

Grasby, Searby cum Owmbly Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Meeting Number: 42

Date: 6th August 2025

Location: Grasby Village Hall

Time: 19:00

Attendees: Chris Mead (Chairman)
Rob Bennett
Mike Downing
Steve Riley (Secretary)

Apologies: Cllr Peter Morris
Cllr James Bean
Janet Brown (Treasurer)
Tim Phipps
Julie Turnbull
Mark Palmer

Agenda: 1. Outstanding actions from previous meetings (Steve)
2. Progress since last meeting (Chris)
3. Community engagement (All)
4. Next steps for neighbourhood plan (Chris)
5. Actions arising and next meeting (Steve)

Major Points of Discussion

Item	Description	Action
1.	<u>Actions from last meeting</u>	
39.1	Chris and Steve will complete a draft of the Site Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report. Closed . Draft produced and circulated for review.	
41.1	Chris is to contact Nev Brown (Senior Neighbourhood Planning Policy Officer) to discuss the comments received from West Lindsey District Council on the draft Neighbourhood Plan. Ongoing . Email sent to Nev on the 24 th July, no reply to date, Chris to follow-up. Note: it is crucial that the next iteration of the plan reflects the latest thinking from WLDC, including local highways. Cllr. Bean has offered his assistance in chasing a response.	CM 41.1
2.	<u>Progress since last meeting</u>	
2.1	<p>Neighbourhood Plan update: Chris has made almost fifty changes to the pre-submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan based on the feedback from the Regulation 14 consultation with some changes still to be made. A section on surface water issues in the parishes has been added which requires validation with Tim and Mark in respect to Searby cum Owmbly.</p> <p>A meeting was held with Helen Metcalf on the 23rd July to discuss all the responses received during the Regulation 14 consultation exercise. The decisions made at this meeting are largely reflected in the changes already made to the draft plan but the following is a summary of the main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site GSO.01 will remain in the plan for the time being, although the land proposed for housing development will be modified to show the southern half of the site only. This decision will be reviewed further in light of the anticipated consultation responses from WLDC (see action 41.1 above). • Land that was previously shown on the maps as 'not within the proposed green wedges or village boundaries' will now be included within the green wedges. Some fields were not designated in either category as it was felt these would be the most suitable areas for any future village expansion. However, consultation with landowners as not taken place to date and therefore this land will not be highlighted in the current iteration of the plan. Note: This matter will be discussed with the Parish Council, together with other potential development sites coming forward since the 'call for sites' in 2024. • We look to submit our final version of the plan to WLDC together with the SEA screening opinion in September. Thereafter, WLDC will conduct another statutory consultation period of 5 to 6 weeks, known as Regulation 16, prior to assigning an independent examiner. 	
2.2	Finances: Helen promised to provide the group with an up-to-date estimate on the required additional funding for her time to complete the plan. This is still awaited.	

3. Community engagement

- 3.1 Four residents have reiterated their objection to the inclusion of site GSO.01 after our response to the initial objections. Work continues to address the feedback received during the Regulation 14 consultation period.

A meeting is to be arranged with the landowner to discuss in more detail the proposals for site GSO.06.

4. Next steps for neighbourhood plan

- 4.1 The following steps are proposed:

- Chase the Regulation 14 feedback from WLDC local highways and reflect any changes in the plan.
- Review the latest drafts of the SEA Screening opinion and Neighbourhood Plan for discussion at the next meeting.

5. Actions arising and next meeting

No further actions raised at this meeting.

The next steering group meeting is to be held at 19:00 in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 27th August.