

**Caythorpe and Frieston Neighbourhood Plan
(Submission Version)
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Basic Conditions Statement



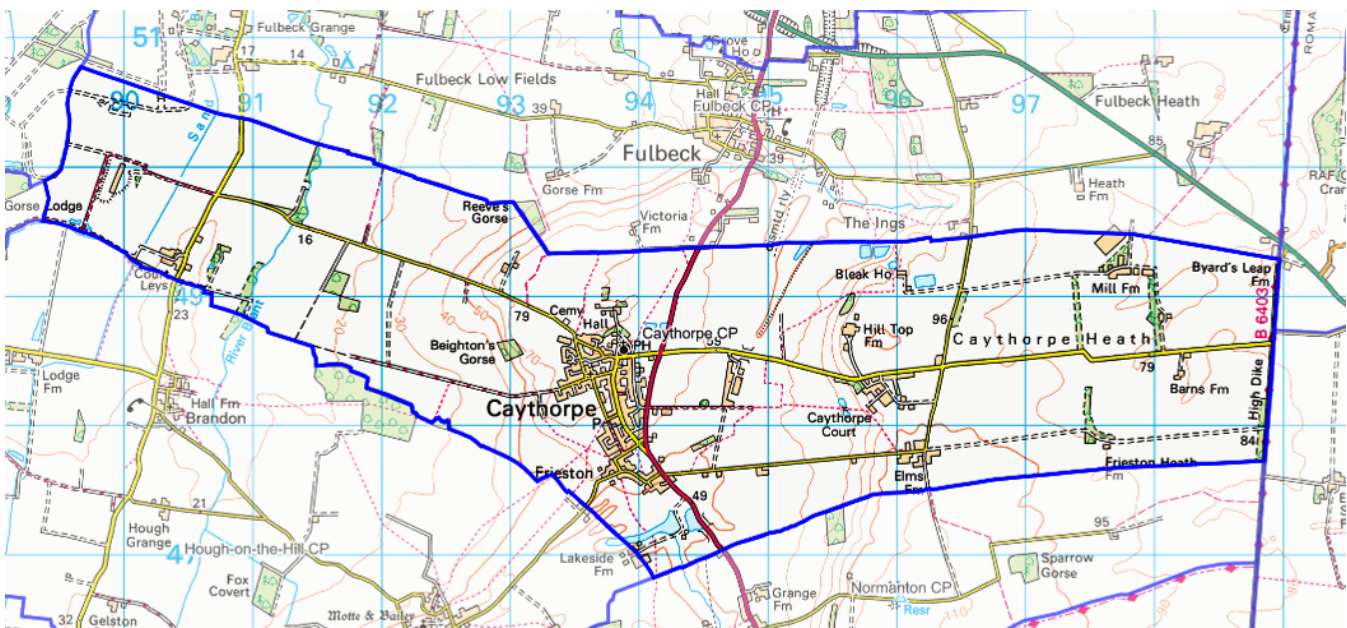
1. About the Caythorpe and Frieston Parish Neighbourhood Plan

1.1 This Basic Conditions Statement has been prepared to accompany Caythorpe and Frieston Parish (C&FP) Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 requires that Neighbourhood Plans must meet the following basic conditions:

- the Draft NP must have appropriate regard to national policies and advice contained in the National Planning Policy Framework July 2021 (NPPF);
- the Draft NP must contribute to the achievement of sustainable development;
- the Draft NP must be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the development plan for the area of the local planning authority, in this case the South Kesteven Local Plan (SKLP) 2020;
- the Draft NP must meet the relevant EU obligations as incorporated into or replaced by UK law; and
- prescribed conditions are met, and prescribed matters have been complied with.

1.2 The C&FP NP is being submitted by Caythorpe and Frieston Parish Council (CFPC) for the Parish, which has been designated as a 'Neighbourhood Area'. The map below (Figure 1) shows the parish/neighbourhood plan boundary to which the NP relates. In April/May 2020, in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (as amended) 2012, an application for designation was submitted to South Kesteven District Council (SKDC). The application was approved by SKDC on 25th June 2020. The proposed Neighbourhood Plan does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area and there are no other Neighbourhood Developments in place within the Neighbourhood Area.

Figure 1: Caythorpe and Frieston Parish, Designated Neighbourhood Plan Area.



Parish/Neighbourhood boundary: ——— Map provided by Parish-online.co.uk

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1.3 The Draft C&FP NP was made available for consultation for just over six weeks (in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations) from 6th January 2022 to the 18th February 2022. Some amendments have been made to the Neighbourhood Plan based on the comments received and these are summarised in the document entitled Consultation Statement.

1.4 The NP relates to planning matters (the use and development of land) and has been prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements and processes set out in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (as amended) 2012.

1.5 The C&FP NP will cover the period 2022 until 2036, reflecting the adopted Local Plan. It does not deal with County Matters (mineral extraction and waste development), nationally significant infrastructure or any other matters set out in Section 61(k) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2. Have Appropriate Regard to National Policy

2.1 A revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published in February 2019. The NPPF provides a framework within which local communities can produce Neighbourhood Development Plans for their area and sets out how planning should help achieve sustainable development.

2.2 Sections 12-37 of the NPPF refer to Local and Neighbourhood Plans and requires them to have regard to the policies in the NPPF and to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan. The Localism Act explains that this is the 'adopted Development Plan'.

2.3 This section demonstrates that the C&FP NP has had regard to the relevant sections of the NPPF. It sets out a Vision, 7 Objectives, 13 Planning Policies and 3 Community Aspirations (the latter are informal and are not considered in the Basic Conditions Statement). The Vision and Objectives are summarised in Table 1 alongside the NPPF paragraphs that they relate to.

Table 1: Neighbourhood Plan Vision and Objectives - conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework

Vision and Objectives	NPPF paragraph numbers
VISION We intend that Caythorpe and Frieston Parish will keep its open, rural character. Within this the villages of Caythorpe and Frieston will prosper to the benefit of residents of all ages. We will preserve the historic conservation areas and the many facilities we have. This will benefit both ourselves and other nearby villages.	All, but in particular, 29 and 30 on Neighbourhood Plans.
Objective 1 - To maintain the individual identities and character of both the villages of Caythorpe and Frieston.	126 to 136 (Achieve Well-Designed Places)
Objective 2 - To protect and enhance the conservation areas, other heritage features and the character of the villages.	189 to 208 - Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.
Objective 3 - To improve the balance of the housing stock by requiring a greater proportion of 2 and 3 bedroomed affordable new homes to buy or rent on infill sites and any small developments that may be built in the future. The intention is to provide a mix of housing that meets the needs of all sectors of the population.	78 to 80 (Rural Housing) and 126 to 136 (Achieve Well-Designed Places)
Objective 4 - To preserve the distinctive and varied parish landscape, from the high ground of the High Dyke to the low fields of the Trent and Belvoir Vale.	170 & 171 (Achieve Well-Designed Places, Conserve/Enhance Natural Places)
Objective 5 - To preserve and enhance the natural environment for the benefit of both people and wildlife.	174 to 182 (Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment)
Objective 6 - To reduce our carbon footprint by encouraging energy efficient buildings, charging points for electric vehicles, the use of public transport and tree planting. Routes for cyclists and pedestrians will be protected and enhanced.	7 to 14 (Achieving Sustainable Development) and 104 to 113 (Sustainable Transport)
Objective 7 - To maintain and, where possible, improve local services and facilities to ensure a sustainable, viable and balanced community.	84 to 85 (Strong & Competitive/Prosperous Rural Economy) and 92 to 103 (Healthy and Safe Communities).

2.4 Each of the Planning Policies has been considered in relation to the relevant sections of the NPPF as summarised in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Planning Policies - conformity with the NPPF

Policy	NPPF para.	Comment on conformity
1 LOCATION AND SCALE OF NEW HOUSING: sets criteria for the amount and location of new homes.	60 to 67 and 126 to 136	Delivering a sufficient supply of new homes and achieving well designed spaces
2 HOUSING MIX: encourages more affordable homes to buy or rent and fewer large houses with 4 or more bedrooms.	78 to 80 and 126 to 136	Rural housing and achieving well-designed places.
3 DESIGN CRITERIA FOR NEW HOUSES: requires that they fit in with their surroundings and are sustainable.	126 to 136	Achieving well-designed places.
4 EXTENSIONS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS: ensures they are compatible with the building and its surroundings.	126 - 136	Achieving well-designed places.
5 THE HISTORICAL ENVIRONMENT: ensures historical features are protected and, where possible, enhanced.	189 to 208	Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.
6 LANDSCAPE AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT: requires that development proposals respect the landscape, and encourages space for nature.	174 to 181	Conserve and enhance natural environment.
7 EXISTING OPEN SPACES & RECREATION FACILITIES: protects these from proposals that would reduce their quality or quantity.	92 to 99	Promote healthy/safe communities open space and recreation.
8 PROPOSED LOCAL GREEN SPACES: designates seven Local Green Spaces to be protected from development except in very special circumstances.	101 to 103	Criteria for LGS designation.
9 VILLAGE CENTRE AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE: retains the facilities we value.	92 to 99	Promote healthy/safe communities.
10 TRANSPORT: encourages improvements for road users of all types, and advocates public charging points for electric vehicles.	104 to 113	Promoting sustainable transport
11 COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS AND RIGHTS OF WAY: seeks to maintain and improve, where possible, access to the countryside.	100	(Open Space and Recreation) and Rights of Way (protect & enhance).
12 DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY: supports any reasonable proposals to improve broadband and mobile phone services, while keeping the public phone box.	114 to 118	Prosperous rural economy and support quality communications.
13 BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT: supports business development provided it does not adversely affect the villages or surrounding landscape.	84 to 85	Supporting a prosperous rural economy.

3. Contribution to the achievement of Sustainable Development

3.1 The NPPF has a presumption in favour of sustainable development (ensuring a better life for residents) and making the quality of life better for future generations. The NP supports the NPPF and encourages positive sustainable growth in the village which will ensure economic, environmental and social progression for future generations. It has been prepared with a central understanding that the key areas it addresses (the environment, economy and the community) are all closely linked. The policies aim to facilitate change whilst protecting what is highly valued in the community.

4. General Conformity with Strategic Local Policy

4.1 The Caythorpe and Frieston Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared with advice from the planning officers of South Kesteven District Council. This has ensured that the process of developing the policies for the plan has been scrutinised in terms of conformity with strategic policies contained within the South Kesteven Local Plan 2020. Table 3 shows how the Caythorpe and Frieston NP is in general conformity with the (relevant) strategic policies of the South Kesteven Local Plan (2020).

**Table 3: Planning Policies - conformity with the South Kesteven Local Plan (2020) (SKLP)
Neighbourhood Planning Policy**

Policy	SKLP paragraphs	Comment on conformity
1 LOCATION AND SCALE OF NEW HOUSING: sets criteria for the amount and location of new homes.	SP1, SP2, SP3 and SP4	Enabling limited new housing on small sites, balanced against constraints.
2 HOUSING MIX: encourages more affordable homes to buy or rent and fewer large houses with 4 or more bedrooms.	H2 and H4	Providing housing to meet local aspirations and needs
3 DESIGN CRITERIA FOR NEW HOUSES: requires that they fit in with their surroundings and are sustainable.	DE1 and SB1	Requires high quality sustainable design contributing to local character & amenity.
4 EXTENSIONS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS: ensures they are compatible with the building and its surroundings.	DE1 and SB1	Requires high quality sustainable design contributing to local character & amenity.
5 THE HISTORICAL ENVIRONMENT: ensures historical features are protected and, where possible, enhanced.	EN6	Protecting and enhancing heritage assets.
6 LANDSCAPE AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT: requires that development proposals respect the landscape and encourages space for nature.	EN1 and EN2	Protecting landscapes, biodiversity and geodiversity.
7 EXISTING OPEN SPACES & RECREATION FACILITIES: protects these from proposals that would reduce their quality or quantity.	EN3 and OS1	Protecting existing green spaces and facilities.
8 PROPOSED LOCAL GREEN SPACES: designates seven Local Green Spaces to be protected from development except in very special circumstances.	EN3 and OS1	Important open spaces, subject to fit with NPPF.
9 VILLAGE CENTRE AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE: retains the facilities we value.	SP6	Protecting community facilities (e.g. shops, school, services & pubs).
10 TRANSPORT: encourages improvements for road users of all types, and advocates public charging points for electric vehicles.	ID 2	Support/promote safe, sustainable transport, encourage walking and cycling.
11 COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS AND RIGHTS OF WAY: seeks to maintain and improve, where possible, access to the countryside.	ID 2	Protect and enhance walking, cycling and horse riding routes.
12 DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY: supports any reasonable proposals to improve broadband and mobile phone services, while keeping the public phone box.	ID 3	Enabling the enhancement of information communications networks.
13 BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT: supports business development provided it does not adversely affect the villages or surrounding landscape.	E5, E7 and RE1	Expansion & to ensure rural development is sustainable and respects its setting.

5. Compatibility with EU Obligations and other Prescribed Conditions

5.1 South Kesteven District Council undertook a screening and concluded that a Strategic Environmental Assessment was not required because the Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to have a significant impact on the environment (See Caythorpe and Frieston SEA/HRA Screening Report XXXX 2022). This document was subject to a formal consultation with Historic England, Natural England and the Environment Agency and each of those organisations agreed with the conclusion reached by the District Council. ***This will need to be updated once the SEA screening report is completed.***

5.2 The Screening Report also considered the need (or not) for a Habitat Regulations Assessment. It was concluded that the Neighbourhood Plan is not in close enough proximity to any European designated nature sites to warrant an Appropriate Assessment under the EU Habitats Regulations. Again, the consultees agreed with that conclusion and consequently, such an assessment has not been required by South Kesteven District Council.

5.3 The Neighbourhood Plan has regard to the fundamental rights and a freedom guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and complies with the Human Rights Act.

6. Conclusion

6.1 It is the view of Caythorpe and Frieston Parish Council that the Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions as set out in Schedule 4B to the TCPA 1990 Act.

6.2 The Plan has given appropriate regard to the NPPF, will contribute to the achievement of sustainable development, is in general conformity with strategic policies contained in the South Kesteven Local Plan 2020 and meets the relevant EU obligations.

Appendix 1 Designation of Neighbourhood Development Area - approval letter



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL

Date: 25th June 2020

Dear Cllr Allen

Application to Designate a Neighbourhood Development Area: Caythorpe and Frieston

I refer to the Parish Council's application to designate Caythorpe and Frieston Parish as a Neighbourhood Area.

I can advise you that following consideration, the application has been assessed as valid and therefore has been **approved**.

I would be grateful if you could provide to me a copy of an indicative timetable for completion of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (which will assist the Council in planning resources particularly at the examination and referendum stages) and an indication of the arrangements the Parish Council intend to put in place to prepare the Plan.

Can I also remind you that in addition to its statutory obligations, the District Council is able to offer advice and support to the Parish Council throughout the preparation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan on various matters including:

- The legal procedures to be followed including those set out in the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.
- Methods of consultation and engagement, including with the 'Consultation Bodies',
- Requirements of other legislation such as the Habitats Regulations and Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA),
- Provision of Annual Monitoring Report planning data,
- Conformity advice and up to date information on the Local Plan,
- Local Plan evidence base data and other information/data the Council may hold (or providing links to the appropriate source) – information from the 2011 Census at Parish This is available at: <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/localarea>
- Commenting on emerging drafts of the Plan,
- OS mapping requirements including copyright issues.

If you would like to discuss any of the above or anything else in relation to the preparation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the policy team at planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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