

Belchford and Fulletby Neighbourhood Development Plan

Response to further Comments of the Independent Examiner – John Slater

1 October 2024

Start date of the Plan

2. The start date of the neighbourhood plan is October 2023 which corresponds to the start date of the Regulation 14 Consultation held by Belchford & Fulletby Parish Council.

Local List

5. The Parish Council agrees. We included an explicit list and map of 18 buildings, specific unique architectural features and sites of historical interest in early drafts of the NDP and made these available at public meetings (11 in Belchford and 7 in Fulletby - attached to this email). All 18 were agreed in close consultation with Heritage Lincolnshire and nominated by them in collaboration with ELDC for Local Listing in 2022. This list is included on page 16 of the Design Code documentation. We were advised by ELDC to take this explicit list out of the NDP and to simply refer to an organic Local List instead. Unfortunately, as you are aware, as of September 2024 no such Local Listing has been finalised for any parish in East Lindsey. The Parish Council is very happy to reinstate this list into the final NDP.
6. The medieval village in Fulletby is recorded as such by the Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service and is publicised as such by them in brochures and on information boards. Whilst not currently designated as a heritage asset they certainly believe that it is an important historical asset. We agree.
7. We agree that Policy BF1 would be more focussed if non-designated heritage assets are specifically included in the NDP.

Belchford & Fulletby Design Code

9. The community were made aware that the Belchford & Fulletby Design Code, which is referred to in the Regulation 14 and 16 versions of the NDP as well as earlier drafts, was being prepared in March 2022 [NDP Newsletter.01 \(belchfordandfulletbyplan.org\)](#). It was finalised in August 2022, immediately uploaded to the Parish Councils NDP website [Final Documents - belchfordandfulletbyplan.org](#) and subsequently advertised in a community wide NDP newsletter in March 2023 [NDP Feb Leaflet FINAL 02 \(belchfordandfulletbyplan.org\)](#). The Design Code was thoroughly discussed at open meetings held on 16 March and 18 May 2023 several months prior the Regulation 14 Consultation, and in the public forums of several Parish Council meetings. We had extensive and healthy discussions with interested parties at these meetings. We are small close-knit communities. The importance of face-to-face consultation through our open events and one-to-one conversations cannot be understated. We have effectively used this approach on many occasions during the development of both the Design Code and Neighbourhood Plan documentation and found that it has far more impact than leafleting and form filling which is often ignored. Any member of the community with more than a passing interest in the NDP has had every opportunity to read it and to provide

feedback. We have tried to contact the Urban Design Team at AECOM who prepared the Design Code documentation in 2022 but thus far have not received a reply.

Local Green Space

10. The owner of the green space behind the Blue Bell Inn, which forms the open centre to the smaller figure of eight road loop (bound by Main Road-Chapel Lane-Ings Lane), is well aware of the Parish Councils (and wider village communities) wish to retain it as an open space. It was regularly used for camping, galas and firework displays until 2003. On 28 October 2003 ELDC awarded the Parish Council Full Planning Permission for change of use of this land to a recreation area (see attachment). Subsequently, the owner of the land unsuccessfully applied for planning permission to build between 3 and 5 houses on this land on several occasions, all being refused by ELDC and at appeal to the Planning Inspectorate – see District Councils response to question 11.r