

**Final  
Sustainability  
Appraisal**

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# 1 Introduction

## What is a Sustainability Appraisal?

- 1.1 The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) process is a way of ensuring that plans and programmes relating to the development and use of land are compatible with the aims of sustainable development. By undertaking an SA, it enables the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) policies and development proposals, to be examined and demonstrate how they can contribute to the aims of sustainable development. This also allows for the policy writing and proposals to be influenced at an early stage to ensure the policies are as sustainable as possible. Sustainable development is about ensuring that the needs of everyone can be met now, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Put simply, sustainability looks at balancing a range of competing environmental, social and economic objectives when making decisions about the development and use of land.
- 1.2 The environmental assessment of plans with a significant environmental impact is a requirement of the EC Directive on the assessment of plans and programmes on the environment (Directive 2001/42/EC), known as the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive. This Neighbourhood Plan is legally required to be in line with Central Lincolnshire Local Plan. Due to the fact that the Fiskerton Neighbourhood Development Plan is allocating a site in the Parish that was not planned for by the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2016 therefore it has been advised by WLDC that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in accordance with the SEA Directive and a Sustainability Appraisal is required.
- 1.3 The SA and SEA are similar in process, yet they have a distinct process involving a number of explicit steps. The differences between these processes lie in the fact that the SEA focuses solely on environmental effects whereas SA is concerned with all social, economic and environmental considerations. The SA Report uses an approach that addresses the requirements of the SA process and the SEA Directive simultaneously by giving full consideration to environmental issues as well as addressing the range of socio-economic concerns. In terms of the specific requirements of the Directive, the Scoping Report and the Sustainability Appraisal Report for the Neighbourhood Plan will together meet the need of the setting out the significant effects on the

environment of implementing the Neighbourhood Plan (and the reasonable alternatives considered).

## 2 Integrated Impact Assessment

2.1 The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan undertook an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) on the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan. It has been deemed appropriate by WLDC that this same approach be applied to the Fiskerton Neighbourhood Plan.

2.2 An IIA is an approach that assesses the potential impact of proposals (strategies, policies, programmes, projects, plans or other developments) on issues that previously may have been assessed separately, such as economic, environmental, sustainability, equal opportunities and health and well-being. IIA therefore attempts to cover more than one type of impact assessment in a single process. It recommends how to maximise benefits and minimise negatives of a proposal to inform decision making and improve joined-up working. The IIA for the Fiskerton Neighbourhood Plan has taken the approach used by the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan that integrates and fulfils the requirements for the following impact assessments:

- Sustainability Appraisal (SA)
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
- Equalities Analysis (EqA)
- Health Impact Assessment (HIA)

2.3 For further information on the Central Lincolnshire IIA please use the link below.

<https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/central-lincolnshire/local-plan/>

2.4 The IIA for the Fiskerton Neighbourhood Plan (this document) will be referred to within this report as the SA.

2.5 The Fiskerton Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) SA is being carried out to ensure that the development management policies included in the Plan are sustainable, therefore ensuring they are effective in providing for current residents of the area, as well as future residents. There is no statutory requirement for Neighbourhood Plans to be accompanied by a SA. However, the Fiskerton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have decided to carry out an SA of the Plan as a means to ensure and demonstrate that the principles of sustainable development as defined by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) have been taken into account in its preparation.

- 2.6 As the Plan must be in line with local planning policy as outlined in the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (amended 2016), in this case the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2016 which has already undergone a full Integrated Impact Assessment on its outcomes and proposed policies. However where the Neighbourhood Plan proposes additions to the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan, in terms of development locations and amounts. The impact of these must be assessed in relation to achieving sustainable development over the Plan period. As stated previously in this document this SA for the Draft Neighbourhood Plan will follow the same method as the proposed Integrated Impact Assessment of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan, and where appropriate, will use the same tools and techniques to provide overall consistency in approach.
- 2.7 Appraising the Plan will enable the Steering Group (SG) to identify issues with the Plan that are affecting its sustainability. This in turn will allow the SG to address these issues when producing the final Plan, ensuring the final document itself is contributing to the achievement of sustainable development.

### Who has carried out this Sustainability Appraisal?

- 2.8 This SA of the Fiskerton Neighbourhood Development Plan has been conducted and produced by West Lindsey District Council working in conjunction with the Parish Councils for the area, in particular with the Neighbourhood Plan SG; the SG consists of local residents and Parish Councillors from Fiskerton.

## 3 Structure of the Sustainability Appraisal

- 3.1 The following sections of this SA of Neighbourhood Plan will be structured in the following way;
- **The Sustainability Appraisal Assessment** – This section introduces the Sustainability Framework that will be utilised to appraise the Plan. Using the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan framework as a basis, this section will develop Sustainability Appraisal Objectives suitable for use in appraising the Plan.
  - **Assessing the Alternatives** – This section looks at the alternative approaches to the future development in Fiskerton. These options were

considered by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, West Lindsey District Council and the community.

- **Community Vision, Aim & Objectives Appraisal** – Sustainability Appraisal of the Community Vision, Aim & Objectives using the developed Sustainability Framework Objectives.
- **Development Management Policies Appraisal** – Sustainability Appraisal of the development management policies contained in the Neighbourhood Plan.
- **Next Steps** – The final section of this Sustainability Appraisal will outline the next steps to be taken in the Sustainability Appraisal process.

## 4 Scoping Report

4.1 A Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (the Scoping Report) was produced in December 2015 and was consulted from the 12th May 2016 until 20th July 2016. The Scoping Report outlines the relevant planning policies to Fiskerton, the documents that apply to the Neighbourhood Plan and presents the baseline data under a number of different headings which include:

- General Information;
- Social & Environment;
- National Environment; and
- Economic Environment.

### Overview of Sustainability Appraisal work to date

4.2 The Sustainability Appraisal process is an ongoing and iterative process. It has five stages:

- **Stage A:** Scoping, evidence base gathering and establishing the SA framework;
- **Stage B:** Developing and refining options and assessing the significant effects and establishing the mechanism for monitoring the significant effects of the Neighbourhood Plan;
- **Stage C:** Preparing the SA Report which sets out the appraisal process and findings;
- **Stage D:** Consult with stakeholders on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan and the SA Report; and
- **Stage E:** Monitoring the significant effects of implementing the Neighbourhood Plan once adopted.

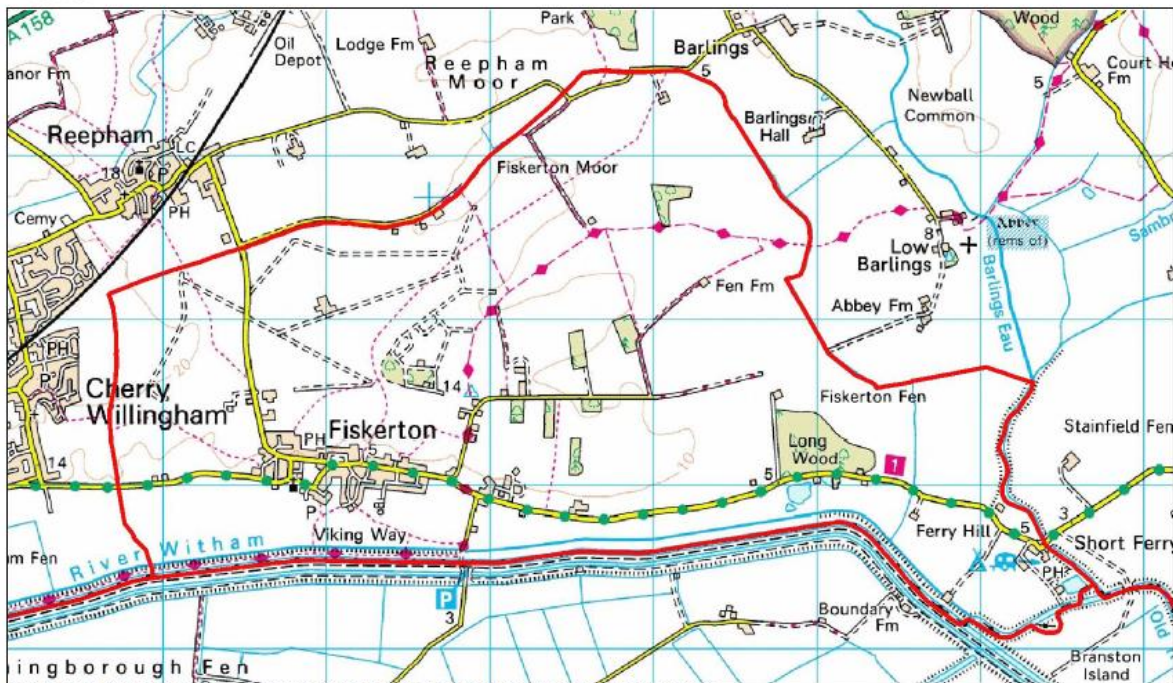
- 4.3 The preparation of this SA Report forms part of Stage C of the SA process.
- 4.4 Work on the SA of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan began in late 2015. In accordance with the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and European Directive 2001/42/EC a Draft Screening Determination on the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Neighbourhood Plan was prepared. This concluded that the Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to have a significant environmental effect and a full SEA is not required.
- 4.5 In West Lindsey District Council consulted the statutory SEA consultees on a draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. In addition to the SA process the SEA Screening Determination was also consulted upon. A final version of the Scoping Report was prepared in October 2016.
- 4.6 The SA Scoping Report sets out baseline information by topic and highlights sustainability issues and trends for the Plan area. This information is considered to be up-to-date and to avoid duplication of effort has not been repeated in this report. The Scoping Report also outlines the sustainability framework for the SA including the sustainability objectives against which the proposals in the emerging NDP will be assessed.
- 4.7 This draft SA report sets out the outcomes of the SA of the NDP. The report will assist in refining the NDP prior to its submission to WLDC.

## **5 The Fiskerton Neighbourhood Development Plan**

### **Area Covered**

- 5.1 The Fiskerton Neighbourhood Plan covers the neighbourhood area as designated by West Lindsey District Council on the 12th March 2013. The Neighbourhood Plan Area is shown in figure 1.

Figure 1: Designated Neighbourhood Plan Area



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## Contents of the Neighbourhood Plan

- 5.2 The Fiskerton NDP has been produced in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (amended 2016), primarily using results from extensive consultation undertaken with local residents, local business and land owners. The Plan, sitting alongside Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2016, seeks to support and direct the development and growth of the area up to the year 2036.
- 5.3 The Plan does this by initially providing a Community Vision for the area, which outlines the overall strategy for development in Fiskerton NDP up to the year 2036. The Vision is then divided into the Objectives, these each cover a distinct theme that all contribute to the achievement of the overall Vision of the Plan. The NDP then provides thirteen development management policies; these will be used in conjunction with Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2016 to determine planning applications submitted to WLDC. These policies aim to deliver the objectives and therefore deliver the Vision for the area up to the year 2036.



## 6 The Sustainability Framework

### What is the Sustainability Framework?

- 6.1 To effectively appraise the Neighbourhood Plan for Fiskerton, a clear, concise and effective framework is needed, one that addresses all aspects of sustainable development.
- 6.2 In order to assess what options would be most sustainable for the future development of the area the key sustainability issues affecting the Plan were identified. These have been separated into social, economic and environmental issues, although there is inevitably overlap between them. For example certain issues, such as climate change, have environmental, economic and social implications.
- 6.3 The key issues identified in this report comprise:
  - **Social** – housing supply; crime and community safety; health and recreation; and provision of social capital.
  - **Economic** – business development (existing and new) and job creation; site and infrastructure provision; and town and rural centres.
  - **Environmental** – preventing loss of priority habitats; protection and enhancement of the green infrastructure; protecting the historic environment; minimising flood risk; efficient use of resources; and minimising the impacts of climate change.
- 6.4 These sustainability issues have each been taken into consideration in the production of the Sustainability Framework for the Draft Plan, ensuring the Plan itself ultimately addresses all of the issues.

## NDP Sustainability Framework

6.5 The SA Objectives that will be used to appraise the sustainability of the Neighbourhood Plan for Fiskerton are as follows:

**Table 1: Sustainability Appraisal Objectives**

Sustainability Appraisal Objectives	
1	To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the Fiskerton Parish
2	To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and maximise health and well-being.
3	To stimulate regeneration that maximises benefits for the all the residents in Fiskerton. To also ensure equitable outcomes for all, particularly those most at risk of experiencing discrimination, poverty and social exclusion.
4	To conserve and enhance biodiversity across the Parish and provide Opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and the natural environment. To create and improve high quality green and blue spaces that are Multifunctional, (including opportunities for sport, recreation and play), accessible to all and which form part of and are connected to the green infrastructure network.
5	To protect and enhance the rich diversity of the character and appearance of Fiskerton's landscape and townscape, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place.
6	To protect and enhance the significance of the buildings, sites and features of archaeological, historic or architectural and artistic interest and their settings, and ensure new buildings, spaces and places are designed to a high quality
7	To protect and enhance water resources and their quality in Fiskerton Parish.
8	To minimise pollution (air, noise and light) and improve air quality.
9	To protect and enhance soil and land resources and quality in Fiskerton Parish.
10	To minimise the amount of waste generated across all sectors and increase the re-use, recycling and recovery rates of waste materials.
11	To minimise the effects of climate change by developing the area's renewable energy resources, reducing dependency on fossil fuels, minimise energy usage, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the area.

12	To ensure Fiskerton adapts to the effects of climate change, both now and in the future through careful planning and design of development, including reducing and managing the risk of flooding from all sources.
13	To make efficient use of the existing transport infrastructure, reduce the need to travel by car, improve accessibility to jobs and services for all and to ensure that all journeys are undertaken by the most sustainable travel modes (particularly public transport, walking and cycling).
14	To create and improve access to high quality employment and training opportunities for local residents in Fiskerton.
15	To encourage and support a competitive, diverse and stable economy and to protect and enhance Central Lincolnshire's hierarchy of centres to meet the needs of residents and visitors.

6.6 To ensure that these objectives are sustainable, they will be assessed against the three themes of sustainability, these being; social, economic and environmental judging their predicted impact on each, this being either positive or negative. The relationship between the SA objectives and the three themes of sustainability is shown in the table below.

**Table 2: Relationship between SA Objectives and themes of Sustainability**

SA Objective	SA Theme		
	Social	Econ	Envi
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the Fiskerton Parish	+	+	-
2. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and maximise health and well-being.	+	-	+
3. To stimulate regeneration that maximises benefits for the all the residents in Fiskerton. To also ensure equitable outcomes for all, particularly those most at risk of experiencing discrimination, poverty and social exclusion.	+	+	+
4. To conserve and enhance biodiversity across the Parish and provide opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and the natural environment. To create and improve high quality green and blue spaces that are multifunctional, (including opportunities for sport, recreation and play), accessible to all and which form part of and are connected to the green infrastructure	+	-	+

network.			
5. To protect and enhance the rich diversity of the character and appearance of Fiskerton's landscape and townscape, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place.	+	-	+
6. To protect and enhance the significance of the buildings, sites and features of archaeological, historic or architectural and artistic interest and their settings, and ensure new buildings, spaces and places are designed to a high quality	+	-	+
7. To protect and enhance water resources and their quality in the Parish.	+	-	+
8. To minimise pollution (air, noise and light) and improve air quality.	-	-	+
9. To protect and enhance soil and land resources and quality in the Parish.	-	+	+
10. To minimise the amount of waste generated across all sectors and increase the re-use, recycling and recovery rates of waste materials.	-	-	+
11. To minimise the effects of climate change by developing the area's renewable energy resources, reducing dependency on fossil fuels, minimise energy usage, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the area.	+	+	+
<b>12.</b> To ensure Fiskerton adapts to the effects of climate change, both now and in the future through careful planning and design of development, including reducing and managing the risk of flooding from all sources.	+	+	+
13. To make efficient use of the existing transport infrastructure, reduce the need to travel by car, improve accessibility to jobs and services for all and to ensure that all journeys are undertaken by the most sustainable travel modes (particularly public transport, walking and cycling).	+	+	+
14. To create and improve access to high quality employment and training opportunities for local residents in Fiskerton.	+	+	-

15. To encourage and support a competitive, diverse and stable economy and to protect and enhance Fiskerton's village centre to meet the needs of residents and visitors.	+	+	-
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6.7 Each of the SA Objectives has been matched with detailed decision-making criteria. These criteria comprise the key questions that will be asked to ascertain whether or not the Draft Plan works towards the SA objective, these can be found below:

**Table 3: Decision Making Criteria for SA Objectives**

SA Objective	Decision Making Criteria
1. To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the Fiskerton Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will it increase the supply of affordable housing</li> <li>• Will it increase the range of housing types, sizes and tenures, to meet the identified needs of all social groups and local residents</li> <li>• Will it meet the needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople</li> <li>• Will it reduce homelessness and overcrowding</li> <li>• Will it reduce the number of homes that do not reach the Decent Homes Standard</li> <li>• Will it improve insulation, internal air quality and energy efficiency in existing housing to reduce fuel poverty and ill-health</li> <li>• Will it bring empty homes back into use</li> </ul>

SA Objective	Decision Making Criteria
<p>2. To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and maximise health and well-being.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will it help reduce health inequalities</li> <li>• Will it help improve mental and emotional health</li> <li>• Will it improve accessibility for all to health and welfare services across the area</li> <li>• Will it encourage and support healthy lifestyles (for example through the provision of and./or improved access to green space)</li> <li>• Will it encourage a range and mix of land uses that underpin local health; for example, avoiding over concentration of hot food takeaways in one location</li> <li>• Will it provide opportunities to access fresh, affordable and healthy food</li> <li>• Will it help improve road safety by reducing danger from traffic and traffic speed</li> </ul>
<p>3. To stimulate regeneration that maximises benefits for the all the residents in Fiskerton. To also ensure equitable outcomes for all, particularly those most at risk of experiencing discrimination, poverty and social exclusion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will regeneration provide benefits for the most deprived areas</li> <li>• Will it help reduce social inequality, poverty and social exclusion in communities in the area</li> <li>• Will it help reduce deprivation in communities the area</li> <li>• Will it support cultural diversity, social interaction, civic participation (social capital), to promote more diverse and cohesive communities</li> <li>• How will different groups of people be affected, including black and minority ethnic</li> </ul>



SA Objective	Decision Making Criteria
	<p>communities, women, disabled people, lesbians, gay men, bisexual and transgender people, older people, young people, children and faith groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will it benefit the groups listed above</li><li>• Will it help people feel positive about the area they live in</li><li>• Will it promote adequate accessibility for those people who are elderly or disabled</li><li>• Will it help to create communities where people feel safe</li><li>• Will it reduce levels of crime, the fear of crime and antisocial behaviour</li></ul>
<p>4. To conserve and enhance biodiversity across the Parish and provide opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and the natural environment. To create and improve high quality green and blue spaces that are multifunctional, (including opportunities for sport, recreation and play), accessible to all and which form part of and are connected to the green infrastructure network.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will it protect or enhance/habitats of international, national, regional or local importance</li><li>• Will it protect international, national, regional or locally important species</li><li>• Will it avoid the loss of existing habitats and sites valuable for their nature conservation interest</li><li>• Will it lead to habitat re-creation, restoration or expansion</li><li>• Will it reduce fragmentation of habitats by maintaining wildlife corridors or providing new wildlife linkages</li><li>• Will it help achieve Lincolnshire Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP)</li></ul>



SA Objective	Decision Making Criteria
	<p>targets? Will it maintain and enhance woodland cover and management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will it improve access to wildlife and the natural environment and promote their quiet enjoyment</li><li>• Will it improve the quantity and quality of publicly accessible open space</li><li>• Will it provide open space in areas with deficiencies in publicly accessible open space</li><li>• Will it improve access to green and blue space for all</li><li>• Will it provide opportunities for or improve the provision of sports, recreation and play facilities</li><li>• Will it provide opportunities for local food production</li></ul>
<p>5. To protect and enhance the rich diversity of the character and appearance of Fiskerton's landscape and townscape, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will it protect, and provide opportunities to enhance, the distinctive landscapes within the area (e.g. Conservation Areas, Lincolnshire Wolds AONB, Green Wedge land, Landscape Character Areas, Visual Amenity Areas).</li><li>• Will it conserve and enhance local landscape and townscape character, and visual amenity</li><li>• Will it protect historic landscapes and settlement character? Will it protect important views</li></ul>



SA Objective	Decision Making Criteria
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will it protect, enhance and manage the historic character of towns and villages to maintain and strengthen local distinctiveness</li> </ul>
<p>6. To protect and enhance the significance of the buildings, sites and features of archaeological, historic or architectural and artistic interest and their settings, and ensure new buildings, spaces and places are designed to a high quality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will it protect, maintain and enhance the condition and setting of features and areas of cultural, historical and archaeological heritage in the environment</li> <li>• Will it promote the sensitive re-use of historic or culturally important buildings or areas where appropriate</li> <li>• Will it improve access to historic sites</li> <li>• Will it improve the understanding of the area's heritage and culture? Will it enhance the quality of the public realm</li> <li>• Will it promote high quality design and sustainable construction</li> <li>• Will it positively enhance and promote the perceived sense of place held by the community</li> </ul>
<p>7. To protect and enhance water resources and their quality in Fiskerton Parish.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will it improve the quality of water bodies? Will it help meet the objectives of the Water Framework Directive</li> <li>• Will it promote Sustainable Urban Drainage</li> <li>• Will it reduce abstraction from surface and ground water sources</li> </ul>

SA Objective	Decision Making Criteria
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will it reduce water consumption through water efficiency measures</li> <li>• Will the demand for water be within the available capacity of existing water systems infrastructure (e.g. water supply and sewage)</li> <li>• Will it provide new water systems infrastructure</li> </ul>
<p>8. To minimise pollution (air, noise and light) and improve air quality.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will it minimise air, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution</li> <li>• Will it improve local air quality, especially in Air Quality Management Areas</li> <li>• Will it reduce greenhouse gas emissions</li> <li>• Will it help achieve national and international standards and objectives for air quality</li> <li>• Will it reduce levels of noise pollution</li> <li>• Will it result in an adverse change to the character of the night time lighting conditions</li> </ul>
<p>9. To protect and enhance soil and land resources and quality in Fiskerton Parish.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will it protect soil resources and minimise the loss of soils to development</li> <li>• Will it remediate contaminated land</li> <li>• Will it protect the best and most versatile agricultural land</li> <li>• Will it result in the loss of Greenfield land</li> <li>• Will it make the best use of Brownfield land</li> <li>• Will it reduce the number of vacant and derelict buildings</li> </ul>

SA Objective	Decision Making Criteria
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will it help minimise resource use (e.g. primary aggregates)</li> </ul>
<p>10.To minimise the amount of waste generated across all sectors and increase the re-use, recycling and recovery rates of waste materials.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will it help minimise the production of waste</li> <li>• Will it encourage the reuse and recycling of waste (e.g. in the design of buildings and spaces)</li> <li>• Will it reduce waste through construction and demolition, and maximise the use of recycled materials, including aggregates</li> </ul>
<p>11.To minimise the effects of climate change by developing the area's renewable energy resources, reducing dependency on fossil fuels, minimise energy usage, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will it reduce the demand and need for energy</li> <li>• Will it encourage and improve the efficient use of energy</li> <li>• Will it support community energy projects</li> <li>• Will it encourage or ensure some energy saving measures in all new developments</li> <li>• Will it increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon energy sources</li> <li>• Will it help reduce dependency on non-renewable energy resources such as fossil fuels</li> <li>• Will it reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources</li> </ul>
<p>12.To ensure Fiskerton adapts to the effects of climate change, both now and in the future through careful planning and design of development, including reducing and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will it use sustainable construction and design principles, such as maximising passive solar gain and minimising runoff from development</li> </ul>

SA Objective	Decision Making Criteria
<p>managing the risk of flooding from all sources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will it improve the adaptability of people, property and wildlife to changing temperatures and help avoid overheating in new homes and built up areas (for example through new green space/tree planting)</li> <li>• Will it minimise the impacts of climate change on health and wellbeing, particularly on vulnerable groups in society</li> <li>• Will the development be in an area at risk overall and ensure there is no negative impact on third parties, taking into account the impacts of climate change</li> <li>• Will the development tackle existing flood risk problems where appropriate</li> <li>• Will it require substantial mitigation to facilitate the development</li> <li>• Will it incorporate Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) to reduce the amount of surface water run-off</li> </ul>
<p>13. To make efficient use of the existing transport infrastructure, reduce the need to travel by car, improve accessibility to jobs and services for all and to ensure that all journeys are undertaken by the most sustainable travel modes (particularly public transport, walking and cycling).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will it reduce the number and length of journeys undertaken by car by encouraging a modal shift to alternative modes of transport (including public transport, walking and cycling)</li> <li>• Will it have easy access to walking, cycling and public transport (bus and rail) routes and services</li> <li>• Will it utilise and enhance existing transport infrastructure</li> </ul>

SA Objective	Decision Making Criteria
	<p>Will it reduce traffic volumes and traffic congestion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will it improve access to key local services and facilities, places of employment and green infrastructure</li> <li>• Will it improve access to leisure, sporting, cultural and arts destinations and facilities</li> <li>• Will it reduce the distances people have to travel to access work, services and leisure</li> <li>• Will it enhance the public rights of way and cycling networks</li> </ul>
<p>14. To create and improve access to high quality employment and training opportunities for local residents in Fiskerton.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will it provide a net increase in new jobs</li> <li>• Will it help reduce unemployment overall</li> <li>• Will it increase average income levels</li> <li>• Will it help improve learning and the attainment of skills</li> <li>• Will it improve opportunities for and access to affordable education and training</li> <li>• Will it help reduce the number of outworkers/out-commuting and outward migration of working age population from Central Lincolnshire</li> <li>• Will it improve the diversity and quality of jobs within the area?</li> <li>• Will it help provide employment in areas of high deprivation and help stimulate regeneration</li> </ul>
<p>15. To encourage and support a competitive, diverse and stable economy and to protect and enhance Fiskerton's village centre to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will it assist in providing land and buildings of a type required by businesses, for a range of employment uses</li> </ul>

SA Objective	Decision Making Criteria
meet the needs of residents and visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will it result in a loss of employment land</li> <li>• Will it provide for employment as part of mixed use development</li> <li>• Will it support the rural economy</li> <li>• Will it help diversify the economy</li> <li>• Will it support opportunities to encourage the growth of the visitor economy</li> <li>• Will it encourage new business start-ups and support the growth of businesses</li> <li>• Will it support emerging sectors of the economy</li> <li>• Will it support the development of green industries and a low carbon economy</li> <li>• Will it encourage inward investment</li> <li>• Will it encourage new investment from existing businesses</li> <li>• Will it support the viability and vitality of town centres and local shopping areas</li> <li>• Will it support the infrastructure required by a growing and changing economy</li> </ul>

6.8 As the sections of the Plan that are to be appraised, these being the; Community Vision & Objectives and the Development Management Policies, are substantially different, in terms of both content and purpose. It is deemed necessary to assess these against the SA Objectives. The following criteria were used to assess the level of compatibility of the Draft Plan's Vision, Objectives and development management polices:

**Table 4: Criteria used to assess the Alternative Options & Development Management Policies**

Key	
Major Positive Effects	✓✓
Minor Positive Effects	✓
Neutral / No Impact	-
Minor Negative Effects	X
Major Negative Impact	XX
Uncertain Impact	?
Mixed Effects	✓ X

6.9 Using the SA Objectives and the separate criteria established above in **Table 4**. The following section of this document contains the SA of the Fiskerton Neighbourhood Development Plan.

## 7 Assessing the Alternative Approaches

7.1 The Neighbourhood Plan steering group along with West Lindsey District Council and the Community considered options presented below and the likely social, economic and environmental impacts of potential neighbourhood plan options (set out below) was undertaken to assist the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in further decisions over the most favourable course of future action.

**Table 5: Assessing the alternative options**

Alternative Option(s)	Summary of Proposals	Reasons for discounting or accepting the Proposal
Option 1: No Neighbourhood Plan	If no Neighbourhood Plan was produced the community would not have a say in future planning policy developments in the Parish.	The community consultation highlighted the need for a Neighbourhood Plan.
Option 2: Submission Central Lincolnshire Local 2016	The Plan seeks to allow 15% growth in Fiskerton over plan period (2016 – 2036). No site or location has been identified within the Submission Central Lincolnshire Local Plan.	The community decided that they wanted to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan in order to identify the location of new growth within the village and to also cover other important local issues.
Option 3: 200 Homes to the North of Fiskerton	The Steering Group took advice from Local Planning agencies and District Council which advised at that time (2012) that for the settlement to become more sustainable. In the early consultation the community supported the proposal for the development of 200 homes as detailed in the <a href="#">Consultation Summary</a> . <a href="#">The proposal</a>	At this stage this site has scored well against the Site Selection Criteria and has been taken forward as an option in the Draft Plan and further consultation will take place to decide which Option (Option 3 or 4) will be taken through to the Final Plan.



is for the comprehensive development of 200 homes to the North of the Settlement. This proposal has the majority of the support for development throughout the public consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan.

#### Option 4: 200 Homes to the West of Fiskerton

The Steering Group took advice from Local Planning agencies and District Council which advised at that time (2012) that for the settlement to become more sustainable. In the early consultation the community supported the proposal for the development of 200 homes as detailed in the Consultation Summary. The proposal is for the comprehensive development of 200 homes to the West of the Settlement. This option for growth to the West of the Settlement was not considered by the community until later in the process (May 2016). However, as the community that engaged in the process originally did not consider this site to be the best location for growth this was only explored in further detail following a public meeting where member of the public

At this stage this site has scored well against the Site Selection Criteria and has been taken forward as an option in the Draft Plan and further consultation will take place to

decide which Option (Option 3 or 4) will be taken through to the Final Plan.

It must be noted that this option has not scored as well as option 3 throughout the consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan but the SG felt it was necessary to include it in the Draft Plan in order for a final decision to be made on the Location for future growth.

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requested it to be  
considered in further  
detail.

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- 7.2 Each of the options were reviewed and assessed against the SA matrix, this is presented in the table below. The assessment considers the options against the full SA Framework objectives, with commentary focused on those SA objectives where significant adverse effects would be encountered.
- 7.3 The option that is being taken forward is Option 3 – Development to the North of Fiskerton.

**Table 6: Assessing the alternative options against the SA Objectives**

Potential Impact of the Options	Sustainability Appraisal Objective														
	SAO 1	SAO 2	SAO 3	SAO 4	SAO 5	SAO 6	SAO 7	SAO 8	SAO 9	SAO 10	SAO 11	SAO 12	SAO 13	SAO 14	SAO 15
<b>Option 1</b>	✓	-	-	✓	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-
	<p>The option of no Neighbourhood Plan would mean that the default position would be that any planning applications coming forward for development in the settlement would be judged against the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan. This would mean that the settlement would see an minimum of 15% growth in the future as per the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan. However, as the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan does not allocated and sites or suggest the location of future housing development the community would have limited opportunity to forward plan for this additional growth. This option would mean some increase in the housing stock however, the developer may not provide a reflective mix of housing to meet the existing and future resident's needs. The option scores neutral on health and wellbeing as the location and details of where the housing will go and the level of option space is not known at this stage. The option score well on biodiversity and open spaces as any new housing development will be required to make a financial contribution or onsite contribution towards open space however; the quantity is not yet known and will only become apparent once planning applications are made. The option score negatively against sustainable Appraisal Objective 5 and 6 as there is uncertainty to the location and scale of development which will limit the community's ability to minimise any impact on the existing built character, heritage and archaeological assets in the settlement. The community have already expressed that there are locations where they would not want to see future development happen due to the historical, cultural and distinctive character that the area. Again Option 1 scores negatively against Sustainable Appraisal Objective 12 as the southern part of the settlement is in the Environment Agencies flood zones 2 and 3 therefore there is a risk that a planning application in this location could increase the flood risk to the village. The impact on the transport infrastructure also scores negatively as if the location of the development is not known and several sites are built on around the settlement the cumulative effects of these developments may impact on the existing transport infrastructure.</p>														

Potential Impact of the Options	Sustainability Appraisal Objective														
	SAO 1	SAO 2	SAO 3	SAO 4	SAO 5	SAO 6	SAO 7	SAO 8	SAO 9	SAO 10	SAO 11	SAO 12	SAO 13	SAO 14	SAO 15
<b>Option 2</b>	✓	-	-	✓	X	X	✓	-	-	-	-	X	x	-	-
	<p>Option 2 which is for the settlement to receive a minimum of 15 % growth as set out in the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan would score the same against the Sustainability Appraisal Objectives as Option 1 as the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan does not allocate sites or suggest the location of the future housing developments within the settlement. This option would mean some increase in the housing stock however, the developer may not provide a reflective mix of housing to meet the existing and future resident's needs. The option scores neutral on health and wellbeing as the location and details of where the housing will go and the level of option space is not known at this stage. The option score well on biodiversity and open spaces as any new housing development will be required to make a financial contribution or onsite contribution towards open space however; the quantity is not yet known and will only become apparent once planning applications are made. The option score negatively against sustainable Appraisal Objective 5 and 6 as there is uncertainty to the location and scale of development which will limit the community's ability to minimise any impact on the existing built character, heritage and archaeological assets in the settlement. The community have already expressed that there are locations where they would not want to see future development happen due to the historical, cultural and distinctive character that the area. Again Option 2 scores negatively against Sustainable Appraisal Objective 12 as the southern part of the settlement is in the Environment Agencies flood zones 2 and 3 therefore there is a risk that a planning application in this location could increase the flood risk to the village. The impact on the transport infrastructure also scores negatively as if the location of the development is not known and several sites are built on around the settlement the cumulative effects of these developments may impact on the existing transport infrastructure.</p>														

Potential Impact of the Options	Sustainability Appraisal Objective														
	SAO 1	SAO 2	SAO 3	SAO 4	SAO 5	SAO 6	SAO 7	SAO 8	SAO 9	SAO 10	SAO 11	SAO 12	SAO 13	SAO 14	SAO 15
<b>Option 3</b>	✓✓	✓✓	-	✓	✓✓	✓✓	-	-	X	-	-	-	✓	-	✓✓
<p>The North option would provide the comprehensive development of approximately 200 homes to the North of the settlement. The development scores well against Sustainability Appraisal Objective 1 and 2 as the development would provide a mix of housing types in accordance with the neighbourhood Plan that has been identified by a settlement specific up to date Housing Needs Survey of Fiskerton and the analysis of the existing demographics in the settlement. Therefore the development of 200 homes would provide the housing that is required for the existing and future residents in Fiskerton. The development would be required to provide green infrastructure and improve the accessibility to services by being located next to the existing village centre. The development will be required to link with existing footpaths and connect with the surrounding countryside. The development for approximately 200 homes will be required to respect and enhance the existing wildlife and biodiversity in the area wherever possible. The development is located away from the historic core and listed buildings within the settlement which means there is no impact upon these important and historical buildings. The location of this development sits comfortably within the existing built form of the settlement and rounds off the existing settlement and it is located close to the existing village amenities. Therefore this means that the option scores well against Sustainability Appraisal Objective 4, 5 and 6. The development of approximately 200 homes to the North of the settlement will require the development of a Greenfield site as there are no other locations for development within the existing built form of the settlement. The impact on the land resources cannot be avoided. However the other benefits of the development outweigh the negatives of the loss of the Grade 3 (as scored by Natural England) agricultural land. Therefore this option scores negatively against Sustainability Appraisal Object 9. The development will bring about short term local employment opportunities through the development of the housing and will also have some positive impact on the infrastructure as the location of the development is known and any identified issues with local infrastructure will have to be improved or mitigated as part of the comprehensive development of the site.</p>															



<b>Option 4</b>	✓✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	✓	-	✓✓
<p>The West Option would provide the comprehensive development of approximately 200 homes to the West of the settlement. The development scores well against Sustainability Appraisal Objective 1 and 2 as the development would provide a mix of housing types in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan that has been identified by a settlement specific up to date Housing Needs Survey of Fiskerton and the analysis of the existing demographics in the settlement. Therefore the development of approximately 200 homes would provide the housing that is required for the existing and future residents in Fiskerton. The development would be required to provide green infrastructure and improve the accessibility to services and facilities in the village. However, when compare with the North Option the development is located further away from the village centre and the services and facilities. The development would be required to link with existing footpaths and connect with the surrounding countryside. The development for approximately 200 homes will be required to respect and enhance the existing wildlife and biodiversity in the area wherever possible. The development is located next to the historic core and listed buildings within the settlement which means there is a greater potential for a negative impact upon these important and historical buildings. The location of this development does not sit comfortably within the existing built form of the settlement. Therefore this means that the option scores neutrally against Sustainability Appraisal Objective 5 and 6. The development of approximately 200 homes to the West of the settlement will require the development of a Greenfield site as there are no other locations for development within the existing built form of the settlement on brownfield site. The impact on the land resources cannot be avoided. However the other benefits of the development outweigh the negatives of the loss of the Grade 3 (as scored by Natural England) agricultural land. Therefore this option scores negatively against Sustainability Appraisal Object 9. The development will bring about short term local employment opportunities through the development of the houses and will also have some positive impact on the infrastructure as the location of the development is known and any identified issues with local infrastructure will have to be improved or mitigated as part of the comprehensive development of the site.</p>															

## 8 Community Vision, Aim & Objectives Appraisal

### Sustainability Appraisal

- 8.1 The Community Vision & Objectives contained within the Draft Plan have been produced by Fiskerton Parish Council utilising results obtained through the consultation with local residents. The Community Vision and Objectives of the Draft Plan read as follows:

#### Vision

Fiskerton will develop, thrive, and provide good access to a range of shops, services and employment opportunities. It will provide around 200 new high quality private and affordable housing for existing and new residents. Local green spaces will be enhanced for the benefit of local residents, wildlife, and biodiversity. The existing green footpaths and cycle ways will be enhanced and new ones will be created. Traffic and sewage problems will be well managed and upgraded. Local people will feel proud to live in Fiskerton and to be part of this welcoming and supportive community.

## Objectives

- 1) To provide around 200 new high quality private and affordable homes over the plan period.
- 2) To maintain and where possible enhance the character and vitality of the village of Fiskerton.
- 3) To minimise the impact of new development on the surrounding countryside, landscape and eco systems.
- 4) To allow planned and controlled development over the life of the plan to ensure the continued sustainability and prosperity of the village, community and amenities. Allowing existing businesses to grow and encourage new small businesses to come into the Village, providing local employment.
- 5) To provide existing and future residents and families with the opportunity to live in a home and area appropriate to their needs and enjoyment.
- 6) To reduce the need, where possible, to travel by car within the village and length of journeys to the community facilities.
- 7) To manage road traffic congestion through the village centre and promote road safety in and around the village and parish area.
- 8) To support national and local health and planning policies in promoting health and well being in our village and local Parish area for all residents and for all ages.
- 9) To secure Manor Paddock for public open space.



**Table 7: SA of the Draft Plan: Community Vision, Aim & Objectives**

Element of the Draft Plan	Sustainability Appraisal Objective														
	SAO 1	SAO 2	SAO 3	SAO 4	SAO 5	SAO 6	SAO 7	SAO 8	SAO 9	SAO 10	SAO 11	SAO 12	SAO 13	SAO 14	SAO 15
Community Vision	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓	-	-	x	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓
Community Objective 1	✓	-	-	-	✓✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓
Community Objective 2	-	✓	-	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community Objective 3	✓✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓✓	✓✓
Community Objective 4	✓✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community Objective 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓✓	-	-
Community Objective 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-
Community Objective 7	-	✓✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community Objective 8	-	✓✓	-	✓✓	✓✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## Justification & Required Alterations

- 8.2 Following on from the appraisal of the Community Vision, Aim & Objectives above, a reasoned justification is necessary to briefly explain why the element of the Plan was judged as such. In addition to this, issues that have arisen regarding the sustainability of an element of the Plan are discussed, and any required alterations are also suggested below.
- 8.3 As table 7 demonstrates, most of the Neighbourhood Plan objectives and Sustainability Appraisal objectives are compatible with one another or have a neutral impact.
- 8.4 **Community Vision** – The Community Vision promotes social, economic and environmental sustainability that promotes Fiskerton as thriving and vibrant community for current and future residents. The Vision does score negatively against Sustainability Appraisal Objective 9 due to the new housing developments being located on a Greenfield site however, this is on Grade 3 (as defined by Natural England) and the negatives of the loss of this land is outweighed by the social and economic benefits for all.
- 8.5 **Community Objective 1:** seeks to promote sustainable growth of around 200 new homes in the community in order to support the settlements future role and function.
- 8.6 **Community Objective 2:** seeks to protect the character and vitality of the area to ensure the historic and architectural features are preserved for future generations along with the surrounding landscape. In protecting the character it is also important that the area remains vibrant and has the required services and facilities.
- 8.7 **Community Objective 3:** Seek to ensure that the surrounding landscape in the village is not impacted upon negatively as a result of any future development. It seeks to protect and enhanced where possible the countryside for the current and future generations to enjoy. This objective also aims to improve the health and well-being of residents and local people in surrounding area.
- 8.8 **Community Objective 4:** Seeks to ensure that the settlement grows sustainably and encourages new businesses and amenities into the area. This objective also encourages increased local employment opportunities for existing and future residents.

- 8.9 **Community Objective 5:** Seeks to ensure that the area provides existing and future residents with a mix and type of housing that meet their local requirements.
- 8.10 **Community Objective 6:** This objective aims to locate future development adjacent to the existing village and close to existing services and facilities in order to provide easy access by foot and reduce the need to travel by private car.
- 8.11 **Community Objective 7** Seeks to ensure that new development does not increase traffic congestion within the village, supports improved road safety and identifies opportunities to overcome existing road traffic issues.
- 8.12 **Community Objective 8** Seeks to improve the health and well-being of residents by ensuring that new developments contribute towards the provision of easy access and public spaces.
- 8.13 **Community Objective 9:** This objective is directly linked to the provision and delivery of 200 homes in Fiskerton. This will be a large off site contribution of public open space which will be accessible to all. This will also protect the Paddock site from future development and ensure the communities wishes to preserve, enhance and protect the character of the old historic core of the village.

## 9 Neighbourhood Plan Policies Appraisal

### Sustainability Appraisal

- 9.1 The Development Management Policies contained in the Plan have been developed by Fiskerton Parish Council to work alongside policies contained in the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan to deliver the aspirations of the local community, as outlined in the Draft Vision & Objectives.
- 9.2 The SA of the Development Management Policies can be found on the following page. A wide range of policies have been produced to deliver the Vision and Objectives within the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 9.3 The policies within the Neighbourhood Plan will be appraised in the SA to evaluate whether they have a positive or negative impact on the future of the area, using the Sustainability Framework to undertake the evaluation.
- 9.4 In the absence of a Neighbourhood Plan, it is considered there will be fewer opportunities to address the issues and challenges facing the area as well as contributing to a reduction in potential benefits to local communities. Without the Plan, opportunities for the following issues may be comprised:
- Greater involvement of local people in local/community planning;
  - To protect and enhance the existing services and community facilities;
  - Improvements and new opportunities for open space and biodiversity;
  - Improvements to recreation/formal open space facilities;
  - The ability to protect the green wedges between the settlements;
  - Provide a mix of quality new housing, and
  - Reduce the impact of future Flood Risk in the community.

**Table 8: SA of the Plan Development Management Policies**

Element of the Draft Plan	Sustainability Appraisal Objective														
	SAO 1	SAO 2	SAO 3	SAO 4	SAO 5	SAO 6	SAO 7	SAO 8	SAO 9	SAO 10	SAO 11	SAO 12	SAO 13	SAO 14	SAO 15
Policy 1	✓✓	✓✓	-	✓	✓✓	✓✓	-	-	X	-	-	-	✓	-	✓✓
	<p>The comprehensive development of approximately 200 homes to the North of the settlement. The development scores well against Sustainability Appraisal Objective 1 and 2 as the development would provide a mix of housing types in accordance with the neighbourhood Plan that has been identified by a settlement specific up to date Housing Needs Survey of Fiskerton and the analysis of the existing demographics in the settlement. Therefore the development of 200 homes would provide the housing that is required for the existing and future residents in Fiskerton. The development would be required to provide green infrastructure and improve the accessibility to services by being located next to the existing village centre. The development will be required to link with existing footpaths and connect with the surrounding countryside. The development for approximately 200 homes will be required to respect and enhance the existing wildlife and biodiversity in the area wherever possible. The development is located away from the historic core and listed buildings within the settlement which means there is no impact upon these important and historical buildings. The location of this development sits comfortably within the existing built form of the settlement and rounds off the existing settlement. Therefore this means that the option scores well against Sustainability Appraisal Objective 4,5 and 6. The development of approximately 200 homes to the North of the settlement will require the development of a Greenfield site as there are no other locations for development within the existing built form of the settlement on brownfield site. The impact on the land resources cannot be avoided however, the other benefits of the development outweigh the negatives of the loss of the Grade 3 (as scored by Natural England) agricultural land and a Greenfield site. Therefore this option scores negatively against Sustainability Appraisal Object 9. The development will bring about short term local employment opportunities through the development of the houses and will also have a some positive impact on the infrastructure as the location of the development is</p>														

Element of the Draft Plan	Sustainability Appraisal Objective														
	SAO 1	SAO 2	SAO 3	SAO 4	SAO 5	SAO 6	SAO 7	SAO 8	SAO 9	SAO 10	SAO 11	SAO 12	SAO 13	SAO 14	SAO 15
	known and any identified issues with local infrastructure will have to be improved or mitigated against as part of the comprehensive development of the site.														
<b>Policy 2</b>	✓✓	✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-
	This policy is seeking to ensure the highest quality of design is provided on all future development sites in Fiskerton. The policy scores well against SAO 1 – 6 as the policy looks to influence the type of development, public open spaces, and connections with the settlement and provide the least impact on the existing character of the area. The policy also scores well against SAO 11-13 as the policy also supports the inclusion of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems and infrastructure.														
<b>Policy 3</b>	✓✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Policy 3 in the Neighbourhood Plan aims to ensure suitable mixes of housing types are available to existing and future residents to support sustainable development and community cohesion. In particular, the evidence suggests, through consultation and a recent Housing Needs Assessment, there is a need for starter units and elderly people accommodation. This policy is in line with the paragraph 50 of the NPPF and the Local Authorities policies.														
<b>Policy 4</b>	-	-	-	✓✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓✓	-	-
	Policy 4 seeks to enable small-scale developments to occur within the existing built form of the village through ‘infilling’. This will allow smaller scale development if local residents which to develop land within the village. The criteria based policy seeks to reduce any impact on the built and natural environment.														

Element of the Draft Plan	Sustainability Appraisal Objective														
	SAO 1	SAO 2	SAO 3	SAO 4	SAO 5	SAO 6	SAO 7	SAO 8	SAO 9	SAO 10	SAO 11	SAO 12	SAO 13	SAO 14	SAO 15
<b>Policy 5</b>	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓✓	-	-
	Policy 5 seeks to ensure that any future development proposals in Fiskerton, that generates an additional amount of movement, should be supported by a Transport Statement or an appropriate Assessment. New developments are also encouraged to improve pedestrian and cycle connectivity within the village. The Highway Authority will be a relevant consultee through this process.														
<b>Policy 6</b>	-	✓✓	-	✓✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓✓	-	-
	Policy 6 seeks to create, and support the implementation of, new public rights of way within the Parish. This policy aims to improve the health and wellbeing of local residents and encourage residents to cycle and walk to the services and facilities within the village. This scores well against SAO 2, 4 and 13 the remaining SAO are score neutrally.														
<b>Policy 7</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	✓✓	-	-
	Policy 7 seeks to ensure that new developments do not increase threat to Flood Risk and drainage in the area. It requires new development to submit a site specific Flood Risk Assessment. The policy promotes the use of Sustainable Urban Drainage techniques and where possible permeable surfaces. The Site Assessment Appraisal seeks to identify the least constrained sites which includes the ones subject to the highest risk of flooding.														
<b>Policy 8</b>	-	✓	✓✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓✓	✓✓

	This policy aims to encourage wider employment creation within the parish through light industry and social enterprise. Local residents felt it was necessary to encourage the development of new local businesses in order to support local job creation and also support the ongoing vibrancy of the village. Change of use to alternative use(s) will be resisted.														
<b>Policy 9</b>	-	✓✓	✓✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓✓	-	-
	This policy seeks to ensure that existing green infrastructure is preserved and enhanced, whilst the supporting the creation of new green infrastructure that is well connected and easy access to nearby services and facilities.														
<b>Policy 10</b>	-	✓✓	✓	✓✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓✓	-	-
	Policy 10 seeks to protect 6 specific open spaces (as Local Green Spaces) for public use in the future. The aim of protecting these spaces is to increase the overall level of public open spaces within the village, but also to improve the health and well-being of the local population in the future.														
<b>Policy 12</b>	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓✓	✓	✓
	Policy 11 seeks to protect existing services and facilities within the village for community use. The policy also encourages the development of new services and facilities in order to cater for a growing population. The policy also encourages and supports local employment by promoting employment related developments within the parish.														
<b>Policy 13</b>	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓
	Policy 13 seeks to allow the expansion and redevelopment of Short Ferry Caravan park. The expansion or redevelopment of the site could potential allow for the expansion of the existing uses on the site and allow for the development towards the further enjoyment of the site. This could potentially generate more jobs in the														

Need to add Policy 11 Settlement Breaks





	area for local people and also contribute to the health and wellbeing of local residents through the development of additional local facilities.
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## Justification & Required Alterations

- 9.10 Following on from the appraisal of the Development Management Policies above, a reasoned justification is necessary to briefly explain why the policies of the Plan were judged as such. In addition to this, issues that have arisen regarding the sustainability of a policy of the Plan.
- 9.11 Now that the various elements of the Plan have been assessed utilising the SA Framework, the overall contribution of the Plan towards sustainable development can be judged. This will be achieved by assessing the Plan as a whole against its impacts on each individual SA Objective.
- 9.12 As table 9 demonstrates, most of the Neighbourhood Plan objectives and Sustainability Appraisal objectives are compatible with one another or have a neutral impact.

**Table 9: Assessing the SA Objectives against the potential effects of local and national planning policies**

SA Objective	Comment
To ensure that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the Fiskerton Parish	<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan will allocate one large housing site, which has been carefully selected through this Neighbourhood Plan and the associated Site Selection Criteria. These sites will deliver approximately 200 new dwellings over the Plan period to ensure that Fiskerton continues to thrive as a vibrant community that can provide a housing stock that meets the needs of existing and future residents along with services and facilities to meet the needs of the population. The positive effects of the Plan are likely to increase over time with the application of its policies and have a long lasting impact on the area.</p>
	<p><b>Existing Policies</b></p> <p>Existing policies in the NPPF and the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan would have a positive effect.</p>
To reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and maximise health and well-being.	<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>The plan will have a positive impact on resident's health and wellbeing as it promotes the need for more walking and cycling routes and recognises the health benefits of this along with the Designation of the six Local Green Spaces. The Plan also encourages the protection and enhancement the surrounding landscape, countryside and other environmental assets. The positive effects of the plan are likely to have medium to long term benefits for the area.</p>

SA Objective	Comment
	<p><b>Existing Policies</b> Existing policies in the NPPF and the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan would have a positive effect.</p>
<p>To stimulate regeneration that maximises benefits for all the residents in Fiskerton. To also ensure equitable outcomes for all, particularly those most at risk of experiencing discrimination, poverty and social exclusion.</p>	<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b> The Neighbourhood Plan encourages the development and redevelopment of existing employment sites and infill areas to ensure there are sufficient services and facilities available in the settlement to sustain the existing and new residents in the area. The positive effects of the Plan are likely to have medium to long term benefits for the area.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b> Existing policies in the NPPF and the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan would have a positive effect.</p>
<p>To conserve and enhance biodiversity across the Parish and provide opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and the natural environment. To create and improve high quality green and blue spaces that are multifunctional, (including opportunities for sport, recreation and play), accessible to all and which form part of and are connected to the green infrastructure network.</p>	<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b> Protecting and enhancing the landscape, countryside and local wildlife in the plan area has the potential to have an indirect positive effect on the Green Infrastructure in the Parish. The Plan seeks to increase and enhance existing Green Infrastructure around the parish through improving existing public rights of way and the inclusion of new routes within the new development site. The positive effects of the Plan in relation to this policy are likely to increase over the medium and longer</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b> Existing policies in the NPPF and the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan would have a positive effect.</p>

SA Objective	Comment
<p>To protect and enhance the rich diversity of the character and appearance of Fiskerton's landscape and townscape, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place.</p>	<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b> The Fiskerton Neighbourhood Plan policy 2 identifies the important features and spaces that need to be enhanced and preserved in order to demonstrate the protection of Fiskerton's most important Landscape and Townscape. It was a clear concern among local residents that new development should not harm the existing spaces and identified character of the local area.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b> Existing policies in the NPPF and the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan would have a positive effect that will have an ever lasting impact on the settlement.</p>
<p>To protect and enhance the significance of the buildings, sites and features of archaeological, historic or architectural and artistic interest and their settings, and ensure new buildings, spaces and places are designed to a high quality</p>	<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b> Protecting and enhancing the setting of Fiskerton for the future is central to the NDP. The NDP shows the significance of the areas that require protection and enhancement due to the historical and landscape quality and setting. Policy 2 seeks to ensure the architectural design of new buildings in the settlement enhances, respects and complements the character and landscape quality of Fiskerton.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b> The NPPF, Landscape Character Assessment 1999 and Central Lincolnshire Local Plan would also have a positive effect and a positive impact on the settlement.</p>
<p>To protect and enhance water resources and their quality in Fiskerton Parish.</p>	<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b> The Neighbourhood Plan will have positive effects on the water quality of the area as policy 7 seeks to ensure that new developments do not increase the flood risk or issues with drainage capacity within the settlement.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b> The NPPF and Central Lincolnshire Local Plan would support this approach to future development and the impacts on Water quality and resources.</p>

SA Objective	Comment
<p>To minimise pollution (air, noise and light) and improve air quality.</p>	<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b>  The number of new dwellings identified by the Neighbourhood Plan has been discussed with the relevant bodies and no capacity issues have been raised through the consultation process. The impact of specific proposals on water bodies and resources is uncertain but would be considered in accordance with the adopted Local Plan, National Planning Policy Framework and other development regulations. Further assessments on capacity and localised issues will need to be undertaken through the planning application stage of the process.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b>  The NPPF and the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan would support some development in the Parish as one of the settlements; Fiskerton is classified as a medium sized village and is considered sustainable in terms of local service and facility provision.</p>
<p>To protect and enhance soil and land resources and quality in Fiskerton Parish.</p>	<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b>  The neighbourhood plan seeks to ensure the most suitable sites for development are built upon. The available sites are located mainly on grade 3 agricultural land and all steps will be taken to minimise any impact on local wildlife.</p> <p>This approach is taken from the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Site Screening Assessment. This ensures that the land resources are used in the most effective way.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b>  The NPPF and Central Lincolnshire Local Plan would ensure the most suitable sites are used for best land uses and ensure the protection of soil and land quality.</p>
<p>To minimise the amount of waste generated across all sectors and increase the re-use, recycling and recovery rates of waste materials.</p>	<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b>  The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to promote sustainable development which includes re use, waste and recycling.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b>  The NPPF, Central Lincolnshire Local Plan and the Lincolnshire County Council Minerals and Waste Plan will ensure it minimises waste and increase re use, recycling and recovery rates of Waste materials.</p>

SA Objective	Comment
<p>To minimise the effects of climate change by developing the area's renewable energy resources, reducing dependency on fossil fuels, minimise energy usage, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the area</p>	<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b> The Neighbourhood Plan aims to enable sustainable development which includes the use of renewable energy resources to improve the overall sustainability of the area. The positive effects of the Plan are likely to be in the medium to longer term.</p>
	<p><b>Existing Policies</b> The NPPF, Central Lincolnshire Local Plan and the Lincolnshire County Council Minerals and Waste Plan encourages the use of renewable energy. The effects of this would have a positive long term effect on the area.</p>
<p>To ensure Fiskerton adapts to the effects of climate change, both now and in the future through careful planning and design of development, including reducing and managing the risk of flooding from all sources.</p>	<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b> The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to address the issues of climate change, in particular through policy 7 which seeks to ensure developments do not increase flood risk and developments use Sustainable Urban Drainage techniques. The effects of this would have a medium to long term effect on the area</p>
	<p><b>Existing Policies</b> The NPPF and Central Lincolnshire Local Plan would support these proposals.</p>
<p>To make efficient use of the existing transport infrastructure, reduce the need to travel by car, improve accessibility to jobs and services for all and to ensure that all journeys are undertaken by the most sustainable travel modes (particularly public transport, walking and cycling).</p>	<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b> The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to improve the existing infrastructure and ensure any new infrastructure meets the needs of the existing and future residents in the areas. The plan also seeks to reduce the need to travel by providing the services and facilities within the area. The plan promotes the need to walk and cycle around the settlement. The positive effects of the plan will be felt both in the short, medium and long term.</p>
	<p><b>Existing Policies</b> The NPPF and Central Lincolnshire Local Plan would support these proposals.</p>

SA Objective	Comment
<p>To create and improve access to high quality employment and training opportunities for local residents in Fiskerton.</p>	<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b>            The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to promote opportunities for businesses within the village centre through policy 8 by providing the housing and services required to support and encourage new local employment within the area.</p> <p>New technologies and infrastructure will be supported and encouraged in order to enable the delivery of new developments within the settlement.</p>
	<p><b>Existing Policies</b>            The NPPF and Central Lincolnshire Local Plan would support these proposals.</p>
<p>To encourage and support a competitive, diverse and stable economy and to protect and enhance Fiskerton's village centre to meet the needs of residents and visitors.</p>	<p>The neighbourhood plan seeks to support a diverse and stable community by protecting community facilities and retaining existing employment land. These facilities will meet the needs of the existing community and support the needs of the surrounding villages. The positive effects of this will be everlasting for Fiskerton and the surrounding communities.</p>
	<p><b>Existing Policies</b>            The NPPF and Central Lincolnshire Local Plan would support these proposals.</p>

9.13 The alternatives to the approach in the neighbourhood plan are set out in section 7 of this document. With no neighbourhood plan the only option would be to use the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Policy LP2 identifies Fiskerton has a 'medium sized village. This policy states that up to, at least, 15% (83 houses) of the District's housing requirement will be delivered in the village through the allocation of the identified site in this Neighbourhood Plan.

## 10 Assessing Secondary, Cumulative and Synergistic Effects

10.1 Secondary (or indirect) effects are effects that are not a direct result of a policy, but occur away from the original effect or as a result of a complex pathway. Cumulative effects occur where two or more insignificant impacts combine to form a significant impact. Synergistic effects occur as the result of interactions between individual effects producing a total effect greater than the sum of each of the individual effects. Secondary, cumulative or synergistic effects may be either positive or negative. The secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects of the policies in the Fiskerton Neighbourhood Plan are summarized in Table 10 below.

**Table 10: Secondary, Cumulative & Synergistic Effects**

SA Objective	Potential Secondary, Cumulative and Synergistic Impacts
1. Housing	Beneficial, cumulative impacts of housing policies arise through focusing development primarily in areas where people have access to a range of services, facilities and employment opportunities. The policy in the NDP promotes development on one of Two carefully selected housing sites. The synergy of provision of affordable housing to meet local needs, as well as development in a rural area can generate a critical mass that can help provide a greater range of community facilities and sustain existing facilities.
2. Health	The cumulative effect of policies that improve the range and accessibility of services and facilities for local residents, as part of new developments. The support for the improvement and development of new sustainable transport modes will also promote healthy communities and social cohesion in turn this will support the NPPF aim for sustainable development.
3. Social Equality and Community	There are a number of policies within the NDP that are expected to lead to significant positive effects which will lead to regeneration within the parish. These benefits will be maximised for the most of the residents in the parish and the surrounding area in particular those that are of risk experiencing discrimination, poverty and social exclusion. The policies in the plan that seeks to ensure there is a mix of housing types and tenures developed in the Parish will help to create diverse communities and will address the needs of all social groups. The policies that seek to protect and enhance the services and



	facilities will ensure the everyday needs of the community can be met. These policies should have a positive impact on the facilitating social interaction and civic participation.
4. Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure	The cumulative and synergistic effects of the policies in the plan will protect and enhance existing natural assets and promote development of new features and connections. This will incur positive benefits for both people and wildlife over the plan period.
5. Landscape and Townscape	There are potential for negatives effects against this objective resulting from the development of one large greenfield allocated site. The least sensitive site will be chosen for development through the Neighbourhood Plan process. The impact of the other policies such as design and the protection of the landscape and Countryside may lead to positive impacts. Overall, the cumulative effects on this objective are likely to be minor and the positives outweigh the negatives.
6. Historic Environment	The cumulative impact of the level of development proposed in the NDP has the potential to have some adverse impact on the uniquely sensitive historic environment of the area. It is believed however, that the strict Policies in the NDP will ensure that when development comes forward on these sites, it will be suitably and sympathetically designed ensuring no harm is incurred.
7. Natural Resources - Water	The Neighbourhood Plan sets out the development for one (Chosen) housing site. The scale of growth will lead to an increase in the demand for water and could lead to an increased pressure on the water systems infrastructure. This could lead to some negative impacts on water resources if the relevant infrastructure is not provided. However, the NDP and the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan seeks to mitigate these effects and seeks to ensure that the new development proposals contribute to the necessary infrastructure.
8. Pollution	The neighbourhood plan policies seek to reduce the need to travel by car by providing the services and facilities that people need reducing the need to travel to neighbouring communities. The overall cumulative effects are mixed, including both minor positive and minor negative effects as there will be an increase in pollution as a result of the new development.
9. Natural Resources – Land use Soil	The carefully selected housing site will result in the development of one large site on the edge of the settlement which is likely to have a negative effect on

	protecting and enhancing soil resources which can, potentially, be mitigated.
10.Waste	The delivery of 200 homes in Fiskerton will lead to an increase in household waste. The overall impact of this is uncertain but is expected to have a minor negative effect as more houses will lead to more waste and this cannot be avoided. However, the Local Authority does provide recycling waste bins and promotes this through advertising and collection every fortnight.
11.Climate Change Effects and Energy	The impacts of delivering 200 new homes in Fiskerton will lead to an increase in the need for energy resulting in a negative effect against this objective. The exact impacts of this are unknown as this will dependant on the design of the scheme and the use of materials. The neighbourhood plan encourages low carbon design and renewable energy resources. The cumulative effects of this objective are expected to be minor over the long term
12. Climate Change and Adaptation of Floodrisk	Policy 7 of the neighbourhood plan seeks to ensure that the new developments in the Plan area do not increase floodrisk and encourages the use of sustainable urban drainage techniques. The Cumulative impacts are expected to be minimal for this objective.
13. Transport and Accessibility	The neighbourhood plan seeks to provide the services and facilities needed to sustain the community. This in turn will reduce the need to travel to access the services and facilities. The plan promotes walking and cycling around the village. This approach should encourage people to access the village centre and community hub without relying upon the car. The cumulative effects of this objective are likely to be mixed minor and positive.
14. Employment	The neighbourhood plan does not allocate any employment land but it does seek to promote the redevelopment of a vacant existing employment site along Ferry Road. The plan also seeks to protect retail and community facilities, which in turn provides jobs for local people. This should provide access to jobs within the need to travel by car. A cumulative effect of this is likely to be positive effect for this objective.
15.Local Economy	The neighbourhood plan policies support and encourage a mixed and stable community which provides housing, community facilities, services and



	employment which all supports the local economy. A cumulative significant positive effect is likely against this objective.
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## **11 Monitoring**

- 11.1** Monitoring of this SA will be carried out by West Lindsey District Council. The District Council will look at the significant effects identified in this SA and compare them to its own SA monitoring framework.
- 11.2** If the significant effects identified are not covered by the District Council's SA monitoring framework then the District Council will need to add additional indicators to its SA monitoring framework.