

East Lindsey District Council Answers to Examiners Further Comments

Belchford and Fulletby Neighbourhood Development Plan Examination

I would appreciate any comments from either the District Council or the Parish Council as to whether it (the Design Code) can be included as an appendix to the plan without being actively consulted upon.

On page 8 of the design code, it states that the Design Code will be embedded in planning policy. That cannot be the case if it has not been subject to the consultation required by the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, or the consultation required for a Supplementary Planning Document.

Up to page 37, the Design Code is descriptive and helps to shape development. However, sections A, B and F begin to introduce statements drafted in the form of policies (those in the green boxes), including statements about what development must do. If this is to be a policy document, it needed to be subject to consultation. If there is formal record of the comments made to the document, that would be helpful. However, a wider audience (such as potential applicants, agents, and builders) should have had the opportunity to make comments.