



Skegness Neighbourhood Plan

Summary Leaflet



What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A neighbourhood plan sets out the vision and policies to guide future development at the local level. It allows local residents to shape the places in which they live and work by influencing where future development will go and what it will look like.

Skegness Town Council has prepared a **Draft Neighbourhood Plan** which sets out policies and proposed site allocations for the town. The Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the development plan for East Lindsey District Council (ELDC), and applications for new developments will be required to align with the Skegness Neighbourhood Plan once it is adopted. This means that the Neighbourhood Plan will be considered by Planning Officers in ELDC when determining planning applications.

What policies are included in the Skegness Neighbourhood Plan?

Part 2 of the neighbourhood plan outlines specific policies for Skegness based around key policy themes, as summarised below:

Employment, Education & Skills

Policies **E1 to E4** support developments that provide floorspace for starter businesses and education uses, and support redevelopment of employment sites for other uses subject to certain criteria being met.

Tourism & Visitor Economy

Policies **V1 to V3** provide support the tourism and visitor economy in the town by supporting applications for changes of use from hotels and guest houses only where certain criteria are met, and encourages development of new serviced tourist accommodation in certain areas of the town.

Skegness Town Centre

Policies **TC1 to TC3** support the creation and retention of active frontages in the Town Centre, support applications for residential uses on upper floors above town centre units only where it does not adversely affect the viability of commercial ground floor uses, and promotes the creation of high quality, well-designed shop frontages and signage.

Transport Infrastructure

Policies **INF1 to INF12** provide support for planning applications that encourage use of sustainable transport modes and set out car parking, cycle and motorcycle parking standards for new developments.

Housing

Policies **H1 to H3** provide support for development of affordable residential dwellings, small-scale housing developments on brownfield infill or redevelopment sites, and specialist older persons accommodation subject to certain criteria being met.

Community, Health and Well-being

Policies **C1 to C3** support the retention of existing community facilities and public open spaces, and support applications for new community facilities subject to certain criteria being met.

Design and Environment

Policies **D1 to D3** support new developments, including car parks and edge of settlement developments, that provide high quality design and meet certain specific design criteria. Policy **D4** designates seven sites as 'Local Green Spaces' which will be protected from development except in very special circumstances (in accordance with National Planning Policy).

What sites are allocated for development in the Skegness Neighbourhood Plan?

Section 13 of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan proposes to allocate four sites for development, including the following.

- **ELDC Council Offices, North Parade (Site Ref. NDP1)** – allocated for leisure, tourism and/or community use, or affordable residential use
- **Skegness Fire Station and 8no. 'Firemen' Houses, Churchill Avenue (Site Ref. NDP2)** – allocated for employment use, or affordable residential use
- **Land North of Wainfleet Road (Site Ref. NDP3)** – allocated for employment use or a Park & Ride facility
- **Skegness Household Waste Recycling Centre, Warth Lane (Site Ref. NDP4)** – allocated for employment use or affordable residential use

The locations of these sites are shown on the Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map.

How can I comment on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan?

We are undertaking a pre-submission consultation on the Draft Skegness Neighbourhood Plan, as required by Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. This consultation runs from **Monday 6th September to Monday 18th October 2021**.

This is your last chance to comment on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan before it is submitted to East Lindsey District Council. Once the plan has been submitted there will be a final opportunity for submission of representations (Regulation 16), following which the plan will be examined by an independent examiner. Local residents will then be asked to vote on whether the final plan should be adopted through a local referendum.

A copy of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and other supporting documents can be viewed online at: **www.skegness.gov.uk/ndp-consultation**. Hard copies of the plan are also available to view Monday to Friday, 9:30am – 4:30pm at Tower Gardens Pavilion (Reception and Community Café), Rutland Road, Skegness, PE25 2AX.

To contribute your views on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan please either:

- Complete a paper copy of the Comments Form and return this to: Skegness Town Council, Neighbourhood Plan Consultation, Tower Gardens Pavilion, Rutland Road, Skegness, Lincolnshire, PE25 2AX;
- Complete an online version of the Comments Form available here: **www.skegness.gov.uk/ndp-consultation**; or
- Email your comments to **info@skegnesscouncil.org.uk**.