

REPORT ON FIVE-YEAR HOUSING PLANS FOR LINCOLNSHIRE

Approximately a year ago the Trustees of CTAL authorised me to review the data which we had circulated in 2018 concerning the plans to build 100,000+ new homes in Lincolnshire in the present planning cycle (i.e. to 2036-40).

Two things have become apparent :

- 1) Councils are finding it difficult to meet the plans they made. In particular, they are finding it difficult to release building land, and construct homes, and above all to sell homes, in sufficient numbers to meet their Local Plan requirements. Several revised local plans are in process of publication, and will appear in 2021-2.
- 2) Councils are putting more emphasis on shorter planning horizons.

It has also been the case that some of our 'customers' – the churches who receive our data – have found it difficult to envisage or engage with plans which cover 25 years. For all these reasons it seems that data for a shorter period will be helpful.

Under the National Planning Policy Framework local Councils are required to be able to demonstrate that they have sufficient building land identified and available to meet their house-building needs for five years. Accessing the appropriate **5-year Housing Land Supply Assessments** can therefore give us an indication of aspirations over a nearer timescale.

These assessments are made in a particular way. Accommodation for students and for older people in care is included as a separate assessment. Various special factors, and the benefit of experience in other parts of the country is factored in.

Almost all the local authorities in Lincolnshire have published these figures during 2019. The attached reports are therefore complete EXCEPT FOR :

- East Lindsey, which hopes to publish figures in April 2020
- North Lincolnshire, which is presently conducting a consultation exercise, but hopes to publish sometime in 2020.
- Boston Borough, which gives a total figure for the period 2020-24, but does not give a breakdown by year.

- North East Lincolnshire, which have provided figures in an almost illegible form and have so far refused their obligation to provide proper figures on request.

Note that the authorities take slightly different planning periods, and that some show annual figures and some only total figures for all or some of their assessments.

Nevertheless, I feel it is worthwhile to publish now what we do have, and will send a brief amendment when these further figures become available.

Summary

The first table on the following page indicates how many houses each local authority is planning to build in the next five years.

Detail

There then follows a detailed list for each authority, showing where they expect houses to be completed in their five year period – how many on each site.

This is slightly complicated as most of the schedules are in several sections, for example Large Sites/Small Sites or Sites with Planning Permission/Sites awaiting Planning Permission/Sites where the Planning process has not been started. These obviously need to be added to make the whole assessment.

Nevertheless, from this data it is possible to derive the detailed plans for any town or village or parish etc. by running through and noting the appropriate lines. CTAL is willing (time permitting) to do this for any particular place on request.

These figures can then be seen to be an estimated picture of house-building activity up to 2023 or 2024. This gives a much more useful planning point than 2036 for making decisions affecting churches/community/involvement.

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	TO BE BUILT						TOTAL	NOTE	
	2018/9	2019/20	2020/1	2021/2	2022/3	2023/4			2024/5
Boston Borough							2039		
Central Lincolnshire			2131	2474	1895	1586	1440	9526	Includes City of Lincoln, North Kesteven & West Lindsey
East Lindsey								0	Publication awaited
North East Lincolnshire		644	644	644	644	854		3430	
North Lincolnshire								0	Publication awaited
South Holland								3864	
South Kesteven	638	725	945	1058	1100			4466	
TOTAL								11760	