORD	Open Countryside	112	6	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
STROXTON	Open Countryside	33	5	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No	
STUBTON	Small	129	12	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Small	No	
SUDBROOK	Small	117	0	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Small	No	



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				Scores More than 30?	Both Key Facilities required		More than 30 dwellings?	1 Key Facility required				10-min walk to key facility?		
					Primary school	Food Shop			Shop	Primary School	Village Hall			
SWAYFIELD	Small	187	20	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	/	Small	No
SWINSTEAD	Small	152	16	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	/	Small	No
SYSTON	Small	67	15	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	/	Small	No
TALLINGTON	Small	875	29	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	/	Small	No
THURLBY AND NORTHORPE	Large	1032	40	Y	Y	Y	/	/	/	/	/	/	Large	No
TOFT	Small	60	8	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	Yes
TWENTY	Small	50	9	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	/	Small	No
UFFINGTON	Small	312	26	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	/	Small	No
WELBY	Small	108	11	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	/	Small	No
WEST DEEPING	Small	152	19	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	/	Small	No
WEST WILLOUGHBY	Open Countryside	34	5	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No
WESTBOROUGH	Small	79	16	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	/	Small	No
WESTBY	Open Countryside	19	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No
WILSTHORPE	Open Countryside	62	8	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No
WITHAM ON THE HILL	Small	144	19	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	/	Small	No



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				Scores More than 30?	Both Key Facilities required		More than 30 dwellings?	1 Key Facility required				10-min walk to key facility?		
					Primary school	Food Shop			Shop	Primary School	Village Hall			
WOODNOOK	Open Countryside	28	0	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Open Countryside	No
WOOLSTHORPE BY BELVOIR	Small	273	28	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	/	Small	No
WOOLSTHORPE BY COLSTERWORTH	Small	216	12	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Small	No
WYVILLE CUM HUNGERTON	Open Countryside	10	8	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Open Countryside	No



## Appendix 4 : South Kesteven Local Plan Settlement Hierarchy Methodology and Local Plan Policy SP2

### Introduction

This paper responds to the matters raised through the Regulation 18 consultation to the emerging local plan review. It sets out in general terms the purposes of utilising settlement hierarchy's as a robust spatial planning tool, to differentiate between different villages in terms of their services, facilities and functions. There is also reference to National Planning Policy Framework (December 2024) with regard to sustainable development.

There is a schedule with a summary of the objections made to Policy SP2, together with a response from the council to matters raised.

Policy SP 2 Settlement Hierarchy states:

#### SP2: Settlement Hierarchy

In order to address the District's growth needs the Local Plan proposes that:

1. The majority of development will be focused in Grantham in order to support and strengthen its role as a Sub-Regional Centre. New development proposals will be supported on appropriate and deliverable brownfield sites and on sustainable greenfield sites (including urban extensions), where development will not compromise the town's nature and character.\*
2. Development which maintains and supports the role of the three market towns of Stamford, Bourne and the Deepings, will be allowed, provided that it does not compromise their nature and character. Priority will be given to the delivery of sustainable sites within the built up part of the town and appropriate edge of settlement extensions.\*
3. In the Larger Villages as defined below, in addition to allocations, development proposals which promote the role and function of the Larger Villages, and will not compromise the settlement's nature and character, will be supported.

Ancaster	Barkston
Barrowby	Baston
Billingborough	Caythorpe and Frieston
Claypole	Colsterworth
Corby Glen	Great Gonerby
Harlaxton	Langtoft
Long Bennington	Morton
South Witham	Thurlby and Northorpe

4. In Smaller Villages as defined below, small scale development will be supported, where development will not compromise the village's nature and character.\*

Aisby	Dry Doddington	Hough on the Hill	Ropsley	West Deeping
Allington	Dunsby	Ingoldsby	Skillington	Woolsthorpe By Belvoir
Aslackby	Dyke	Imham	Stubton	Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth
Barholm	Edenham	Kirby Underwood	Sudbrook	
Belton	Folkingham	Lenton	Swayfield	
Braceborough	Foston	Little Bytham	Swinstead	
Boothby Pagnell	Frognall	Manthorpe (Bourne)	Syston	
Burton Coggles	Fulbeck	Marston	Twenty	
Careby	Greatford	North Witham	Tallington	
Carlby	Great Ponton	Oasby	Uffington	
Carlton Scroop	Haconby	Old Somerby	Welby	
Castle Bytham	Hanthorpe	Pickworth	Westborough	
Denton	Horbling	Pointon	Witham on the Hill	
Dowsby	Hougham	Rippingale		

\*Proposals for new residential development in these settlements will be assessed against Policies SP3 and SP4.



New development proposals outside of locations listed in SP2 will be subject to assessment against Policy SP5.

## Regulation 18 consultation on the emerging local plan review

Feedback was presented to the Council's Cabinet at its meeting on 11 February 2025 – where the [Statement of Consultation](#) (item 8) was [noted](#) and agreed for publication.

The report noted that in terms of Policy SP2 :

- there were 18 representations objecting and 27 supporting the policy.
  - Support for the overall settlement hierarchy and distribution for growth.
- However, comments on the settlement hierarchy also raised objection to growth being limited in smaller villages
- Objections related to identifying Claypole as a larger village and Hough on the Hill retaining its status as a smaller village.

## Purpose of a Settlement Hierarchy

A settlement hierarchy identifies, and groups together settlements that perform similar roles.

It seeks to define the functions of settlements in terms of their size, employment opportunities, transport links and range of services and facilities. Defining the settlement hierarchy helps to inform the spatial strategy for the Local Plan by ensuring that levels of growth reflect the sustainability of settlements. At the top of the hierarchy will be towns that fulfil the most functions, and are the most sustainable. Smaller, less sustainable, settlements with fewer services and facilities will be towards the bottom of the hierarchy.

Settlement hierarchy's are recognised tools to assist in the spatial planning of areas, particularly those with a mix of settlements which perform varying functions.

## Why Review the Existing Settlement Hierarchy?

Any Settlement Hierarchy assessment can only provide a snapshot in time of the services and facilities accessible in the districts settlements to help establish their levels of sustainability. For example, settlements may have lost or gained services and facilities since they were last assessed for the adopted Local Plan. These may include the changes to bus services and the closure of shops and public houses.

## Policy Context

Government's planning policies for England are set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2024 which provides a framework for local development plans. The NPPF does not provide specific advice and guidance for the production of settlement hierarchies. However, there is an emphasis on sustainable development, a major component of which is reducing the need to travel.

The NPPF (paragraph 7) states that '*The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development*'

Paragraph 9 states - *Planning policies and decisions should play an active role in guiding development towards sustainable solutions, but in doing so should take local circumstances into account, to reflect the character, needs and opportunities of each area .*

Moreover, the NPPF states that: ‘Plans and decisions should apply a presumption in favour of sustainable development’ (Paragraph 11).

The table below indicates the NPPF guidance in relation to sustainability and community facilities:

NPPF	Indicator Used in the settlement hierarchy
<u>Achieving Sustainable Development</u> NPPF para 8 – social objective <i>‘to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ensuring that a sufficient number and range of homes can be provided to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by fostering well-designed, beautiful and safe places, with accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support communities’ health, social and cultural well-being ‘</i>	Primary school Food shop/local shop Place of worship Post office Doctors Recreational/open space/allotments Children’s play area Secondary school Mobile library Day nursery/pre-school, creche, child minder
<u>Rural Housing</u> Para 83 <i>‘to promote sustainable development in rural areas, housing should be located where it will enhance or maintain the vitality of rural communities. Planning policies should identify opportunities for villages to grow and thrive, especially where this will support local services. Where there are groups of smaller settlements, development in one village may support services in a village nearby’</i>	Primary school Food shop/local shop Place of worship Post office Doctors Secondary school Mobile library Day nursery/pre-school, creche, child minder Bus service Public house
<u>Promoting healthy and safe communities</u> Para 98 <i>‘ To provide the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs, planning policies and decisions should:</i> <i>(a) plan positively for the provision and use of shared space, community facilities (such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship) and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments; ‘</i>	Food shop/local shop Village hall/meeting hall/memorial hall Place of worship Post office Day nursery/pre-school, creche, child minder Public house Recreational/open space/allotments Children’s play area
<u>Promoting healthy and safe communities</u> Para 100 <i>‘ It is important that a sufficient choice of school places is available to meet the needs of existing and new communities. ‘</i>	Primary school Secondary school Day nursery/pre-school, creche, child minder School bus
<u>Promoting healthy and safe communities</u> Para 103 – Open space and Recreation ‘	Recreational/open space/allotments Children’s play area



NPPF	Indicator Used in the settlement hierarchy
<i>Access to a network of high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity is important for the health and well-being of communities</i>	
<b>Promoting Sustainable Transport</b> Para 110 <i>'Significant development should be focussed on locations which are or can be made sustainable, through limiting the need to travel and offering a genuine choice of transport modes... However, opportunities to maximise sustainable transport solutions will vary between urban and rural areas, and this should be taken into account in both plan making and decision-making. '</i>	Bus service regular, less frequent services + call connect service School bus

### South Kesteven Settlement Hierarchy and its Review

The Council prepared a [settlement hierarchy](#) to inform the local plan adopted in January 2020. A focused report on the [smaller villages](#) was also prepared.

In recognition that services and facilities can change over time, due to various reasons, the Council commenced a [review](#) to support consultation on the draft Local Plan Review during February to April 2024.

The following schedules set out the matters raised in objection to emerging policy SP2 and the settlement hierarchy review published in February 2024, together with an officer comment and response, and an indication as to whether further changes should be made to Policy SP2.

To ensure that the settlement hierarchy is as up-to-date as possible, this has been refreshed during May 2025.

South Kesteven response to objections to Policy SP2 Settlement Hierarchy :

Rep Name and No	Summary of key issues raised	SKDC Response	Recommended Action
General Comments			
48 (Mrs M Jackson)	Find this section of the plan confusing	Comment noted.	
365 (Mr J Bavister)	The policy is written in an ambiguous manner and does not give small villages protection from development.	<p>Policy SP2 clearly expresses which settlements are defined as smaller villages.</p> <p>Whilst the policy allows for small scale development this is required to not compromise the villages nature and character and any proposals for residential development will also be assessed against policies SP3 and SP4 which provide further details in terms of scale, location and impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>In line with the concept of promoting sustainable development as per NPPF, Policy SP2 seeks to allow appropriate development in the smaller villages.</p>	<u>Recommended Action</u> - No change required
568 (R Knighton)	<p>As the services in villages change constantly the policy needs some flexibility. Villages, even fairly large ones, will never attract services due to the nature of the market economy and the mobility now enjoyed by rural residents.</p> <p>The Local Plan needs to recognise that in order to retain services in villages, development in the smaller surrounding villages will support such services, as explained in para 78 of the NPPF. The presence of services in a village should not be a key criterion in its selection on a list, but possibly the size of the village should be an important consideration.</p>	<p>Policy SP2 allows for development in the smaller villages where the villages nature and character will not be compromised and therefore complies with the requirements of NPPF as set out in the policy context section of this report above.</p> <p>The settlement hierarchy criteria takes into consideration the size of the existing settlement, together with the presence of various services and facilities and therefore categorises settlements accordingly, whereby Policy SP2 then applies an appropriate strategy for the scale of development considered acceptable.</p>	<u>Recommended Action</u> - No change required





Rep Name and No	Summary of key issues raised	SKDC Response	Recommended Action
	Suggest there is no strict classification, given the need for housing and small scale sensitive development should be allowed across all villages.		
1450 (Ms J Plant)	<p>As part of the review small settlements within walking distance of a neighbouring village or town (and which benefit from an adopted footway) should also be reclassified to large village status given they have access to the full range of services that the town offers, without having to use a car.</p> <p>Newstead is one such settlement, Uffington is another.</p>	<p>The revised methodology takes into consideration where a settlement is within a 10 minute walk of a nearby settlement with a primary facility, in recognition that this is a reasonable walking time.</p> <p>Whilst Uffington has a primary school this is in excess of 20 minutes walking distance from Newstead.</p>	<u>Recommended Action</u> - No change required
1975 (Seagate Homes)	<p>The council should be pro-active in ensuring that settlement boundaries do not act to arbitrarily restrict growth opportunities and limit the scope for addressing the requirements of the future in otherwise sustainable locations adjacent to urban areas.</p> <p>Promotes a site for development in Rippingale on the basis that this could offer the opportunity to deliver affordable and market housing on a suitable scale, with development likely encouraging further amenity development within the village for existing residents.</p>	<p>Amendments to settlement boundaries are not part of the settlement hierarchy review process.</p> <p>Policy SP2 refers to development in accordance with Policy SP3 and SP4.</p> <p>Policy SP3 allows for development proposals within settlements and Policy SP4 allows for new residential development on the edge of settlements providing the criteria of the policy are met.</p>	<u>Recommended Action</u> - No change required
2355 (Rosconn Strategic Land)	<p>Support the identification of Stamford as a “Market Town”.</p> <p>Policy SP2 does not follow the updated settlement hierarchy for the LPR presented in the Settlement Hierarchy Review Paper (February 2024), which identifies a single tier of market towns comprising Grantham, Stamford, Bourne and The Deepings.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>The Settlement Hierarchy Review (Feb 2024) has been refreshed to ensure that progressing with the local plan review, the categorisation of settlements is as up to date as it can be in recognition that services and facilities can change at short notice.</p>	<u>Recommended Action:</u> To update the February 2024 Settlement Hierarchy Review to include reference to Grantham being a Sub-regional centre.



Rep Name and No	Summary of key issues raised	SKDC Response	Recommended Action
	<p>Based upon the wording of Policy SP2 Grantham's designation as the Sub-Regional Centre and its identification at the top of the settlement hierarchy in Policy SP2 is more related to the general ambition to apportion the majority of growth to this location rather than a reflection of its sustainability credentials relative to other market towns, such as Stamford.</p> <p>The settlement hierarchy should be established separately from the strategy for apportioning growth through the District and we support the Settlement Hierarchy Review's proposal to include Stamford in the same tier of Grantham, given the relative availability of services, facilities and infrastructure within each settlement. Policy SP2 should be updated accordingly.</p>	<p>The updated settlement hierarchy in table 2 of the 2024 review will be updated to refer to Grantham as a Sub-regional centre.</p> <p>With regard to Stamford being in the same tier as Grantham, the settlement hierarchy focusses on the larger and smaller villages and does not assess the larger settlements of Grantham, Stamford, Bourne and The Deepings. Policy SP1 of the local plan review acknowledges that the focus for the majority of growth is in and around the sub-regional centre of Grantham and the market towns.</p>	
<b>Settlement Hierarchy Methodology</b>			
712 (J E Wade & Sons)	<p>The sustainability of each settlement should be used and based on the village survey scoring results rather than application of the 4 criteria specified.</p> <p>This rather binary approach of classifying the settlements in South Kesteven, which relies solely on four yes or no questions. It does not seem that the score given to each of the settlements through the Village Survey Scoring matrix has had any impact on their given settlement category. The Council must recognise that there are multiple aspects which should be considered when determining how a settlement should be classified</p>	<p>The settlement hierarchy methodology uses a mix of criteria to assess the smaller settlement and villages against.</p> <p>The nature of the criteria allows for not only the quantity of the presence of certain facilities but also there is an element of qualitative assessment with regard to matters such as public transport provision in recognition of the variation of times and frequencies of services etc. The 2024 review also recognises where there is more than one facility of a similar nature and allows for this to be accounted for,</p>	<u>Recommended Action</u> - No change required



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	<p>within the settlement hierarchy, and especially when it comes to Small Villages where the facilities present differ from settlement to settlement – this is not a robust approach.</p> <p>Suggest that the Village Survey Scoring is used to determine how to classify a settlement, as it provides a better view of the sustainability of each settlement and how suitable they would be for further growth,</p> <p>Object to Sedgebrook no longer being classified as a Smaller Village but is now recorded as open countryside, due to the loss of facilities. Sedgebrook scores higher than a number of settlements but does not have one of the key facilities required.</p> <p>The village is in a sustainable location for small scale growth and as it already has over 200 homes in excess of the 30 requirement for smaller villages, plus a regular bus services and a range of services and facilities, which contribute to its sustainability.</p>	<p>in addition to detracting scores where the facility only offers reduced hours.</p> <p>The flowchart at para 2.14 of the 2024 review starts with the first question of ‘Did the settlement score 30 or more’, before proceeding to other questions. Para 3.4 also refers to a score of 30 or more.</p> <p>The process therefore not only involves scoring as per number and type of services and facilities, but also number of dwellings and the presence of certain facilities, para 2.13 clearly states that each settlement is given an overall score that then assessed against the four criteria to determine which category it should be listed under.</p> <p>This is considered a robust approach taking into consideration a number and range of factors.</p>	
<b>Comments on Specific Villages – Hough on the Hill</b>			
50 (Ms M Taylor) 439 (Mr Moore) 1834 (D Allen) 2008 (Mrs C Johnson)	<p>The 3 criteria used to determine 'smaller villages' have been applied incorrectly to Hough on the Hill and the village should not be classified as such.</p> <p>The Brownlow Arms is recorded as a public house but is in fact a restaurant/hotel, with a small bar area that can be used by residents. This bar is not open for normal licensing hours and should not be considered as a Public House.</p>	<p>See response above with regard to criteria and scoring.</p> <p>Public houses are a traditional central feature in many smaller villages and many have evolved over the years to offer food, in terms of remaining economically viable.</p> <p>The process of assessing facilities for the settlement hierarchy does not include a judgement on the quality of the product being</p>	<p><u>Recommended Action</u> - No change required</p>



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	<p>Using the presence of a public house as a key/essential facility needs to be reviewed – having the status of a village changed due to the presence of a public house is not a robust approach given this particular facility serves as a fine country inn.</p> <p>Access to nearby facilities in Caythorpe, or Carlton Scroop are more than a 10-minute walk away.</p> <p>The village cannot grow as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• there is no bus route</li> <li>• lack of gas/sewerage to all houses</li> <li>• lack of shop, doctors</li> <li>• limited employment</li> </ul> <p>The village is in a conservation area and rural in character</p> <p>The existing Neighbourhood Plan does not support development.</p>	<p>offered – it is the presence of a service or facility that is important.</p> <p>The council considers that a public house is a key facility when looking across the range of settlements within the district and making a distinction between them in terms of their function and sustainability.</p> <p>Hough on the Hill falls under the category of small village on the basis of having both a public house and more than 30 dwellings. Policy SP2 only allows for development in the smaller villages where the villages nature and character will not be compromised. Therefore this takes account of the rural character referred to.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood plan predates the existing adopted local plan and the local plan review in progress, in any event it does not preclude development but limits it to appropriate uses that enrich the landscape and built environment of the parish (policy HoH1) . Planning Practise guidance advises that ‘ <i>There is no requirement to review or update a neighbourhood plan. However, policies in a neighbourhood plan may become out of date, for example if they conflict with policies in a local plan covering the neighbourhood area that is adopted after the making of the neighbourhood plan. In such cases, the more recent plan policy takes precedence.</i>’</p>	



Rep Name and No	Summary of key issues raised	SKDC Response	Recommended Action
		Therefore the spatial strategy and settlement hierarchy in the adopted local plan (and in the fullness of time the local plan review) provides the more up to date policy context for development in the village.	
<b>Comments on Specific Villages - The Deepings</b>			
1656 (The Deepings Neighbourhood Plan Group)  1682 (Deeping St James Parish Council)	Line 2 of part 2 of the Policy should refer to The Deepings not the Deepings.	Comment noted.	<u>Recommended Action:</u>  Correct reference to 'The Deepings'.
<b>Comments on Specific Villages – Claypole</b>			
1993 (Mrs B Rosewell) 2156 (J Freeman) 2334 (Claypole Parish Council)	<p>Policy SP2 is unsound as it is not positively prepared, justified or effective.</p> <p>The proposal to move Claypole from a smaller village to larger village is not justified due to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• not based on evidence</li> <li>• previous Inspectors comments</li> <li>• community engagement and the Neighbourhood Plan</li> <li>• relevance of cross boundary relationship to Newark</li> <li>• incorrect scoring</li> <li>• settlement hierarchy methodology flawed and incomplete</li> </ul> <p>The LP fails to recognise that there is a Neighbourhood Plan for Claypole and the work undertaken on the nature of the settlement, its</p>	<p>See response above with regard to criteria and scoring.</p> <p>By assessing various matters through the settlement hierarchy process, provides a robust approach to the evidence to support the policy approach in Policy SP2. As stated previously, it is necessary to update these matters given the passage of time and that facilities can change, regardless of previous approaches or comments on the settlement hierarchy used to inform the existing local plan.</p> <p>To regularly review the evidence base and the data behind the process ensures the council is being robust in its approach to its policies expressed in the local plan. This will ensure that the Policy response in the local plan is</p>	<p><u>Recommended Action:</u></p> <p>Update the local plan (para 12.71) to refer to the 'made' version of the neighbourhood plan.</p>



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	<p>facilities, design concerns, and the relationship with and proximity to, Newark and Fernwood.</p> <p>Support the classification of Claypole as a small village not a larger village, there are errors in the scoring, in particular bus services this should be 1 not 4 and the timings and frequency should be taken into consideration; inclusion of businesses in the weighting – these are often home based and offer no employment to third parties; why is a place of worship so crucial as there is a significant reduction in church attendance in recent years;</p> <p>Object to the change in the methodology for the settlement hierarchy – this is not sound and does not meet the requirements of the NPPF (para 9), lack of evidence and no justification for the changes that have been made. There is no rationale as to why some facilities have been prioritised over others in the methodology. The proposed settlement hierarchy appears to rest solely on an irrational and subjective points-scoring system.</p> <p>The proximity of Claypole to Newark has not been taken into account given this is where most local residents look to for services and facilities. The close proximity of Claypole to the services of Newark also accounts for the gradual decline in commercial services within Claypole</p>	<p>sound being justified and effective and positively prepared.</p> <p>It is not necessary for the LP to repeat matters expressed in the neighbourhood plan. The local plan includes many references to neighbourhood plans to remind the reader where relevant that there may be further local details to take into consideration. Para 12.71 of the emerging local plan refers to the neighbourhood plan in progress at the time and it is acknowledged this would benefit from updating in the next iteration of the local plan.</p> <p>With regard to bus services the settlement hierarchy is quite prescriptive on this matter with recording of regular and frequent services, school services and call connect provision – this allows for additional scores to be attributed to each and the cumulative score could well be 4 or above.</p> <p>Whilst Claypole is relatively close to Newark it is a sustainable settlement in its own right, given the level of service provision and is rightly recorded as a larger village.</p>	
<b>Comments on Specific Villages - Gonerby</b>			
697 (Cllr P Martin)	It is very hard to find any way that a development built on to a hillside within view of the town's Grade 1 listed heritage sites, and becoming the first major	Comment noted.	<u>Recommended Action</u> - No change required



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2576 (Gonerby Hill Foot Community Group)	development to encroach in to the Grantham “bowl” of surrounding hillside, cannot compromise the town’s nature and character.		

