



Local Plan Proposed Submission consultation From 11th June to 23rd July

The Proposed Submission Local Plan sets out the strategic vision, objectives and spatial strategy for the District, as well as the planning policies which will guide future development. The Plan looks ahead to 2036 and identifies the main areas throughout South Kesteven where development should take place, along with areas of the District will be protected from change. It establishes policies and guidance, to ensure local development is built in accordance with the principles of sustainable development. The Plan has a number of allocations in which contribute towards the deliverability of the Plan's strategic vision.

This stage is the final representation stage before the Local Plan and all evidence based documents are submitted to the Secretary of State for an independent public examination. At this stage in the consultation process, comments should relate to issues of legal and procedural compliance, the "soundness" of the local Plan and the duty to co-operate. There is an accompanying FAQ regarding the regulation 19 consultation on the Council's webpage - www.southkesteven.gov.uk/newlocalplan

How to Respond.

Responses should be formed around the information set out within the consultation documents. These include the Proposed Submission Local Plan, Policies maps and other evidence based background documents which can be found on the Local Plan webpage.

You can respond to the Document in the following ways.

- Email this completed representation form to planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk
- Post the completed representation form to the Planning Policy Team, South Kesteven District Council Offices, St Peters Hill, Grantham, NG31 6PZ

All representations will be made publicly available, and must be received by **5pm** on the **23rd of July**. Any responses received after then will not be considered.

This form has two parts. Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make. **Part A** is for your personal details. **Part B** is your representation(s).

PART B – YOUR REPRESENTATION
 (Please use a separate sheet for each representation)

3) Which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate to?			
Document		Section	
Publication Local Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Page numbers (s)	26
		Paragraph Number (s)	
		Policy	
Local Plan Policies Map	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inset Number	
		Policy	
Other evidence based Document	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name of Document	SKDC's Statement of Community Involvement

4) Do you consider the Proposed Submission Local Plan is:				
Legally Compliant	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sound*	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complies with Duty to Cooperate	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

* The considerations relating to a development plan being sound are explained in the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 182) – these relate to the plan being positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

5) If you consider the Proposed Submission Local Plan is unsound, on which grounds do you consider the document to be unsound?	
Positively prepared	<input type="checkbox"/>
Justified	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consistent with National Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>

6) Please give details of why you consider the Proposed Submission Local Plan is not legally compliant is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If your response is more than 1000 words long then please provide a short summary at the start. (Continue on separate sheet/expand box if necessary)

Legal requirement: Has consultation been in accordance with Council's Statement of Community Involvement?

No.

SKDC's Statement of Community Involvement 1.4.1: "We will ensure that results are fed back and people are informed of how their views have impacted decisions."

Although this concurs in theory with the Core Planning Principle (NPPF) "empowering local people to shape their surroundings..." however:

From July 2016, the residents of Market Deeping have made it extremely clear to SKDC that Mill Field (on Millfield Road) has been used by the community for over 100 years for informal recreation and is demonstrably special to local residents, hence they want it to be kept as an informal, green open space and not used for a development site. Despite numerous written and oral responses, including a petition, SKDC selected Mill field as a site for development in their draft Local Plan. Of the two consultations in Deeping, on 12th July 2017, attendance figures were only published for the evening event, yet a significant number of people attended the event held in the market between 10am and 3pm. On both occasions, many residents were angry and frustrated as they felt that their views had been ignored and many later complained to Market Deeping Town Council and on the local Facebook discussion group about the attitude and standpoint of the representatives from SKDC: that nothing was changing their decision which had been made regardless of the huge surge of public opposition.

Because Mill Field has been used for over 20 years for informal recreation by a significant number of local residents it was eligible for Village Green Status so an application was submitted before the Draft Local Plan was published. In the Local Plan, Page 140, paragraph 3.47 clearly states that the reason that the site on Millfield Road (Mill Field) was removed was because of the Village Green Application - it should have been removed/ not included in the first place because selecting it contravened the principles in SKDC's Statement of Community Involvement.

Does it comply with NPPF?

No.

NPPF 155 "Early and meaningful collaboration with neighbourhoods....so that Local Plans reflect a collective vision"

7) Please set out what changes (s) you consider necessary to make the

Proposed Submission Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the matter you have identified at 5 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to cooperate is incapable of modification at examination).

You will need to say why this modification will make the Proposed Submission Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text or changes to proposals. Please be as precise as possible.

(Continue on separate sheet/expand box if necessary)

Change the wording of Page 140, 3.47 to: The site on Millfield Road was put forward as a site allocation but was removed/ rejected in accordance with our Statement of Community Involvement because the community's vision for Market Deeping includes leaving this area as accessible countryside because the loss of this open space would have a huge, detrimental impact on the quality of life, health and wellbeing of thousands of residents and on the character of their town.

Or remove the paragraph completely - Other sites that were considered unsuitable are not mentioned in the Local Plan.

Dismissing public opinion about something that is very dear to a local community is not good planning policy. Local planning authorities should create a shared vision with communities of the residential environment and facilities they wish to see ,NPPF 69. This consultation has not been in accordance with SKDC's Statement of Community Involvement with regards to Mill Field. It was only removed because of the Village Green application and paragraph 3.47 paves the way for it to return if it's possible. This does not " reflect the visions and aspirations of the local community NPPF 150"

Please note: your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage. After this stage, further submissions will be

only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

8) If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

No - I do not wish to participate in the oral examination

Yes I wish to participate in the oral examination

If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary: (Continue on separate sheet/expand box if necessary)

I would like the Inspector to hear first-hand how the residents of Market Deeping have felt excluded and ignored.

Please note: The inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adapt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at part of the oral examination.

9) If You are not already on our consultation database and you respond to this consultation your details will be added to the consultation database. Your contact details will be shared with the programme officer and Inspector for the purposes of the public examination.

If you do not wish to be added to our database or you would like you're your details to be removed then please select the following box

10) If you wish to continue to be part of the Local Plan Process - Do you wish to be notified of any of the following?

That the Local Plan has been submitted for independent examination

The publication of the recommendation of any person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the Local Plan

The adoption of the Local Plan

Signature (Please type for an

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Date completed-

electronic response)			
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