

# Haxey Parish Council

(County of North Lincolnshire)

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Dear Mr. Walker

**Re: North Lincolnshire Local Development  
 Framework Core Strategy, Issues And Options**

Having studied the Core Strategy and questionnaire, Haxey Parish Council wish to respond particularly to the section on future housing needs for the area.

The Parish Council support an increase in the amount of housing development in North Lincolnshire, however, this should be on urban brownfield sites and not greenfield sites. Developers should be steered to urban brownfield sites ensuring greenfield sites are retained as they enhance the countryside.

The current sequential approach which gives priority to development on brownfield sites over Greenfield sites should not be surrendered to market forces. The planning system should be protecting the countryside, regenerating urban areas and market towns and fostering sustainable patterns of development.

Haxey Parish Council would also like to support the position of the existing North Lincolnshire Local Structure Plan as it applies to its area in. Haxey, Westwoodside, Low Burnham, East Lound and Graizelound which should continue to be minimum growth settlements according to NLC's hierarchy H1 and policy ST2. Any proposed development outside the Local Plan boundary should only be permitted if the development is for agricultural or forestry purposes, H1 and policy ST3.

Westwoodside has already played its part in providing affordable housing, albeit they have not yet been occupied due to sewerage problems. Haxey Parish Council are not opposed to minimum smaller properties for younger people to buy but feel that sociable affordable housing is not required.

In general for smaller villages, the Parish Council would suggest that they should remain minimum growth settlements so that they retain their country character. This approach ensures we do not overload the infrastructure and cuts down travel in rural areas thereby protecting the environment.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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Clerk to the Council