

East Lindsey Annual Monitoring Report
2009

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1 Executive Summary

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report covers the period 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009.

1.2 In accordance with the Regulations, it also provides an up to date snapshot of the progress on the Local Development Framework (LDF) against the Local Development Scheme (LDS).

- The Local Development Scheme - The Council has continued to work within the timeframe of the Local Development Scheme (LDS) (March 2006).
- The LDS has been revised to accommodate an additional phase of community involvement in line with the changes to PPS12. The revised LDS (draft) can be viewed at; <http://www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/environment/planning/policy-local-plan>
- The key area of work has been around the analysis of the responses to the consultation on Core Strategy Issues (Regulation 25)
- The production of a Draft Core Strategy. Work has also been undertaken towards the preparation of the Settlement Proposals Issues and Options paper.
- The Statement of Community Involvement - The SCI was adopted by the Council in June 2007 and will continue to guide the Council's approach to community participation.
- Sustainability Appraisal - Independent consultants are undertaking a Sustainability Appraisal of the Core Strategy and this was released for consultation alongside the Core Strategy Issues & Options Paper in November 2007.
- Alongside the preparation of the Core Strategy significant work has been undertaken to improve the evidence base that will inform the LDF. Specific elements that will contribute to this are:-
 - The Housing Needs Assessment Study (by Fordham Research) - complete
 - A Gypsy & Traveller Study as part of a Lincolnshire Housing Market Assessment - Complete
 - Joint working with Boston BC towards preparation of Employment Land and Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments for the Lincolnshire Coastal Housing Market Area – work underway
 - Appointment of ECUS Ltd to carry out a Landscape Character Assessment across the District –complete
 - Appointment of consultants to carry out a Biodiversity Assessment – work ongoing
 - Joint working with the Environment Agency to prepare a brief for the preparation of a revised Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
- The Saved Policies - The Council submitted its Schedule of Saved Policies proposal to the East Midlands Government Office in March 2007. The policies have been used as the basis for decision making since September 2007. They can be viewed at: <http://www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/environment/planning/policy-local-plan>
- Development Control - The Council's in-house Design Team continues to assess applications on a case by case basis as part of a drive to achieving high quality housing through good design. The Council has also prepared guidance on Design & Access Statement, Designing Out Crime and Sustainable Design – Planning for the Future.

As a consequence there has been a marked improvement in the standard of new development and in the Council's success in defending its decisions at Appeal.

1 Introduction

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Preparation of the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) is a requirement placed on Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) as part of the Planning & Compensation Act 2004 (the Act). It provides a standard framework for monitoring how successful the LPA has been in :-

- Meeting the timetable of the Local Development Scheme (LDS)
- How it relates to and helps deliver more strategic plans at a national, regional and corporate/local level.

1.2 The Annual Monitoring should, as a consequence, enable LPAs to:

- Identify problems in delivery of their Local Development Scheme and initiate actions to overcome them
- Amend their policies to reflect national and regional change
- identify the actions needed to change policies and proposals, where required.

1.3 Because they will be universally used, the information they contain – such as the measurement of rates of development of houses and employment, and the amount of previously used land that is developed, will be recorded consistently.

1.4 In common with many other LPAs who are also striving to rationalise their data collection and monitoring systems to provide robust evidence for the new LDF format, the Council is continuing to develop its procedures. As part of an ongoing process to produce a more comprehensive AMR in the future, and to develop it as a vital tool to deliver the Corporate Strategy, the Council will develop a more corporate approach to data collection, sharing and dissemination including increased partnership-working.

1.5 This document contains revised tables to the previous versions to reflect the format of revised national guidance.

2 Contextual Information - East Lindsey - The District

CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION – EAST LINDSEY THE DISTRICT

2.1 The issues to be addressed by the LDF are identified through joint consultation on the Community Strategy and on the Core Strategy issues and options document.

2.2 The LDF will provide the planning framework to deliver the spatial elements of these and other relevant strategies including the more recent and specific priorities established by the Lincolnshire Local Area Agreement. (Appendix A) The background to the issues is set out in the subsequent pages.

2.3 The issues in bold reflect the Council's corporate priorities or have emerged from the Community Strategy and the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP).

2.4 The context of the District is outlined below:

- The size and remoteness of the District
- The dispersed settlement pattern and **social exclusion**
- The different demands of an 'unbalanced' and ageing population structure and influences of inward migration
- Transport related issues such as high levels of car ownership, the absence of motorways or trunk roads, and limited public transport
- Dependence on adjoining major centres for the provision of employment and other services
- **Seasonal employment** related to the strong tourism sector of the economy
- Low incomes creating pressure for **affordable homes** set in the framework of increasing house prices
- Social & economic **deprivation**
- Pressure for expansion of coastal tourism development into the countryside
- Additional demands on infrastructure caused by tourism
- Flood risk as a result of climate change
- Erosion of landscape quality brought about by pressures to develop in the countryside
- **Limited employment opportunities**
- The pressure for development on small, historic town centres and local landscapes
- Limited brownfield development sites

- Pressures for inland tourism beyond farm diversification – such as fishing lakes and caravan sites
- Changes in agriculture / diversification

The Principal Physical Features (Diagram 1)

2.5 The area of the District is 176,039 ha of which 2.45% is identified as being 'urban' in character – based on area identified by key settlement boundaries. Three miles from the northern boundary of the District is Grimsby/Cleethorpes and nearby the heavily developed and industrialised Humber Bank, whilst 10 miles from the western edge lies Lincoln. Both are major centres of population and significant local employment areas. Boston, a smaller-, but substantial centre, is located immediately to the south. Each of these centres exerts its own influence on the District influencing patterns of development and travel to work. At just 74 persons to the hectare the area has the second lowest population density in the East Midlands.

2.6 The District has 80km (50 miles) of coastline, which includes the coastal resorts of Skegness/Ingoldmells, Chapel St Leonards and Mablethorpe/Sutton on Sea. The coast also contains extensive sites of natural importance of international, national and regional importance. The area relies, to a significant extent, on man made sea defences and 32% of the area is considered to be at risk from flooding due to climate change.

2.7 The coastal centres are fundamental to the economy of the District as tourist destinations but they suffer from seasonal unemployment as a result. It is estimated that there are 4.9 million visitors to the coast (day trips) each year and many are accommodated in the 25000 or so caravans, which dominate parts of the coastal strip.

2.8 The popularity of the resorts, along with low property prices has also led to significant growth over recent years as people have retired to the area.

2.9 The heart of the District is open countryside, including the Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), and characterized by small, dispersed settlements that look to the market towns for the majority of main services. In addition to the towns there are a number of larger villages that also play a key role in providing basic facilities. The towns and the strategic network are identified on Diagram 1.

2.10 The area is identified by 4 broad landscape character types; the rolling hills of the Wolds AONB, the coastal plain, fen and river valley areas. These are more fully described in the Landscape Character Assessment recently produced for the Council.

2.11 There are 188 Parishes in the District with populations ranging from 9 to 19,000. Of the total population approximately 75% live in the towns and service villages as defined in the Local Plan.

Economy

2.12 Although traditionally the District has a strong agriculture based economy, analysis of the current distribution between sectors (2001 Census) shows it is more diverse and more in line with the national pattern. The key sectors are:-

- Employment in wholesale & retail trade and repair of motor vehicles (18%) and the manufacturing sector (15%) are the largest and are comparable with national levels.
- Hotels and leisure sector (8%) and
- Agriculture, construction and education at 7% are the other significant forms of employment.
- The hotels/leisure and agriculture sector rates are both significantly higher than national levels.

2.13 Unemployment in the District varies between the Travel to Work Areas (TTWA's) and is a significant issue along the Coast where seasonal unemployment is a concern. The link between employment in tourist and associated industries has also been identified as an issue due to the relatively low income for workers and the seasonal nature of the sector.

2.14 Table 1 below shows in more detail how the level of unemployment in the District has fluctuated over the period 2004 and 2008.

Table 1 Table 1 - Unemployment Trends

Date	East Lindsey	East Lindsey %	East Midlands %	Great Britain %
Jan 04 - Dec 04	2,300	3.9	4.3	4.7
Jan 05 - Dec 05	2,400	3.8	4.5	4.9
Jan 06 - Dec 06	3,300	5.1	5.2	5.4
Jan 07 - Dec 07	3,300	5.2	5.0	5.2
Jan 08 - Dec 09	3,500	5.1	5.8	5.7

Source: Annual Population Survey : Crown Copyright. % is a proportion of economically active

2.15 The average Gross Weekly Pay (Full Time) for the District at £376.60 is approximately £102 less than national levels. The difference between male worker pay in East Lindsey and the East Midlands and National incomes are £84.70 and £119.50 lower respectively. For females the equivalent figures are £58.20 and £95.7 per week lower respectively. (Based on earnings by workplace data)

2.16 Low income and limited employment choice is seen as having two critical impacts locally. One is a leakage of the younger, better-qualified workforce from the area to other parts of the country. The other is the growing gap between income and house price ratio and the pressures it places on the affordable housing market. This is targeted as a priority for action in the Councils' Corporate Strategy and the LAA.

2.17 Information on the full extent of migrant workers on housing and employment is limited. The Approved Worker Registration Scheme indicates that 930 migrants registered between May 2004 and March 2007. Of these 390 (42%) are involved in agricultural activities and there are significant numbers in Administration (18%), Entertainment & Leisure (13%) and Hospitality & Catering (10%). Between January and December 2008 there were a further 400 registrations.

2.18 The District does not have a significant number of large employers and is typified in the main by Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs), a reflection in part on the agricultural background and also on its remoteness from major markets.

Activity Levels : Full & Part Time Employment & Economic Activity

2.19 The information in Table 2 below gives a comparison of the key features of the workforce with regional and national figures. It shows that :-

- The percentage of employees working full time in the District is roughly equal to the regional and nearly 1% fewer than nationally
- At 24% the number of people in part time employment is broadly in line with regional and national levels
- There are 4 – 5.5% percent more self employed workers in East Lindsey re-affirming the importance of small and medium sized businesses to the local economy.00

In Employment April 08 to March 09	East Lindsey	East Lindsey %	East Midlands %	Great Britain %
Full-time	46,500	75.4	75.2	76.1
Part-time	14,900	24.1	24.7	23.8
Total	41,400			
Self-employed	9,900	16.1	10.5	12.3

Source: ONS Annual Population Survey. Crown Copyright

Table 2 Table 2 - Employment, Full and Part-time and self-employed

Social character

2.20 The traditional market towns, (Alford, Horncastle, Louth and Spilsby) as the historic service providers, dominate a large proportion of community life. More recently Skegness, the largest settlement and main tourist destination, and to a lesser extent Mablethorpe, have established similar roles and their own local catchments.

2.21 The extent of facilities available in each of these varies but they are typically providers of:-

Primary and secondary schools

Employment

Supermarket(s)

Range of other shops

Health facilities Transport nodes

Leisure & recreation facilities

2.22 The Council's Rural facilities Survey (2005) which was used to define sustainable communities indicates that on a District wide scale accessibility to services of the 191 Parishes:-

- 26% of have at least one food shop
- 22% have a least one non-food shop
- 28% have a Post Office
- 21% have a garage serving petrol
- 24% have a recreation facility
- 42% have a village hall or similar meeting place
- 63% have a place of worship
- 52% have a public house
- 23% have a doctors' surgery
- 27% have a primary school.

2.23 The Summary Indices of Deprivation 2007 show that the District is 88th worst overall in the rankings. Within the District, six of the Super Output Areas (SOAs) rank in the top ten percent ie experiencing maximum levels of deprivation, overall. These are all located on the coast.

2.24 Within the different categories there are 15 areas in the bottom 10 percentile for employment, and 17 areas in the most deprived in terms of access to housing and services. Other strategies being developed by the Council are seeking to address these specific issues.

Environmental characteristics of the area – the natural environment.

2.25 The District is described by 4 Landscape Character Areas by the Countryside Agency. A Landscape Character Assessment is being prepared and is due for completion in the Spring of 2009.

2.26 The District is almost exclusively rural in character . About 176,000 hectares is used for agriculture, the larger 'urban' settlements cover less than 5% of the area. Some 8% of the landscape is covered by woodland (Forestry Commission) compared to 3.4% for Lincolnshire and 8.4% for England. This is almost entirely within the Wolds and the west of the District: tree cover in the Fens and along the Coastal Plain is poor.

2.27 The District contains National Nature Reserves at Saltfleet covering some 600 hectares, and at Gibraltar Point, south of Skegness, which extends to 370 hectares.

2.28 There are 377 Sites of Special Scientific Interest / Sites of Nature Conservation Interest (SSI's / SNCI's) identified in the District, but information on them and their contribution to biodiversity is poor. The majority lie outside settlement boundaries and the greatest risk to their loss is lack of management rather than development.

2.29 A re-survey of locally significant sites as part of the early phases of the Phase 1 Habitat Survey has been undertaken and will contribute towards the Biodiversity Action Plan. However, for the District and Lincolnshire as a whole the scale of this task is immense and translating the findings to provide comprehensive on and off site analysis is unrealistic and clearer definition of the indicators is to be sought.

Built Environment

2.30 There are 1409 Listed Buildings in East Lindsey of which 77 are Grade 1, and these, collectively with the 17 Conservation Areas make a significant contribution to the distinctive character of the area. Many of the settlements retain their historic street patterns and buildings and whilst this is important to local distinctiveness, it does have significant implications for development. For example it means in the towns that large scale developments capable of reinforcing their roles as service providers e.g. for convenience goods shopping, can be difficult to build in or alongside town centres without harming their distinctive character.

2.31 Conservation Areas have been designated in 17 centres and Conservation Area Appraisals are being undertaken in six of these, but few of the 200 or so villages have been afforded such protection. Safeguarding their special character depends more on using the development control process to secure sensitive design, including building densities, to take account of local distinctiveness and local character.

2.32 To that end the Council has adopted the Lincolnshire Residential Design Guide and has established an in-house design panel to further the delivery of high quality development.

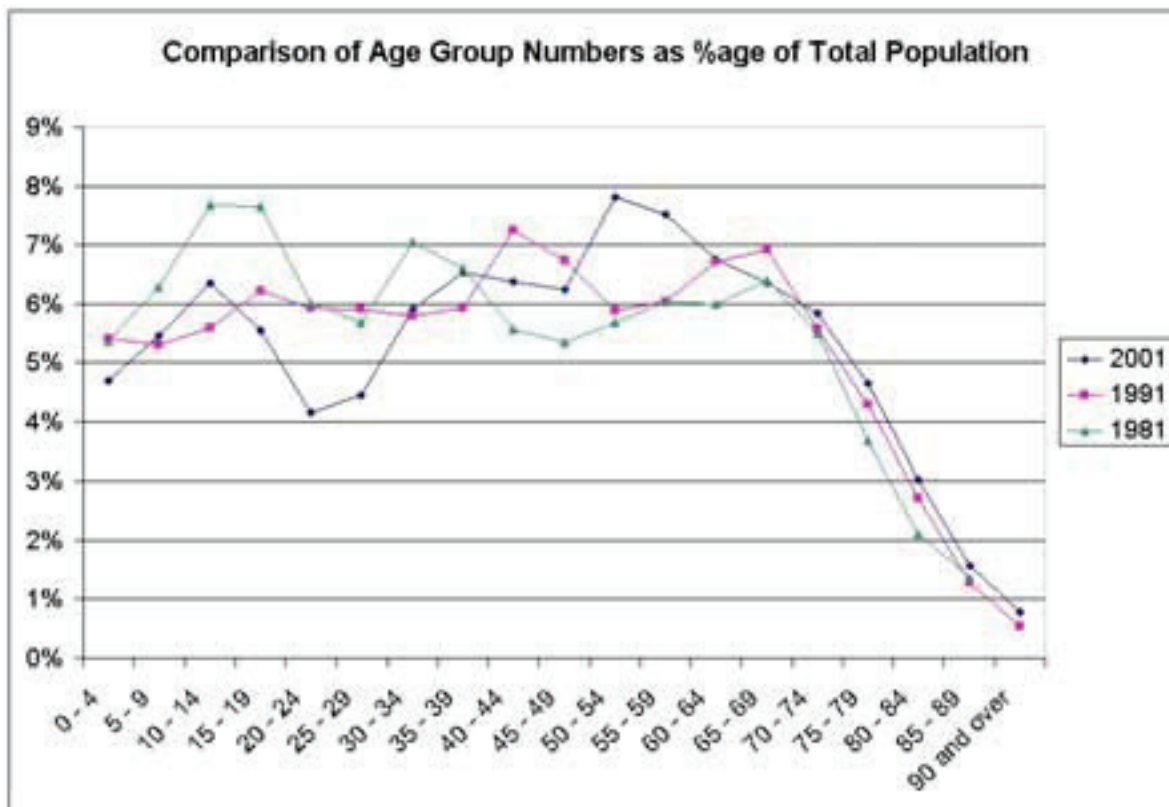
Population size and composition

2.33 The population of East Lindsey grew by 25% between 1981 and 2001 when it stood at 130,500 and now stands at 141,000 an increase of 8.0% (OPCS Mid Year Estimate 2008). That change has been fuelled by inward migration and the figures conceal a natural decline such that the actual change is notably higher. The rate of population growth is expected to fall from 1800 persons per annum in 2008 to about 1500 per annum in 2021. (ONS 2004 Based Population Projections)

2.34 The age structure of the District is characterized by a preponderance of higher age groups, particularly along the coast, which is a popular area for retirement. This phenomenon also influences the population of the market towns where (as elsewhere) the lower than national average house prices attract in-migrants and creates pressures on the local market.

2.35 Graph 1 shows the change in population structure that has occurred over the period 1981 to 2001. The population for each Age Group is shown as a percentage of the total population and gives a clear picture of the population’s age structure.

Graph 1: Age of population 1981, 1991 and 2001



Source: ONS 2001 Census

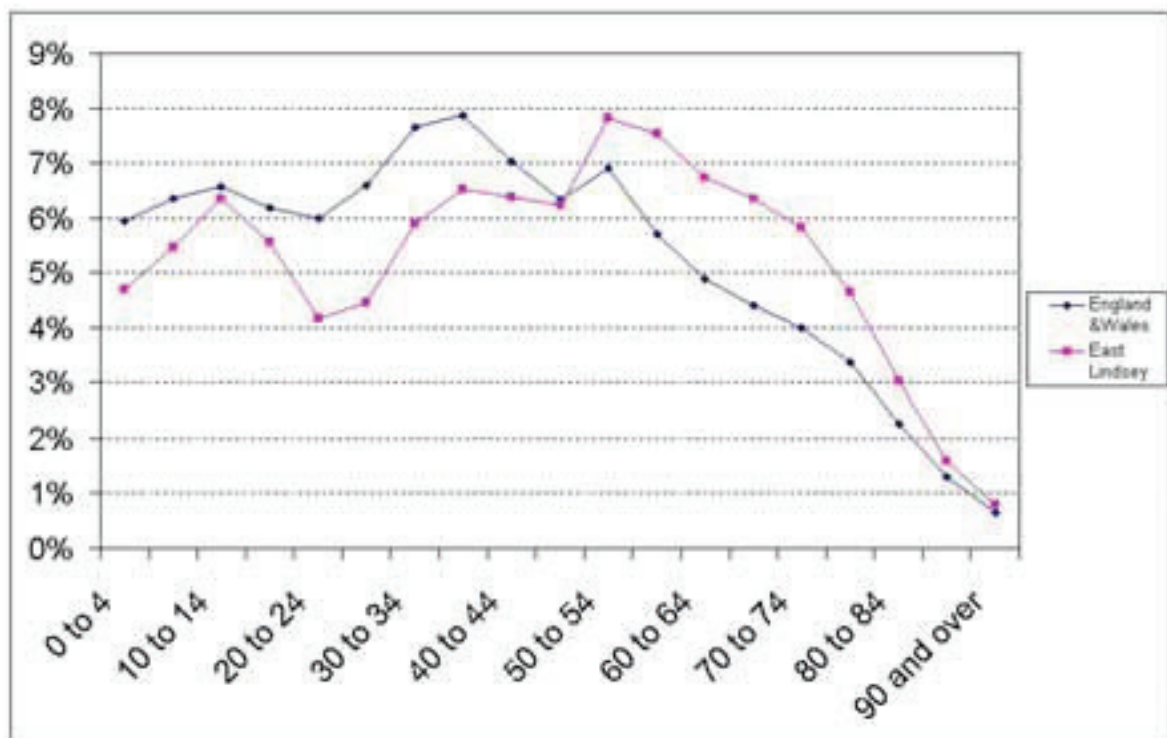
2.36 Broadly this shows a relatively balanced population structure at the 1981 and 1991 Census with the expected sharp decline beginning at 70 years but without a significant increase in the numbers in those age bands. By comparison the 2001 population shows more marked changes.

2.37 Within the broader pattern there are however clear and quite marked deviations. For example the 1981 and 2001 both show a peak around the 5 to 9 age group and a subsequent trough which is absent from the 1991 figures. This trough is particularly marked in the 2001 Census and highlights one of the issues that has been identified for action through the Community Strategy It contrasts with the peak in the 50 – 54 age group which shows an increase over the same generation from earlier Censii.

2.38 Population Structure. When compared to the structure of the population of England and Wales in 2001 (Graph 2) below, it is clear that the local population is:-

- 'Top heavy' in the 50 to 80 year age groups, and
- Experiences more marked variation between other groups, most significantly in the 20 to 30 year old age groups although the underlying trend is broadly similar.

2.39 Graph 2: Population, National and Local Comparison,



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ONS 2001 Census

2.40 97.7% of the District population is described as white British. Whilst there are an increasing number of people from other ethnic groups, they represent a very small percentage of the population for whom any specific land use issues are identified. This

is an issue, however, that is expected to increase in significance, as the effects of the recent large influxes of European migrant workers into adjoining districts extends into East Lindsey.

Communications, transport system and traffic of the area

2.41 Despite its 50 miles of coastline there is no port in the District. Rail services are limited to a regular service between Skegness and Boston that is being developed using the Community Rail Partnership model.

2.42 There are no motorways or trunk roads in the District and only one short stretch of dual carriageway serving traffic to the Coast. The development plan adopts the County Council defined strategic network, which link the main settlements in the District. (see Diagram 1)

2.43 Most of these roads are also main bus routes but few offer an hourly service throughout the day. Large areas of the District have limited access to public transport and some parts have none. Analysis of timetables in 2004 indicated that of the settlements identified :-

- 37% have a commuter bus service
- 12% have a service suitable for shopping trips
- 26% have an occasional bus service
- 6% have no bus service

This data is being updated as part of the evidence gathering for the LDF.

2.44 The Council is actively promoting the use of public and community transport using a number of providers but the role of the private car in this deeply rural area and consequently, the need for car parking, is significant. The size of the District also means that the road network is extensive and its ongoing maintenance is a strategic issue which may involve the use of section 106 Agreements for large scale developments.

2.45 The 2001 Census indicates that only 20% of households have no car compared to 27% nationally. This figure is 'balanced' by the number of homes with only 1 vehicle, which is 6% higher than the national rate of 44%. This demonstrates the fact that a car is generally seen as being essential for accessibility. Travel to work data indicates that a relatively higher number of residents work from home in the District, with marginally higher numbers travelling to work by private means (57% compared to 55% nationally). However, a higher percentage of people walk to work locally – 14% compared to 10% nationally.

Land use issues including development densities. Urban Context.

2.46 The district does not have a significant industrial heritage associated with manufacturing industries and although brownfield and contaminated sites are present their contribution to meeting housing need is limited.

2.47 The Council's Urban Capacity Study undertaken in 2003, identified a possible capacity of 4322 on all sites. This figure included an estimated 3257 on sites allocated in the Local Plan. A Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment is currently being prepared using a shared methodology with Boston BC whose area falls within the same Housing Market Area.

2.48 The majority of large scale new development is located on edge of settlement, greenfield sites which contribute to housing need through urban extensions. Because of their location in zones of transition between town and country they are unsuited to densities significantly above 30 per ha which are considered more appropriate to the redevelopment sites located in and about the town centres where this does not detract from the historic character.

Rural Context

2.49 The rural qualities of many of the smaller settlements make them an attractive location for retirement and commuter homes. However many have limited opportunities and fail basic sustainability criteria and are not appropriate locations for urban style and density developments. There remains a need for local needs housing in a number of these smaller settlements and the Council seeks to address this through its exceptions policy. The level of local needs is assessed using the services of the Rural Housing Enabler and supports the delivery through recognised Registered Social landlords. The Council also recognises that sensitive design and layout is paramount if their rural character is to be maintained and that the aim for higher densities will need to be balanced against those criteria.

Farm Diversification and rural tourism

2.50 These also create pressures for development in the countryside and whilst inland tourism can contribute to a thriving rural economy the need to achieve a balance between schemes and protecting the qualities that make it so attractive remains.

Flood risk

2.51 The strategic flood risk assessment of the District has identified significant constraints that will influence future development. As in many areas the historic relationship between settlements and rivers has the potential to create issues for further development inland however, the real issues will relate to the threat of tidal inundation along the coast and this could be a significant constraint to development. The Council is reviewing the SFRA to assess the need to update its findings to reflect the more recent guidance on climate change and sea level change and the information provided by the Flood Hazard Mapping.

Instability

2.52 The area does not suffer from significant, geological instability issues. The Council has however completed a study of Landfill Sites as part of its statutory duties and this will be used where appropriate in the plan making process.

Open space audits

2.53 The Council is undertaking audit of open space and recreation facilities as part of a PPG 17 audit. It will use the findings of the audit to provide a framework for developing the Council's Leisure Strategy and appropriate policies within the development plan.

Potential housing supply

2.54 The District currently has in excess of 5 years housing land – either under construction or with the benefit of planning permission. The development plan is expected to ensure that 5 years supply is available and as part of a rolling programme to maintain at least that level and to identify sites that will be released over the 10 and 15 year time horizons.

2.55 A Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment is currently being prepared to inform the LDF. That work involves cross-boundary working – most notably with Boston BC whose area is identified as having similar characteristics to those of East Lindsey, and with North East Lincolnshire to reflect the significant impact that the conurbation of Grimsby & Cleethorpes has on the north of the District.

Economy

2.56 The key issues concerning the economy in terms of employment and income are addressed in paragraph 2.9 to 2.16. The Council has recognized that the imbalances need to be addressed and that different mechanisms and factors, such as the qualifications shortfall and the lack of further education opportunities, are part of a problem that is being addressed through a positive corporate regeneration strategy that looks at coastal and rural concerns.

2.57 In land use terms the Council has promoted employment through the provision of dedicated sites, with road and service infrastructure as part of its Economic Development strategy. The development plan will facilitate the development of additional sites through allocation or its policy framework to ensure that sites are available to new and expanding uses.

2.58 There are however various factors that will influence the ability to deliver economic growth; the relative remoteness of the area from markets for new investors, the proximity of larger centres on the periphery with the advantage of more diverse and larger workforces, and the efforts of adjoining authorities to attract new businesses.

Minerals and waste issues

2.59 Minerals and Waste are primarily a County matter. Waste arisings are dealt with through the Environmental Services function and that service is working to minimise waste in recognition that landfill is not a long term option.

Public service

2.60 As part of the development plan the Council involves service and utility providers (such as the Education service) as key partners to enable them to plan the delivery of their services including maximizing the use of planning obligations to contribute to service provision.

Social factors

2.61 These factors include educational achievement, skills levels, crime and anti-social behaviour and deprivation levels. Educational achievement and skills levels are identified elsewhere as an issue that needs, and is being addressed corporately. The twin issues of crime and anti-social behaviour, are identified by the Council in its Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy as a priority for action, and the influence that good design (particularly the value of open space) can have on crime and community health, has been recognized as an area where the development plan can help deliver corporate objectives.

Community participation

2.62 The aspirations of local communities and stakeholder groups in terms of the location of future growth and development; and the balance between uses in particular locations, including local access issues and opportunities for change will be addressed through the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and the Corporate Engagement Strategy discussed in Section 3.

3 Milestones in the Local Development Scheme

MILESTONES IN THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Analysis Of Saved Policies & Development Plan Position Statement.

3.1 The development plan for East Lindsey comprises :-

- RSS8 East Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy 2005
- Lincolnshire Structure Plan (September) 2006
- East Lindsey Local Plan 1995 & Alteration 1999

3.2 The strategic guidance provided by RSS8 (2005) is currently under review. The Examination in Public of the Draft East Midlands Regional Plan took place in June/July 2007 and the Panel Report has been submitted to the Secretary of State. The Panel Report proposes that pending the findings of a Coastal Study – to assess the implications of climate change that the housing development in East Lindsey should comprise of existing commitments. (ie Houses under construction, or with planning permission and allocated sites without permission). This approach is confirmed in the Secretary of States Proposed Changes (July 2008).

3.3 The Lincolnshire Structure Plan was adopted in 2006. Its policies will be saved for three years until September 2009, when they will be superseded by the Regional Spatial Strategy. This Plan introduced a significant change for East Lindsey in respect of housing delivery, which will be discussed further on in this report.

3.4 The Lincolnshire Waste Local Plan was adopted in May 2006. It will be saved for 3 years and will be part of the Development Plan until then. Under the new system, a Waste Core Strategy is due for adoption in January 2009 and the Lincolnshire Minerals Core Strategy is due for adoption in June 2007.

3.5 The East Lindsey Local Plan was adopted in 1995. Alterations to the policies reflecting latest guidance were adopted in 1999. When the 2004 Act came into force work on the replacement Local Plan was well advanced and the Council decided to proceed under the transitional arrangements.

3.6 At a Council meeting On 2ND November 2005 it was resolved to cease work on the Local Plan review, and to commence work on the Local Development Framework (LDF) with immediate effect. In March 2007 a definitive list of 'saved policies' was submitted to the Secretary of State for determination. Of the 136 policies in the 1995 the Council has proposed that 71 be saved and 65 be deleted. The Saved Policies came into effect on 27th September 2007. The polices can be viewed at: <http://www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/environment/planning/policy-local-plan/>

3.7 The District produced its first LDS in March 2005. It was subsequently approved by GOEM. When the Council resolved in November 2005 to redirect its resources from the local Plan to the LDF, the milestones included for the LDF were adjusted accordingly. A revised LDS was submitted to GOEM in February 2007. A copy of the timetable for the preparation of LDD and SPD from the current draft is attached as Annex 1.

3.8 A revised LDS was submitted in March 2007 containing a revised timetable to reflect :-

- the delay resulting from staff shortages and experience gleaned from Examination outcomes elsewhere, and
- further consultation on a Joint Issues paper with the Community Strategy.
- Changes in the Councils' formal reporting mechanisms
- More joined up approach to the Councils Corporate Strategy

3.9 Since the LDS was agreed, there have been a number of significant events that could impact on the timetable. In November 2007 the Panel Report from the East Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) was received. This recommended the production of a strategic review of sustainable development across Lincolnshire Coastal Communities (Coastal Strategy) for the whole of the Lincolnshire Coast, which would feed into an early review of the RSS. This approach was endorsed by the Secretary of State's report in July of 2008. Clearly, this has ramifications for the preparation of planning policy in East Lindsey. At its meeting on 20th August, East Lindsey District Council agreed to continue with the preparation of the LDF, on a revised timetable, with the results of the Coastal Strategy and the resulting partial review of the RSS feeding into an early review of the Core Strategy. Also, in June 2008, new regulations were published governing the preparation of LDFs, which also affected the timetable. A revised timetable is under preparation and early drafts show that there will be only minimal change to the overall timetable.

3.10 The Council now has an agreed budget for the completion of the LDF with a schedule for the use of consultants to make best use of the resources and finance available.

3.11 A copy of the current LDS is available on the Council's website and can be viewed at: <http://www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/environment/planning/policy>

4 Local Development Orders

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDERS

4.1 There are no Local Development Orders in place in the District.

5 Identifying Changes if a Policy is Not Working

IDENTIFYING CHANGES REQUIRED IF A POLICY IS NOT WORKING

Monitoring the Use of Policies

5.1 The Council uses its Accolaid Planning and Building Control databases to monitor the use of policies and rates of development. To that end it has developed specific reports that enable the following to be carried out:

1. Housing Land Availability Studies.

This data provides the evidence to measure the effectiveness of the policies in meeting the strategic (measurable) objectives of the Structure Plan and Best Value Performance Indicators. The study is particularly important in assessing the need for and the review of land use policies and for preparing Housing Trajectory.

2. Appeals Monitoring

This is an ongoing report that enables officers to analyse the effectiveness of policies through the decisions of the Inspectorate. In addition to the immediate review process (to analyse the Inspectors decision on a case by case basis) the report also facilitates an assessment of the overall effectiveness of policies.

5.2 This has now been supplemented by the recently introduced major developments report that increases the capacity of the Council to record other significant employment, retail and leisure developments. This report will enable improved monitoring to inform the RSS when testing is completed.

5.3 The preparation of the LDF will provide a suite of policies more suited to monitoring in the future. More detailed proposals are set out in Annexe A.

6 Summary of Monitoring Framework

SUMMARY OF MONITORING FRAMEWORK & RELATIONSHIP TO CORE OUTPUT INDICATORS AND OTHER INDICATORS (See Table A14)

6.1 The framework for monitoring the key indicators is set out in Table A14 of the Appendix. A brief discussion of the data analysis in relation to each core area is also contained in the Table.

6.2 An assessment of the availability and accessibility of data to evidence the Core output indicators and Local Indicator Tables is contained in Section 6 (Table A14). The tables have been revised to indicate where changes have been implemented over the year. They also set out the background and any assumptions or outstanding deficiencies that have been identified in data collection. These will be addressed as part of the ongoing development of the Council's database.

6.3 The planning database (Accolaid) is used to track planning permissions and a sister system that records development through Building Control. This provides the information to evidence the Council's Housing Land Availability Study that is updated monthly, and the brownfield land returns. It is the base for informing the Housing Trajectory. The reporting facility available with the system is being developed to provide further detail and to refine employment, retail and other major information.

6.4 The Council also uses its GIS mapping extensively in this process and in the development plan function including the definition of information such as the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, other natural and historic sites, landscape character assessments and the telecommunications register. Use of that system is being extended to maximise the benefits that can be achieved and will include linked mapping and databases for identifying levels of service provision.

6.5 Table A14 also contains an outline of the data sources and actions that have been identified as essential to consolidate that information for the delivery of the AMR in future years. It also shows the linkages that need to be developed within the Council to achieve those improvements.

6.6 The District contributes to the annual Regional Monitoring Reports covering the topics of Employment, Environment, Housing and Retailing. These reports are being reviewed as part of the development of a consistent, regional monitoring framework.

6.7 The definition for Biodiversity Indicators and the lack of the information relating to the change in these habitats is also identified as a gap in provision. Work being undertaken to establish a Biological Records Centre (BRC) for Lincolnshire that will improve availability in the future and build on the work of the Lincolnshire Biodiversity Plan 2006. Resources are being sought from the Council budget to undertake a detailed biodiversity study.

7 Data Collection and Monitoring Framework

DATA COLLECTION & MONITORING FRAMEWORK

7.1 At this stage the Council considers that the information sources it utilises and the additional proposals set out in the Monitoring Arrangements Table in the Appendix, provide a substantial and robust base from which to develop a more sophisticated framework to evidence and monitor the LDF at Core Strategy and at more detailed levels.

7.2 With any database that depends on the availability of external sources of information, the currency of that data is critical – and for example the value of some Census data is of limited value. Furthermore, whilst the Council is able to monitor development and can provide an analysis of perceived trends the underlying influences mean that a local policy change alone, may not in itself be either sufficient or capable of redressing problem.

7.3 As indicated elsewhere the Council is working together with the County Council and other Lincolnshire Authorities to improve its information systems, including involvement with the Tractivity monitoring system for housing studies. A significant amount of in-house development work has also been carried out to improve the robustness of the monitoring and reporting of development and to developing compatibility with Regional Monitoring systems.

7.4 In particular the Council has worked jointly with Boston Borough Council to develop the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and Employment Land Assessment.

7.5 The Council uses the GGP Geographic Information System (GIS) and associated databases and will consider the potential for further development jointly with the neighbouring authorities.

7.6 During February 2008 the Council, in conjunction with Boston Borough Council, published the joint methodology for the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. This exercise will update the Urban Capacity Study of 2003 and the National Land Use Database (NLUD). This exercise is also seen as a quality checking mechanism to update the housing completions records that inform National Indicators and the East Midlands monitoring report.

8 Assess Progress with Implementation

ASSESS PROGRESS WITH IMPLEMENTATION

Housing

8.1 The Adopted Regional Regional Plan (March 2009) proposes that 6000 houses will be provided in East Lindsey between 2001 and 2016. It makes no provision beyond that point but anticipates that the Coastal Study currently being undertaken will provide evidence to inform housing delivery proposals beyond that point.

	Start of Plan Period	End of Plan Period	Total Housing Required	Source of Plan Target
Plan Period & Housing Targets	2006	2026	6000	East Midlands Regional Plan

8.2 In arriving at the housing provision target for East Lindsey the Regional Plan recognises that existing allocations and planning permissions have the capacity to meet anticipated need pending its partial review. The Table below sets out the recent rates of development and anticipated future delivery levels as reported in the Regional Monitoring Report (<http://monitoring.emra.gov.uk>)

Table 2 - Housing Trajectory

	Net additional Dwellings in previous years	Net additional Dwellings for reporting year	Net additional dwellings in future years		
			Net Additions	Hectares	Target
02/03	611				
03/04	577				
04/05	513				
05/06	547				
06/07	728				
07/08	534				
08/09	614				
09/10		242			
10/11					400

	Net additional Dwellings in previous years	Net additional Dwellings for reporting year	Net additional dwellings in future years		
11/12					600
12/13					600
13/14					600
14/15					600
15/16					600

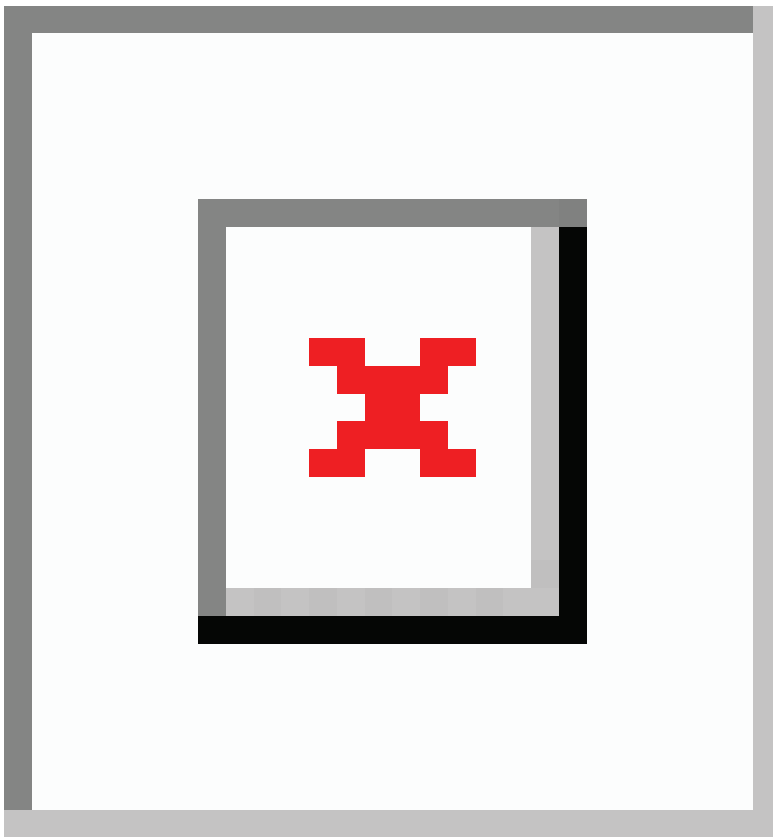
8.3 From Table 2 the average rate of development is calculated to be 617pa over the period (2006 to 2009) which exceeds the rate anticipated by the Regional Plan (600 units pa). However, as the 'Reporting for the Current Year' and final column show the number of new dwellings is likely to fall well below the target for the coming year. Up to November 2009 they show only 240 completions and an estimated total of 400 for the current year and, with the potential for this slow down to extend beyond 2010 that may result in further adjustments in future years.

8.4 The Council has maintained the position that a higher ceiling is essential to enable it to achieve its aspirations for the regeneration of the District and also to enable the delivery of the identified affordable housing backlog of need.

8.5 From Table 2 it is clear that in overall terms the policies the Council currently has in place are achieving the desired level of housing development based on the Regional Plan.

8.6 The graph below shows how recent development compares with the anticipated levels of development predicted by the Regional Plan .

Graph 3 Housing Trajectory: Expected, Revised & Projected Average Build Rates



8.7 The supply of ready-to-develop housing sites needed to meet the Regional Plan targets is calculated in the Council's NI 159 return. At 1st April 09 that assessment showed the average annual target of about 590 dwellings per annum and the number of sites with permission to be 3400, equating to a five to six year supply of housing assuming beneficial market conditions.

8.8 The NI159 return also indicates a potential for up to 2315 additional houses on allocated sites as yet undeveloped. However, a significant proportion of those - some 1400 are within the flood risk area and their deliverability is being re-assessed using the information from the new Flood Hazard mapping. The Council aims to have a more detailed assessment for the next AMR.

The Table below indicates the level of new dwellings built on previously developed land. At 31.7% the figure falls below the national and regional target (60%), however this is not unexpected given the rural character of the District where there is a limited supply of such sites. The capacity of previously developed land to provide sites for future development is being re-assessed through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment but it is anticipated that this target is unlikely to be achieved in the future as the limited stock of Previously Developed Land (PDL) declines.

Housing on Previously Developed Land (PDL)	
Gross	183
% Gross on PDL	31.7%

8.9 The Council no longer maintains a stock of social housing and has utilised the resources released by their sale to implement a significant development programme (Housing Capital Programme) in conjunction with its partner RSLs to provide a further 400 dwellings.

8.10 In addition the Council has an Affordable Housing SPD, which requires contributions from all new open market sites, of up to 30% of houses, in accordance with the thresholds set out in PPS3. The level of contribution is being re-assessed through the Core Strategy and will be evidenced by an update to the joint Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Economic Viability Assessment that is currently being undertaken.

Summary of Housing Development Rates

8.11 Analysis of the longer term house-building trends shows that the District has accommodated consistent growth over the last 20 years. But, as closer inspection of the Census shows, that growth is directly linked to the levels of (primarily) retirement related in-migration being experienced, which offsets a natural decline.

8.12 The implications of the skew in population structure is discussed in detail in Section 7. There are however other considerations that need to be taken into account and have been identified as issues.

- The increase in house prices as a knock-on from in-migration
- The unpredictability of migration patterns on the housing market
- The potential of the threat of coastal flooding to undermine the popularity of living on the Coast and increasing pressure to limit future development in response to flood risk
- The influences of demand on the economic aspects of the construction industry including skills shortage
- The distribution of development between the urban and rural parts of the District

8.13 Each of these elements will be assessed carefully as part of the LDF.

8.14 The Regional Plan proposes that a Coastal Study should be carried out to examine the economic/housing/flood risk issues on the Coast. Work on the study is well advanced and is expected to inform the Partial Review of the RSS and, in turn the LDF and future AMRs.

9 Employment

EMPLOYMENT

9.1 The information in Table 4 below provides an overview of the major development that has occurred in the District over the year. It relates primarily to the serviced employment sites developed by the District Council as part of its Economic Development Strategy.

9.2 Those sites are located in the main settlements in the District and are identified through the current Local Plan as the preferred location for future development. It provides one strand of information but does not properly reflect the importance locally of the agricultural and service (tourism) sectors.

9.3 The Table shows that rates of take-up have been steady and suggests that overall supply is not an issue. However, preliminary investigations for the LDF paint a more varied picture of the District with regard to employment land. The Council's Employment Land Review process is establishing a more comprehensive framework for monitoring the pattern of development in the District and will be essential for informing the development of the Economic Development Strategy and the Settlement Proposals of the Local Development Framework.

Table 4 - Employment Land Development 2008 - 2009

		B1a	B1b	B1c	B2	B8	Total
BD1: Total amount of additional employment floorspace by type	Gross						45a
	Net						
BD2: Total amount of employment floorspace on previously developed land - by type	Gross	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Net						
BD3: Employment land available - by type	Gross						Ha
	Net						

10 Transport

10.1 The District has a dispersed settlement pattern and a sparsely distributed population. As a consequence the approach and attitude towards accessibility needs to reflect local circumstance. Historically access has been possible through the wide distribution of facilities such as primary schools and Post Offices and more recently has seen significant levels of second car ownership.

Table 5 - Access

3a - Percentage of completed non-residential development complying with car parking standards set out in the Local Development Framework	N/A
3b - Percentage of new residential development within 30 minutes of public transport time of a GP, hospital, primary school, employment and a major retail centre.	N/A%

10.2 Accessibility. (3a) There are no car parking standards set out in the Local Plan. Where appropriate the Council uses the standards set out in the Lincolnshire Structure Plan. (3b) The percentage of new residential development within 30 minutes of the key services listed is not recorded.

10.3 Local Services (4a) The information supplied for the Regional Monitoring Report will be used to populate this Table. Improved mechanisms for the delivery of this data and to reflect the more recent advice of the Update (1/2005) are under development and are expected to be in place for future returns. The Council is also working towards the development of a Leisure Strategy that will incorporate the findings of an open space audit as part of its PPG17 facilities audit.

Table 6 - Local Services

	% of development	Area (ha.)
4a. Amount of completed retail, office and leisure development.	N/A	N/A
4b. Percentage of completed retail, office and leisure development in town centres.	0%	0.0
4c. Percentage of eligible open spaces managed to green flag award standard	0%	0.0

11 Flood Protection and Water Quality

FLOOD PROTECTION AND WATER QUALITY.

11.1 The mechanism for recording this information is being developed for delivery with the introduction of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. However the view of the Council is that the role of the Environment Agency is to provide the specialist technical advice and, as such this will be taken as a material consideration. The Council's Strategic Flood Risk Assessment is available on the Council's web site.

11.2 The Council's SFRA was produced in December 2005 within the framework of PPG25. The subsequent revisions to that document and release in December 2006 necessitate a review of the SFRA itself and the Council is liaising with the Environment Agency (EA) to carry that process forward.

11.3 Table 7 shows the number of permissions granted contrary to EA advice. As discussed previously, flood risk is a significant issue locally as the Council seeks to balance the differing requirements for development locally. It is clear however that the number of decisions made contrary to EA advice constitute only a very small percentage of the number of applications dealt with.

Table 7 - Flood protection and water quality

Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on either flood defence grounds or water quality	01.04.03 - 31.03.04	01.04.04 - 31.3.05	01.04.05 - 05.04.06	01.04.06 - 31.3.07	01.07 to 30.08	01.08 to 30.09
	36	6	12	5	0	0
<i>(Source: Environment Agency)</i>						

12 Biodiversity

BIODIVERSITY.

12.1 The 1999 Local Plan incorporated policies restricting development that will impact on sites of nature importance. When the Council decided which policies to save, it removed policies relating to International and National sites of nature conservation importance as there is already sufficient protection of these sites through other legislation. Policy ENV 19, Local Sites of Nature Conservation Importance has been retained. All sites of nature conservation importance are mapped on the Council's GIS to provide an alert where development is proposed. There have been no significant changes to the areas covered by those designations over the period 2004 to 2005.

12.2 The Council has engaged ecologists to undertake a review of all Sites of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCIs), which is the name currently given to locally important sites, and to assess any potential new sites. The Wildlife Sites Review Group (a sub-group of the Biodiversity Action Plan Partnership) will assess information from this review and decide if sites meet the criteria for designation as Local Wildlife Sites (the new name for locally important sites). Sites that do not meet the criteria will be removed from the list.

Table 8 - Core output indicators for Biodiversity

	Loss	Addition	Total
E2: Change in areas of biodiversity importance	0	0	0

12.3 Until this indicator is more clearly developed, suitable thresholds are set and the different elements are clearly defined, monitoring will be at a high level only. However, analysis of relevant policy usage in the period Sept 05 to April 06 indicates that no schemes affecting sites of International Importance and 9 affecting National and locally identified sites necessitated use of the relevant policies to protect such sites. Policy protecting wildlife habitats was invoked on 44 occasions.

13 Renewable Energy

RENEWABLE ENERGY

13.1 The information collected in respect of renewable energy is confined to those elements that will make a significant contribution to 'renewables'. In November 2006 Ecotricity completed development of the Bambers Farm site near Mablethorpe with the erection of the final 6 turbines which roughly doubled capacity of the site.

Table 9 – Renewable energy generating capacity at 1.4.08

Renewable energy capacity installed but type.		
Onshore wind: output	Potential	30.3 mkWh
Capacity		10.8 MW

13.2 In addition to existing capacity the construction of 2 additional onshore sites is well advanced with the potential to deliver 19 MW of energy on completion during 2008.

13.3 At the domestic scale, the Council has introduced a requirement on all new development of more than 10 houses or 1,000sq metres floor area, for a proportion of renewable energy (of 10%) to be generated on site.

14 Waste and Minerals Planning

Waste & Minerals Planning.

14.1 The Waste & Minerals Local Plans are produced by the County Council and will be scoped as part of the preparation of the LDF. The implications of the Council's priority, 'to minimise waste and maximise recycling' and approach to household collection will be assessed as part of the need to facilitate delivery of the Community Strategy.

15 Appendix A - East Lindsey Local Area Agreement

East Lindsey Local Area Agreement

Although the Agreement affects all communities across Lincolnshire there are a number of smaller priority areas where actions will be focused. There are five priority areas within East Lindsey out of a total of 16 across the County. East Lindsey's priority areas are:.

1. Mablethorpe, Trusthorpe and Sutton on Sea North
2. Ingoldmells, Chapel St Leonards and Winthorpe
3. Scarborough, Seacroft, St Clements and Winthorpe
4. Wainfleet and Friskney
5. Holton Holegate

East Lindsey District Council has developed 8 work programmes to meet the outcomes of the LAA. These programmes describe East Lindsey District Council's involvement and actions to tackle the key challenges highlighted within the LAA. The programmes include:

1. Neighbourhood Management
2. Community Cohesion
3. Children and Young People Preventative Programme
4. Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change
5. Coastal Action Zone
6. Learning Communities
7. Health Improvement
8. Surestart for Older People

For more information regarding the Lincolnshire Local Area Agreement please use the link below to access the Lincolnshire Assembly Local Area Agreement homepage.

15.1 <http://www.lincolnshireassembly.com/section.asp?catId=10810>

16 Appendix B - Tables A9 to A15

Monitoring arrangements & proposed developments for core output indicators by key policy themes.

Core output indicators for Housing

Table A12 will be fully incorporated into the AMR for 2010. Arrangements for monitoring the Building for Life (Table A14) will be established for future AMRs.

Table A12 - Gypsy and Traveller Site Delivery

	Permanent	Transit	Total
H4: Net additional pitches (Gypsy and Traveller)	0	0	0

Table A14 - Building for life monitoring

	H6: Housing quality – Building for life assessments
Number of sites with a building for life assessment of 16 or more	not returned
Number of dwellings on those sites	not returned
% of dwellings of 16 or more	not returned
Number of dwellings with a building for life assessment of 14 to 15	not returned
Number of dwellings on those sites	not returned
% of dwellings of 14 to 15	not returned
Number of sites with a building for life assessment of 10 to 14	not returned
Number of dwellings on those sites	not returned
% of dwellings of 10 to 14	not returned
Number of sites with a building for life assessment of less than 10	not returned
Number of dwellings on those sites	not returned
% of dwellings of less than 10	not returned
Total number of housing sites (or phases of housing sites)	not returned
Number of dwellings on those sites	not returned

Table A15 - Summary of data sources and proposed actions to improve monitoring for the AMR

	Expected source / Availability	Action
Table 4 – Employment land development (Section 2)	Monitored through existing electronic systems Tractivity/In house (including GIS mapping) in conjunction with ED/LCC and as part of Regional Monitoring programme. Information is based on sites in excess of 0.4 hectares and is collected for regional study.	A new report to monitor completions has been introduced. Further refinements are proposed to include a discrete database to provide core information for the RSS. As part of the Employment Land review a new GIS and associated database has been created that will further enhance the data collection and evidence base. Local monitoring framework being established in conjunction with Economic Development Unit using existing studies, joint bi-annual surveys and monitoring of planning permissions
Table 5 – Access (Section 10)	To be measured through DC/BC data recording. However, max standards employed, and it is therefore not appropriate to measure on this basis. HLA study and Bus Timetables. Data will have to be analysed on yearly basis to record changes over time.	There is a need to establish mechanism within major developments completion report(s) to measure provision and linking the information from different sources through GIS to formalise the reporting methodology.
Local Services (Section 10)	4c The Green Flag Award is a scheme to recognise quality parks with the criteria being based around appropriate visioning, community involvement, management planning, quality of facility, sustainability etc. and by its nature has a large management input into the processes. The District has no recognised Green Flag Award sites but are a couple of sites that	Work is continuing on the development of the recording and reporting mechanisms to standardise output. Sites are not required to hold the Award. Identification of those sites that have the quality to merit the award

	Expected source / Availability	Action
	would or could meet the criteria in these areas but resourcing accreditation is an issue.	
Table 7 – Flood protection and water quality (Section 11)	Environment Agency provide data on an annual basis	
Table 8 – Biodiversity (Section 12)	There is a need to establish extent of priority habitats and establish monitoring record of land use change. No accurate, current baseline data exists, therefore need to establish precise responsibilities. The Council is proposing to undertake a District wide Study when resources are available.	Monitor progress of County Biodiversity Action Plan.
Table 9 – Renewable energy (Section 13.2)	Formal monitoring framework using existing major developments report has been established. Determine whether there are any thresholds for alternative forms such as bio-fuels, water and solar energy.	Need to add major schemes to GIS and incorporate development monitoring framework
Table 3 – Housing	The majority of the information is contained in Housing Land Availability spreadsheets / background papers. Data updated monthly on aggregate basis for Parishes needs some refinement to incorporate density element and to identify S106 contributions in more detail collected through HLA study. Need to refine index to identify	Density and s106 monitoring elements introduced. Further refinements will be carried out as required

	Expected source / Availability	Action
	affordable housing contribution	

17 Appendix C - Local Indicators

Local Indicators		
<p>These should address the outputs of policies not covered by the local development framework core output indicators. The choice of these indicators will vary according to particular local circumstances and issues. For example, authorities in rural areas may wish to supplement their analysis of the core output indicators with local indicators that consider particular rural issues. Sufficient numbers of local indicators should be developed, together with the core output indicators, to ensure a robust assessment of policy implementation. The inclusion of local output indicators that are closely tailored to local policy should be developed on an incremental basis over time, reflecting the changing policy monitoring needs of an authority, the development of monitoring experience and the availability of resources. Like core indicators, their choice should reflect the availability and quality of existing data sources and their relevance to the local level. Table 4.5 below sets out some examples of potential local output indicators.</p>		
	Expected Source / Availability	Action
POSSIBLE LOCAL OUTPUT INDICATORS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - air quality: number / percentage of planning applications dealt with where air quality was a material consideration and number / percentage of planning permissions granted where air quality was a material consideration; - gypsies and travellers' housing and land use requirements: those living on public and private sites (both with or without planning permission) and those encamping on roadsides, open land etc; - amount of waste collected by type (e.g. household, industrial and commercial etc); - percentage of land in protected areas (e.g. national parks, AONBs and heritage coasts) which has been developed; and 	<p>Planning database/application records.</p> <p>The issue of meeting the requirements for gypsies has been recognised by joint meetings of Policy & Housing Officers. Some guidance is available in new Regional Plan.</p> <p>Lincs CC are the responsible body.</p> <p>The Lincs Sports Partnership has carried out an Audit to PPG17 specification. This work is be updated in-house as part of the research & monitoring exercise being developed to accompany the LDF.</p>	<p>Need to assess need and value of recording. Carried out by Environmental Health Dept. to be incorporated in Sustainability Appraisal</p> <p>The Housing Needs Survey includes a section on Gypsy & Travellers that will provide the basis for LDF Policy</p> <p>Assess options for data collection post deployment of 'wheelie' bin scheme</p> <p>Work in progress</p> <p>Establish framework to record changes in levels of provision</p>

Local Indicators		
Open Space & Recreation. / Protected Open Spaces Policy	Some work is being undertaken by a corporate working party	Continue to record –consider need to develop to reflect inland developments
Local output indicators – these can be used to help assess the extent to which local development orders are achieving their purpose.	There are no Local Development Orders in force in the district currently	
Possible Additions to Local Indicator List	Bi-annual survey (coastal) already established	
Caravan sites		

Local Issues Identified at 7.1	Information source / Means of monitoring of policy if appropriate
The size and remoteness of the district	Remoteness - improvements to major routes / changes to public transport timetables – more appropriately dealt with by more specific issues.
The dispersed settlement pattern and social exclusion	The Rural Villages Facilities Study is constantly reviewed – need to establish principle of what is appropriate to a rural location is a key issue for the LDF Housing Land Availability Study identifies location of new development
the different demands of an 'unbalanced' and ageing population structure and influences of inward migration	2001 Census base, plus household and population projections, GP lists/ PHCT
transport related issues such as high levels of car ownership, the absence of motorways or trunk roads, and limited public transport	2001 Census base Car Parking Surveys (ongoing) Traffic counts (LCC) Car parking survey
dependence on adjoining major centres for the provision of employment and other services	2001 Census TTWA data base plus District wide retail studies
seasonal employment related to the strong tourism sector of the economy	Office for National Statistics NOMIS unemployment statistics

Local Issues Identified at 7.1	Information source / Means of monitoring of policy if appropriate
low incomes creating pressure for affordable homes set in the framework of rapidly increasing house prices	NOMIS monthly returns / Land Registry Housing Waiting List monthly output
social deprivation	Indices of Deprivation 2004
pressure for expansion of coastal tourism / development into the countryside	Bi-Annual Caravan counts New report required from Acolaid database to record new planning approvals
additional demands placed on infrastructure by tourism	Liaison with service providers
erosion of landscape quality brought about by pressures to develop in the countryside	New report from Acolaid to identify new permissions by area, measure expected EIA implications where appropriate
limited employment opportunities	Report created in Acolaid to identify major Planning Permissions granted Annual Survey of Employment zones in conjunction with ED unit VAT Registrations
the pressure for development on small, historic town centres and local landscapes	New report to record major re-development in or adjoining town centres / conservation areas New report to record applications where EIA requested / in AONB and/or where the Landscape Character Assessment is cited.
limited brownfield development sites	Urban Capacity Study 2004; update commenced August 06
pressures for inland tourism beyond farm diversification – such as fishing lakes and caravan sites / log cabins	A new study is being undertaken to address these issues
changes in agriculture / diversification	Establish through report in Acolaid

Annex 1 Local Development Scheme Development Plan Timetable

Title	Stage	2006												2007											
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
SCI	Issues and Options Consultation (Reg. 25)		■	■																					
	Consider Responses and Prepare Preferred Options			■	■																				
	Pre submission consultation (Preferred Options) (Reg.26)					■	■																		
	Consideration of Responses, prepare doc (Reg 27)							■	■	■															
	Submit to SoS and consultation (Reg 28)										■	■													
	Publish responses, prepare for examination (Reg 29/31)											■	■	■											
	Examination (Reg 34)														■										
	Publish Inspect Report (Reg 35)															■									
	Adoption (Reg 36)																	■							

Table 1 Developemt Plan Documents

Title	Stage	2007												2008											
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Affordable Housing	Evidence Gathering/ Work Begins on Draft																								
	Public Participation (Reg 17)																								
	Consider Representations and Finalise SPD (Reg 18)																								
	Adoption (Reg 19)																								

Table 5 Supplementary Planning Documents

* Work on the Sustainability Appraisal to begin in tandem with early work on preparing a draft.

Title	Stage	2007												2008											
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Open Space SPD	Evidence Gathering/ Work Begins on Draft																								
	Public Participation (Reg 17)																								
	Consider Representations and Finalise SPD (Reg 18)																								
	Adoption (Reg 19)																								

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Annex 2 Annual Housebuilding Rates

ANNEX 2

Annual House Building Rates 1991 to 2005/06 with Trend-line

2.1 (Note: the figures post 2001 are recorded using the financial year (April to March) timescale. As a result the figure for 2001/2 covers a 15 month period. (85 Units were built in the first quarter of 2001))

