

Minutes

South Kesteven District Council and Rutland County Council Joint Strategic Planning Board

12th May 2025 at 11:00 am

RCC Council Chamber

Issued to:

- Councillor Ashley Baxter– SKDC, Leader (AB)
- Councillor Richard Cleaver – SKDC, Deputy Leader (RC)
- Councillor Phil Dilks – SKDC, Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning (PD)
- Emma Whittaker – SKDC, Assistant Director for Planning and Growth (EW)
- Shaza Brannon – SKDC, Planning Policy Manager (SB)
- Adam Murray – SKDC, Principal Development Management Officer (AM)
- Councillor Gale Waller - RCC, Leader (GW)
- Councillor Paul Browne, RCC, Cabinet Portfolio holder for Planning, Property and Economic Development (PB)
- Councillor Tim Smith – RCC, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Children and Families (TS)
- Penny Sharp, RCC, Strategic Director of Places (PS)
- Roger Ranson – RCC, Planning Policy Manager (RR)
- Justin Johnson - RCC, Development Management Manager (JJ)
- Gill Curtis – RCC, Head of Learning and Skills (GC)
- Emily Nicholls, LCC, Admissions and Education Provision Manager (EN)
- Sam Barlow, LCC, Strategic Development Officer (SamB)

Apologies:

- Andrew McLean, LCC, Assistant Director – Corporate Transformation, Systems & Performance and Interim Assistant Director – Corporate Property
- Mark Eyre – LCC, Head of Property Strategy and Business Operations for Corporate Property
- Rachel Armstrong – RCC, Principal Planning Policy Manager

| | Item |
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| 1. | <p>Rutland Local Plan and South Kesteven Local Plan Updates (SKDC/RCC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB updated on Local Plan progress. Had to schedule another Regulation 18. Planned submission November 2026. • RR gave update. Local Plan submitted in February and Inspector appointed. Examination takes place in September. RR advised that the Inspector will be contacting SKDC re Stamford North. • SB advised that they are reviewing site assessment document and assistance is required from Rutland. SB to circulate request again to Highways and to copy in Roger Ranson. RR to follow up. ACTION: RR |
| 2. | <p>Planning Application Update (SKDC/RCC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JJ (RCC) Waiting for Section 106 and Joint Infrastructure Planning Agreement (JIPA) to be signed. JJ to check that the draft is available online. ACTION: JJ • AM (SKDC) Section 106 agreement agreed. |
| 3. | <p>Future Infrastructure Planning for Stamford North (SKDC/RCC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • key elements are health and school provision. Looking to bring forward alternative site to Empingham, the catchment boundary will change. In the process of finalising the Statement of Common Ground. • Primary School provision sufficient capacity to meet housing requirements. • No commitment made on CIL money. • RC – does change in boundary then include Essendine? RR to check. ACTION: RR • PD – How far away are primary school spaces? GC explained that from September what the numbers are and where requests are coming from. • EN advised that LCC is seeking to put a catchment area for the Lincolnshire side of the development and immediate Lincolnshire area. EN also clarified that LCC is not seeing to prioritise all Lincolnshire residents over Rutland residents. As RCC has stated that it has sufficient capacity it is important to ensure that the school serves the Lincolnshire side of the development, which LCC considers does not have reasonable capacity in existing schools. It will ultimately be for the new trust to make a decision on what policy to implement. • SamB highlighted that the D of E figures have changed. Lincolnshire has the capacity to take children from day one. SB advised that she had received a specific question about the CIL being used for schools from the Examining Inspector so she can now answer this. • Quarry Farm highways, RCC to ensure justification for contributions is received. Have until 18th June to submit answers to the Inspector. RR to let SB know. SB to share with LCC, the Rutland Local Plan examining Inspector's Matters, Issues & Questions for comment, the deadline for which is 18 June. ACTION: SB |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RC – bus service still to be reviewed. PS explained the RCC bus service provision. EW explained that Lincolnshire are looking at an option and are willing to have conversations with Rutland about running a bus service into the site. |
| 4. | Woolfox Future Opportunity Area (RCC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS – The submitted plan looks at Woolfox and St. Georges and the renewed plan now looks at developing Woolfox. A preferred consultant (MADE) has been appointed aiming for 2028. • Discussion took place about the Woolfox opportunity. The site will be self-sufficient with schools. Highways would be an issue because a new junction on the A1 would be required. Landowner and agent have submitted the land through New Township Development. • There is an allocation within the submitted local plan to extend the employment allocation. |
| 5. | Local Government Re-Organisation and Future Strategic Planning Arrangements (SKDC/RCC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting decisions later in the year from the Government. |
| 6. | Any Other Strategic Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing raised. |
| 7. | AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing raised. <p>GW and AB agreed that these meetings should be held on a quarterly basis.</p> |