

CENTRAL LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL PLAN ADOPTED

The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan has been adopted and will be used in making decisions on planning applications across the City of Lincoln, North Kesteven and West Lindsey areas. This new local plan is pioneering in placing climate change at its core, and will help ensure Central Lincolnshire is a net zero carbon area. This trailblazing approach will also lead the way for other areas to follow in tackling climate change.

The new Local Plan introduces a number of new policies to guide development in Central Lincolnshire, including:

Climate change – an ambitious and ground breaking set of policies aimed at Central Lincolnshire net zero carbon, including in making sure new homes are efficient, attracting renewable energy generation, and ensuring new homes are adaptable to climate change.

Housing- new housing sites, capable of meeting our needs to 2040 and policies to ensure that the housing is in the right location and well designed.

Jobs- protection of existing employment sites and land available for more employment development in locations where housing is or will be built.

Shopping and city/town centres – policies to enhance our city and town centres and ensure they remain a destination, and to protect local centres which provide essential services across the area.

Tourism – policies to support the tourism industry in Central Lincolnshire and to ensure that any tourism development is in the right location.

Environment – a suite of policies seeking to protect our environment including delivering biodiversity net gain, protecting our valued landscapes, protection of high quality agricultural land, and protecting trees and hedgerows.

Infrastructure – policies to help ensure that the infrastructure needed to support new development is delivered in the right places.

RAF Scampton – a policy which will allow the future redevelopment of this site be properly planned to deliver great benefits to Central Lincolnshire.

The new Local Plan was adopted by the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee at its meeting on 13th April 2023 and will be used on making decisions on planning applications immediately. The Central Lincolnshire committee is made up of a partnership of City of Lincoln, North Kesteven District Council, West Lindsey Council and Lincolnshire County Council should evolve between now and 2040.

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS AT LOLLYLOCKS FIELD

Access to the Lollylocks field nature reserve in central Sleaford will be improved with a new ramp and a revamped section of footpath, with works now underway.

Lollylocks is home to an array of wildlife and has seen a number of improvements already through the partnership £1.29 million Witham/ Slea Blues Green Corridor project, including a kingfisher nesting bank, hedgerow planting and scrapes for biodiversity and an extended boardwalk around the pond to protect ground vegetation while providing access.

Now, as part of the remaining works for the project, the steps down to the nature reserve from Eastgate will be changed to a ramp, allowing better access for prams and wheelchair users. A new path will also be laid along the existing earthen path, from the new ramp until it meets with the existing tarmac path which then moves over the bridge to Sleaford Leisure Centre. To help ensure the works are carried out safely and in the shortest timeframe possible, this section of path is now closed for the duration of the works, which are already underway.

A17 MAJOR ROADWORKS

Just to let you know that until July, there will be ongoing night closures and disruptions to the A17 in the Cranwell and Byards Leap area.

There hasn't been a lot of news to report this month due to the election.

Best Wishes

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