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Section 1 – Introduction

Introduction

- 1.1 South Kesteven District Council is undertaking a review of its adopted Local Plan (2011-2036). The new plan, once adopted, will update and replace the adopted South Kesteven Local Plan (2011-2036).
- 1.2 This consultation statement sets out how the Council has carried out meaningful and proactive engagement with local residents, community groups, landowners, businesses, and organisations in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the relevant statutory requirements, as part of the Local Plan review.
- 1.3 Specifically, this Consultation Statement outlines the consultation and engagement activities that were undertaken for a Regulation 18 Local Plan Stage, which culminated in an eight-week public consultation between 29th February 2024 – 25th April 2024. This involved consultation on the following:
 - Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan
 - Interim Sustainability Appraisal
 - Habitats Regulation Assessment
 - Gypsy, Traveller, and Travelling Showpeople Call for Sites
 - Policy Priority Survey
- 1.4 The purpose of this Statement is to provide a summary of the Council's consultation process, and feedback for the production of the Local Plan Review. The Statement sets out the following information:
 - How we consulted
 - Who we consulted
 - A summary of the main findings
 - Conclusion and the next stages of the Local Plan Review.

Preparation of the new Local Plan

- 1.5 The current Local Plan (2011 -2036) was adopted in January 2020. The Council was required to undertake a review of the Local Plan focussing on the following key issues:
 - Taking account of the latest National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF);
 - The assessment of housing needs and future requirements for employment land;
 - Further assessment of the needs of the Gypsy & Traveller community, including Travelling Showpeople and the requirement allocate land to meet identified needs.
- 1.6 The preparation of a Local Plan requires a number of thorough and robust stages of consultation. This is to enable early and ongoing engagement with the local community, businesses and organisations to develop a comprehensive document, tailored to the needs of the district.

- 1.7 As required by the adopted Local Plan (2011 – 2036), the preparation of the review commenced in April 2020. The Council held a Regulation 18 – Issues and Options consultation between October and November 2020 which sought the views of the public, businesses and stakeholders on the scope of the Local Plan review. The comments received through the Issues and Options consultation were used to help shape the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan.
- 1.8 The Council also launched a Call for Sites which ran from October 2020 to September 2022 seeking land within the district to be considered for allocation for a range of uses including housing, employment and Gypsy and Traveller sites.
- 1.9 As part of the review process, the Council has commissioned a number of evidence based studies. These include housing need, employment need, infrastructure, open space, flood risk, and viability to inform the emerging Local Plan.
- 1.10 Figure 1 below highlights the Local Plan Review process.

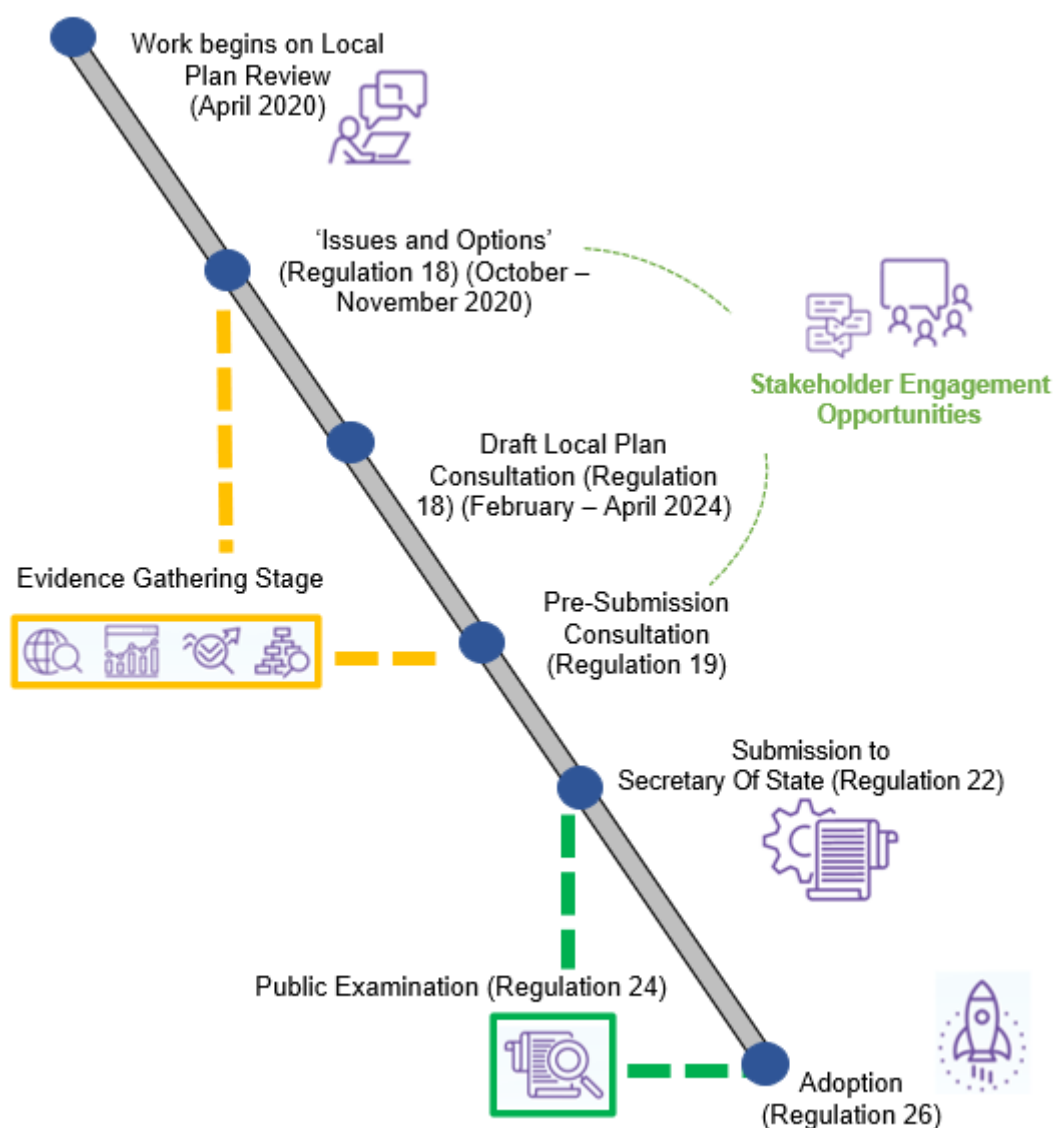


Figure 1: Local Plan Review Process

- 1.11 This consultation statement focusses on an additional Regulation 18 consultation on the 'Draft Local Plan Consultation' which was carried out between 29th February 2024 to 25th April 2024.

Statutory Requirements

- 1.12 The preparation of a new Local Plan must comply with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 ("the Regulations"). Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning Regulations outlines the first steps that must be undertaken in preparing a Local Plan. This includes who needs to be notified, and how a local authority should consider feedback from engagement activities when preparing a draft Local Plan for submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination.
- 1.13 The consultation and engagement activities for this stage of the Local Plan review were undertaken in accordance with the Council's [Statement of Community Consultation \(SCI\) \(October 2021\)](#) and Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 1.14 As required by the NPPF (paragraphs 15-16) this consultation statement demonstrates how the Council conducted early, proportionate and effective engagement between communities, organisations, businesses, infrastructure providers, operators and statutory consultees when developing the new Local Plan.

Document Structure

- 1.15 This consultation statement outlines how the Council consulted and engaged with the local community and relevant stakeholders over the consultation period. The report is set out in the following sections:
- **Section 2** summarises the consultation procedure: how and which bodies and persons were invited to make representations
 - **Section 3** provides an overview of the representations
 - **Section 4** concludes with the next steps in the Local Plan Review preparation.

Section 2 – Consultation Procedure

What we consulted on

Draft Local Plan (2021 – 2041)

- 2.1 This stage of the Local Plan Review process was a second Regulation 18 consultation which consulted the public and stakeholders on a full draft Local Plan which included:
- the district's development needs;
 - which policies the Council intended to amend;
 - sites received through the Call for Sites exercise which was launched in 2020; and
 - proposed new policies.
- 2.2 Each policy or topic area included a summary of proposed changes to highlight what amendments from the adopted Local Plan (2011-2036) were being proposed including:
- significant changes to policies
 - new policies
 - minor changes to policies
- policies to be reviewed once evidence is finalised

Draft Local Plan Supporting Documents

- 2.3 We also consulted on the following Draft Local Plan supporting documents;
- Interim Sustainability Appraisal
Every Local Plan must be informed and accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal which is integral to the plan making process. The purpose of the Sustainability Appraisal process is to appraise the social, environmental and economic effects of the Local Plan from the outset. In doing so it will help ensure that decisions are made that contribute to achieving sustainable development.
 - Habitats Regulation Assessment
A habitat regulation assessment is a statutory document which must be prepared alongside a Local Plan and is used to determine whether an emerging plan is likely to have a significant effect on international conservation sites within and around the district area.

Gypsy, Traveller, and Travelling Showpeople Call for Sites

- 2.4 An additional Call for Sites was launched targeted at our Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople community. As part of our duty to identify enough housing land for everyone in the district we asked individuals, landowners, and developers to suggest local sites which may be available and suitable for pitches.

- 2.5 The Call for Sites sought information on potential sites for consideration including new sites, extensions to existing sites, and new pitches on existing sites.
- 2.6 Site submissions for Gypsy and Traveller sites were accepted during the consultation period via an online consultation portal.
- 2.7 Sites submitted during the consultation period will be assessed and considered for their suitability in accommodating Gypsy and Traveller accommodation. This will include an appraisal of any sites that meet the minimum criteria and will identify whether or not any sites should be considered as a site allocation in the Local Plan Review.

Policy Priority Survey

- 2.8 The Local Plan is not just about providing new homes and jobs. There is also need infrastructure including schools, GPs, public transport, roads, play parks, and leisure facilities to support future growth. This is in addition to the amount and type of affordable housing that we need to deliver.
- 2.9 The Council asked local residents and stakeholders to rank in order social and physical infrastructure that was considered a priority. The responses will be used to inform Local Plan policy, as the Plan evolves.

How we consulted

- 2.10 The Council engaged with the community in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning Act and the Councils' Statement of Community Involvement (2021), which sets out how the Council will engage and consult with the community.
- 2.11 During the consultation period the Council utilised a wide range of communication methods in order to ensure that notification of the consultation reached as many people as possible. Table 1 highlights the engagement methods that the council undertook.

Table 1: Methods of consultation

Engagement Method	Description
Notifications	<p>The Council has an established consultation database of individuals, landowners, developers, agents, stakeholders, and others who have indicated that they wish to be notified of updates and consultations in respect of the Local Plan. Over 1,800 notification emails and letters containing information on the consultations and other informative information (see Appendix A) were distributed to all contacts on the Council's Local Plan Consultation Database. This included notification with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory consultees; • Neighbouring Local Authorities (see Appendix B);

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents; • Landowners; • Developers; • Agents; • Infrastructure providers; • Community Groups; • Organisations; • Parish and Town Councils; and • District and County Councillors. <p>In addition to this wide range of individuals and organisations, those not directly consulted would have also been reached through other methods of engagement highlighted below.</p>
Online resources	<p>The consultation documents and information were available on a dedicated webpage, as well as the consultation portal. The consultation portal enabled users to read and comment directly on the Draft Local Plan and supporting documents.</p> <p>The dedicated webpage included a range of materials including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to get involved and how to respond • Consultation documents • Interactive policies maps • Information about online events • Summary of changes proposed • Easy read guide to the Draft Local Plan • Frequently asked questions page <p>The consultation also featured on the council's website homepage throughout the duration of the consultation period to raise further awareness.</p>
Printed Copies	<p>Printed copies of the Regulation 18 – Draft Local Plan document were made available to view at Council Offices and Public Libraries throughout the district during normal opening times.</p>
Press notices and public releases	<p>A public notice was published highlighting the consultation dates, and how to view and comment on the documents. The notice appeared in the three local newspapers (Stamford Mercury, Grantham Journal, and Bourne Local) on Friday 23rd February ahead of the launch date of the consultation.</p> <p>Informative press releases were also published onto the Council's 'News' webpage and within the local online newspapers.</p> <p>An article on the consultation was also featured in the SKToday, the council's digital magazine, including news and features on Council business and the local area. Around 3,300 subscribers are notified when SKToday is published online and 1,100 printed copies are sent to leisure centres,</p>

	libraries, sheltered housing, and customer services across the district (see Appendix C).																								
Social media	The Draft Local Plan consultation was posted on all council social media platforms (Facebook, X, and LinkedIn) throughout the consultation period. Posts highlighted key information contained in the Draft Local Plan to raise engagement and awareness of the consultation and live engagement events (see Appendix D).																								
Public Engagement Events	<p>The Council hosted two online engagement events covering key topic areas within the draft Local Plan. Officers presented live and answered questions that were submitted prior to and during the events.</p> <p>Events were publicised via social media, press releases and the Council website. Reminder email notifications were also sent directly to those on the consultation database before the events were held. Recordings of the events could also be viewed on the Council's public-I channel following the events via the Council's website.</p> <p>Topics covered in each event and when they were held is set out below:</p> <table><tr><th>Event</th><th>Theme</th><th>Date</th><th>Time</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Introduction to the Local Plan and the consultation, housing and employment, infrastructure and viability</td><td>Wednesday 20th March 2024</td><td>19:30pm</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Introduction to the Local Plan and the consultation, Climate Change, Environment, and Design</td><td>Thursday 11th April 2024</td><td>19:30pm</td></tr></table> <p>The table below sets out how many views took place during the live events and additional views of the recordings until the end of the consultation period.</p> <table><tr><th>Event</th><th>Live Views</th><th>Archive Views</th><th>All Views</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>197</td><td>547</td><td>744</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>77</td><td>72</td><td>149</td></tr></table>	Event	Theme	Date	Time	1	Introduction to the Local Plan and the consultation, housing and employment, infrastructure and viability	Wednesday 20 th March 2024	19:30pm	2	Introduction to the Local Plan and the consultation, Climate Change, Environment, and Design	Thursday 11 th April 2024	19:30pm	Event	Live Views	Archive Views	All Views	1	197	547	744	2	77	72	149
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Section 3 - Overview of the Consultation Responses

Draft Local Plan (2021 – 2041)

- 3.1 A total of 2,439 individual comments were received on the Draft Local Plan consultation made by 794 respondents. Comments on the Local Plan were made on areas including policies, site allocations, chapters, figures, paragraphs and evidence base work.
- 3.2 Three petitions expressing objection to potential development sites (below) were also submitted during the consultation period. It is also recognised that people may have signed petitions and submitted consultation comments on the same allocation and/or other areas of the Local Plan.

Petitions

- Millfield Road, The Deepings (SKPR-144) – 1,662 signatures
 - Belton Lane, Belton Lane (SKPR-57) – 1,113 signatures
 - Church Lane, Great Gonerby (SKPR-241) – 470 signatures
- 3.3 Please note that the number of comments represents the total submissions received and not how many signatories there were to each petition, letter or email. In any case, it is the nature of the particular planning issues raised in comments that are most critical to the preparation of a Local Plan, not the number of comments received.
- 3.4 Respondents included residents, Parish and Town Councils, community groups, organisations, those representing the development industry such as landowners and site promoters, as well as statutory bodies and neighbouring local authorities.
- 3.5 The consultation focused on a digital-first approach when encouraging feedback. This was to allow people to engage at their own convenience, as well as being in line with current best practice methods. The consultation format aimed to reach and be accessible for all individuals in the district, including ensuring that it was available and suitable for those with disabilities. Comments on the Draft Local Plan were encouraged to be submitted via the digital consultation portal on the Council's website. Additionally, comments via email and post were also accepted to ensure a wider degree of accessibility and an increase in participation.
- 3.6 All comments received (via the consultation portal, email and post) required processing (including summarising) and authorisation. Comments submitted through the consultation portal were required to note their comments next to the paragraph or policy and indicate either support or objection. Where comments received by email or post did not identify if they supported or objected, officers have used their judgement in determining this aspect. For example, where comments identified changes or recommendations to the policy or section it was noted as an objection. There were instances of duplicated submissions being made via the consultation portal and email. In these cases, submissions that were the same or similar in context were considered to be one response. We also recognise duplicated responses were made via the portal on sites and policies.
- 3.7 All comments were made available on the consultation portal in real time once processed and authorised. All comment summaries are accessible to view via the consultation portal

which can be accessed via the council's website. Appendix E sets out an overall summary of all representations made to each section within the Local Plan, with an accompanying officer response.

- 3.8 Figures 2 – 14 below set out an overview of the responses received in regard to each policy and preferred site allocations within the Draft Local Plan. There were also comments made regarding other chapters (such as the introduction) and supporting text within the Local Plan which are not indicated in the figures below.

Responses Per Theme

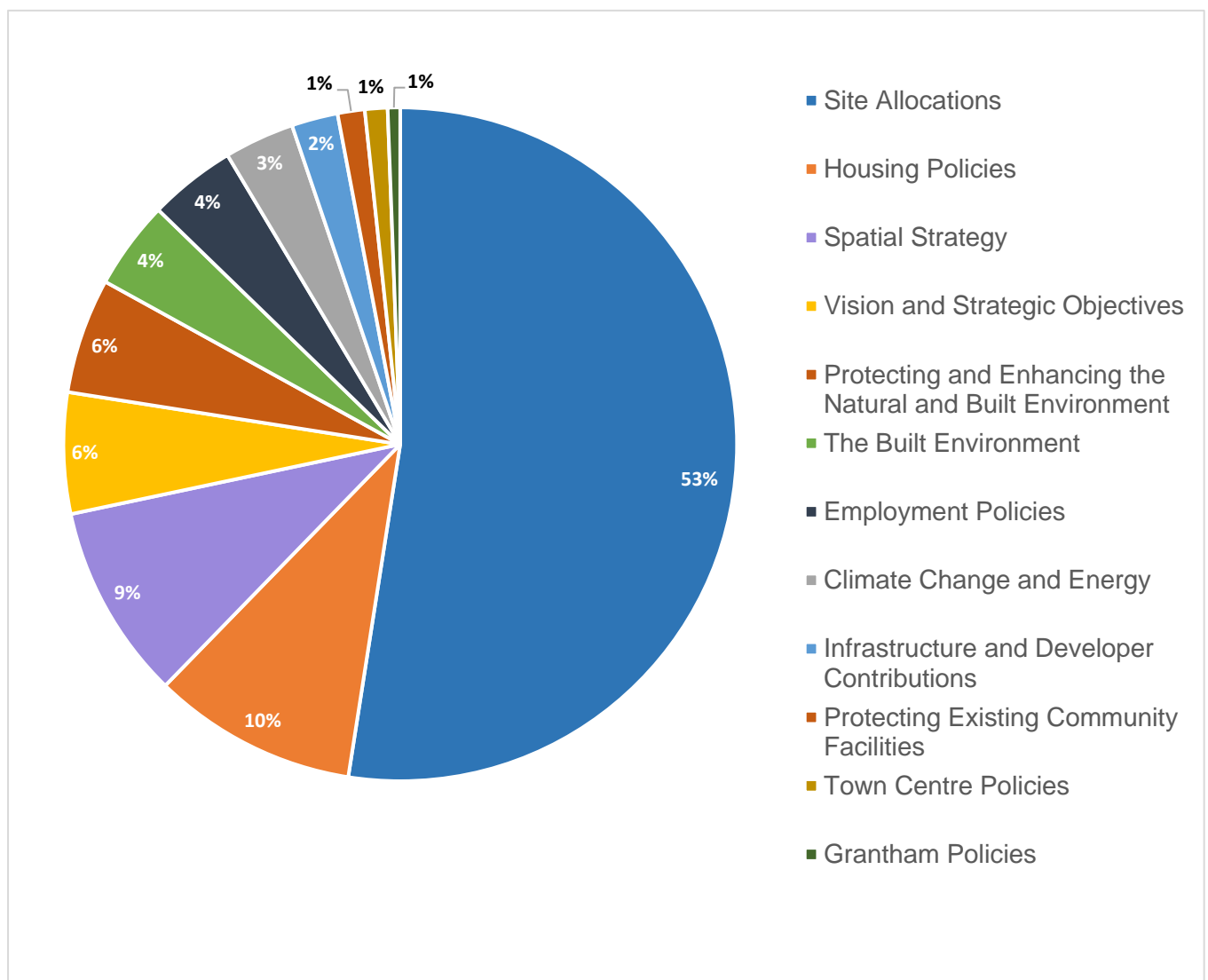
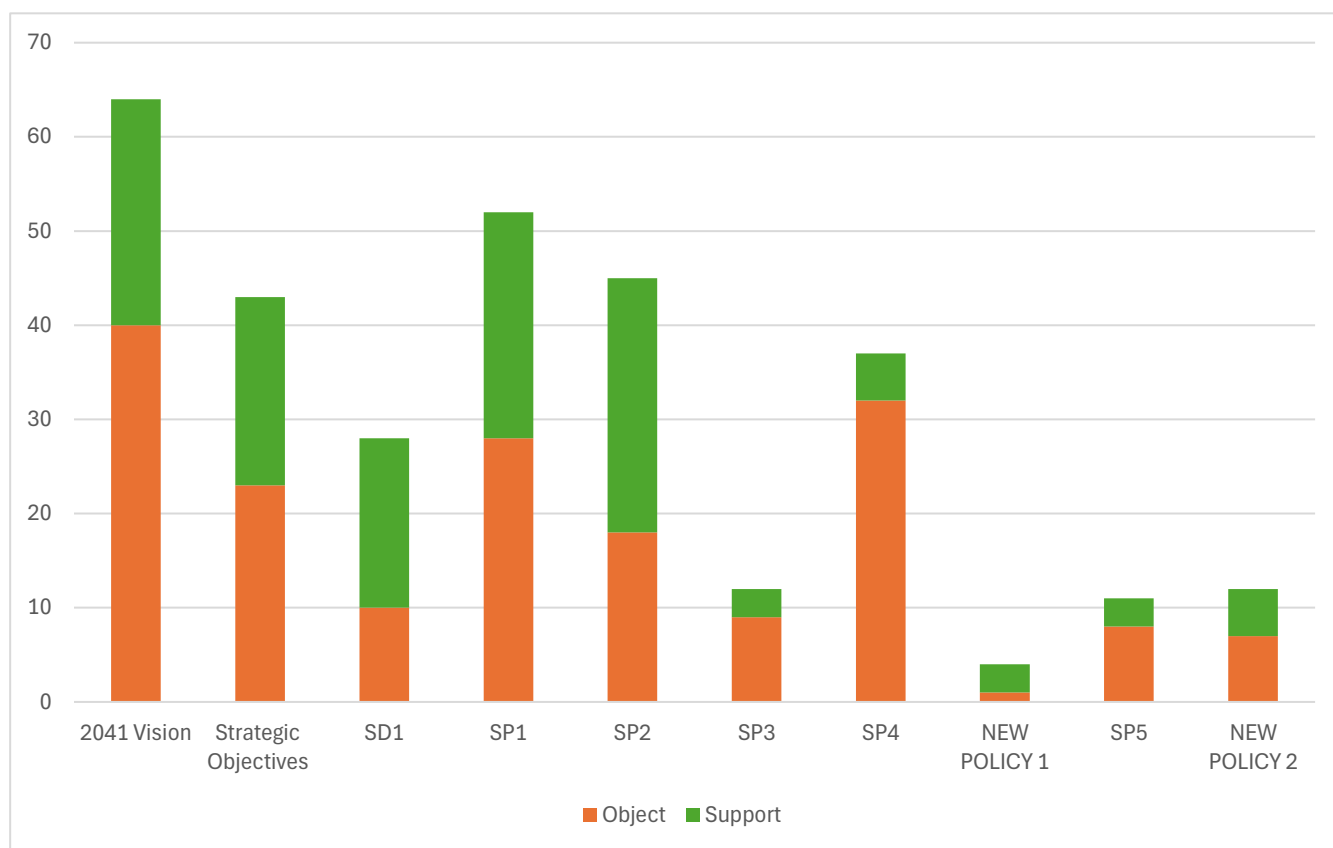


Figure 2: Responses per Theme

- 3.9 Over half of comments were made in relation to the site allocations. The housing policies, spatial strategy, vision and strategic objectives, and policies on protecting and enhancing the natural environment also received a substantial number of comments. A breakdown of comments per policy and chapter can be found below.

Policy Response Overview

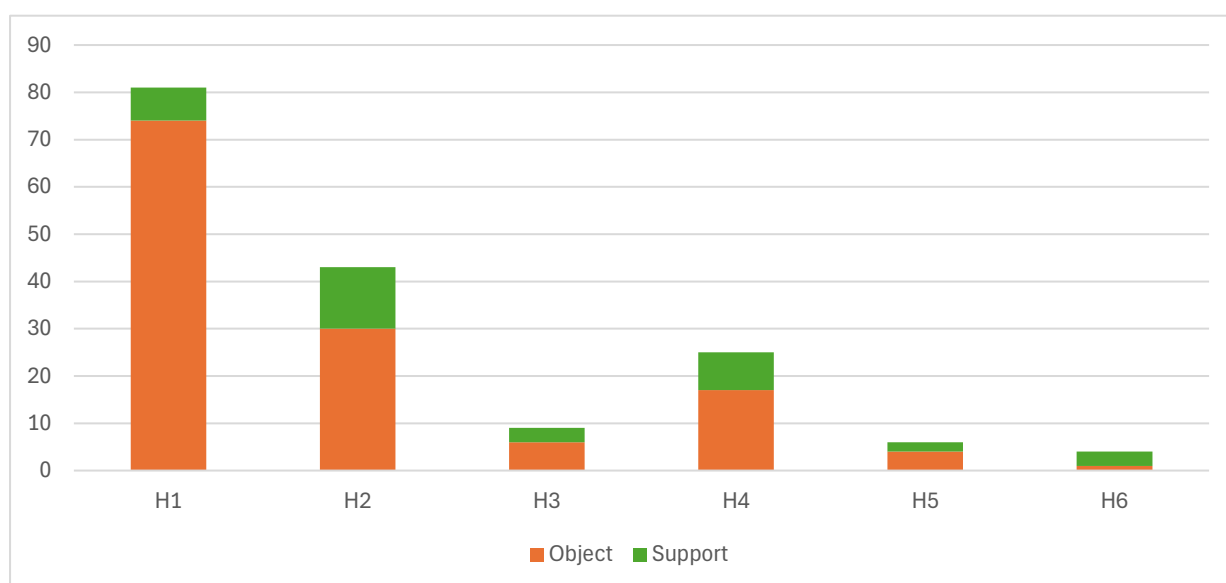
Vision and Strategic Objectives, Sustainable Development, and Spatial Strategy Policies



Policy	Object	Support	Total
2041 Vision for South Kesteven	40	24	64
Strategic Objectives	23	20	43
SD1: The Principles of Sustainable Development	10	18	28
SP1: Spatial Strategy	28	24	52
SP2: Settlement Hierarchy	18	27	45
SP3: Residential Developments within Settlements	9	3	12
SP4: New Residential Development on the Edge of Settlements	32	5	37
New Policy 1: Rural Exception Schemes	1	3	4
SP5: Development Outside of Settlements	8	3	11
New Policy 2: Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land	7	5	12

Figure 3: Vision and Strategic Objectives, Sustainable Development, and Spatial Strategy

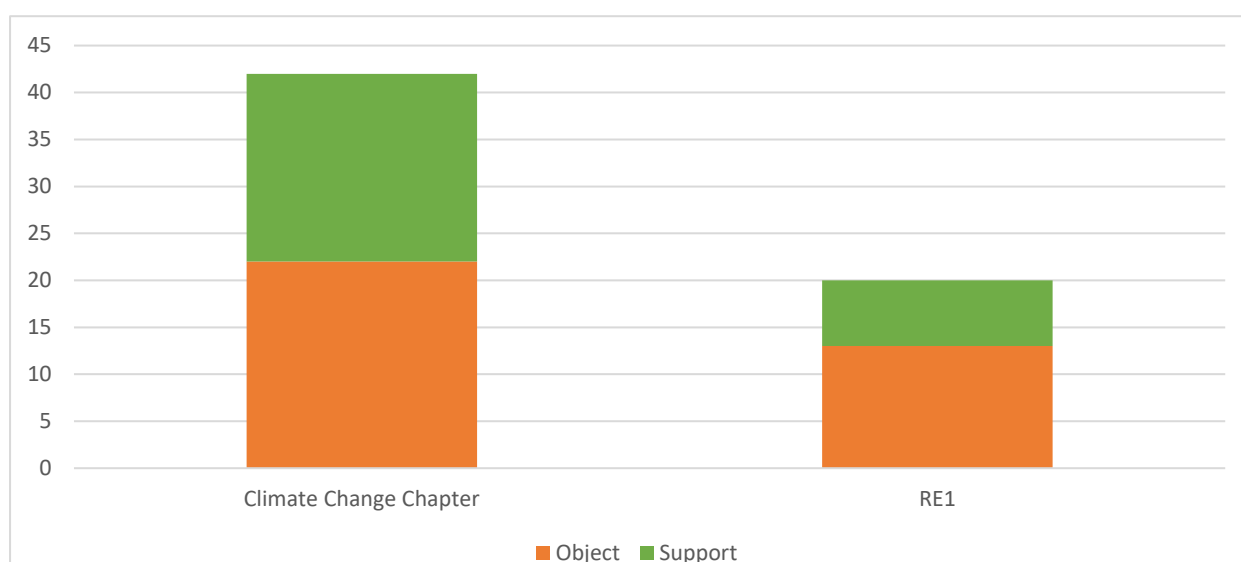
Housing Policies



Policy	Object	Support	Total
H1: Housing Allocations	74	7	81
H2: Affordable Housing Contributions	30	13	43
H3: Self and Custom Build Housing	6	3	9
H4: Meeting All Housing Needs	17	8	25
H5: Gypsies and Travellers	4	2	6
H6: Travelling Showpeople	1	3	4

Figure 4: Housing Policies

Climate Change and Energy Policies



Policy	Object	Support	Total
Climate Change Chapter	22	20	42
RE1: Renewable Energy	13	7	20

Figure 5: Climate Change and Energy

Protecting and Enhancing the Natural and Built Environment Policies

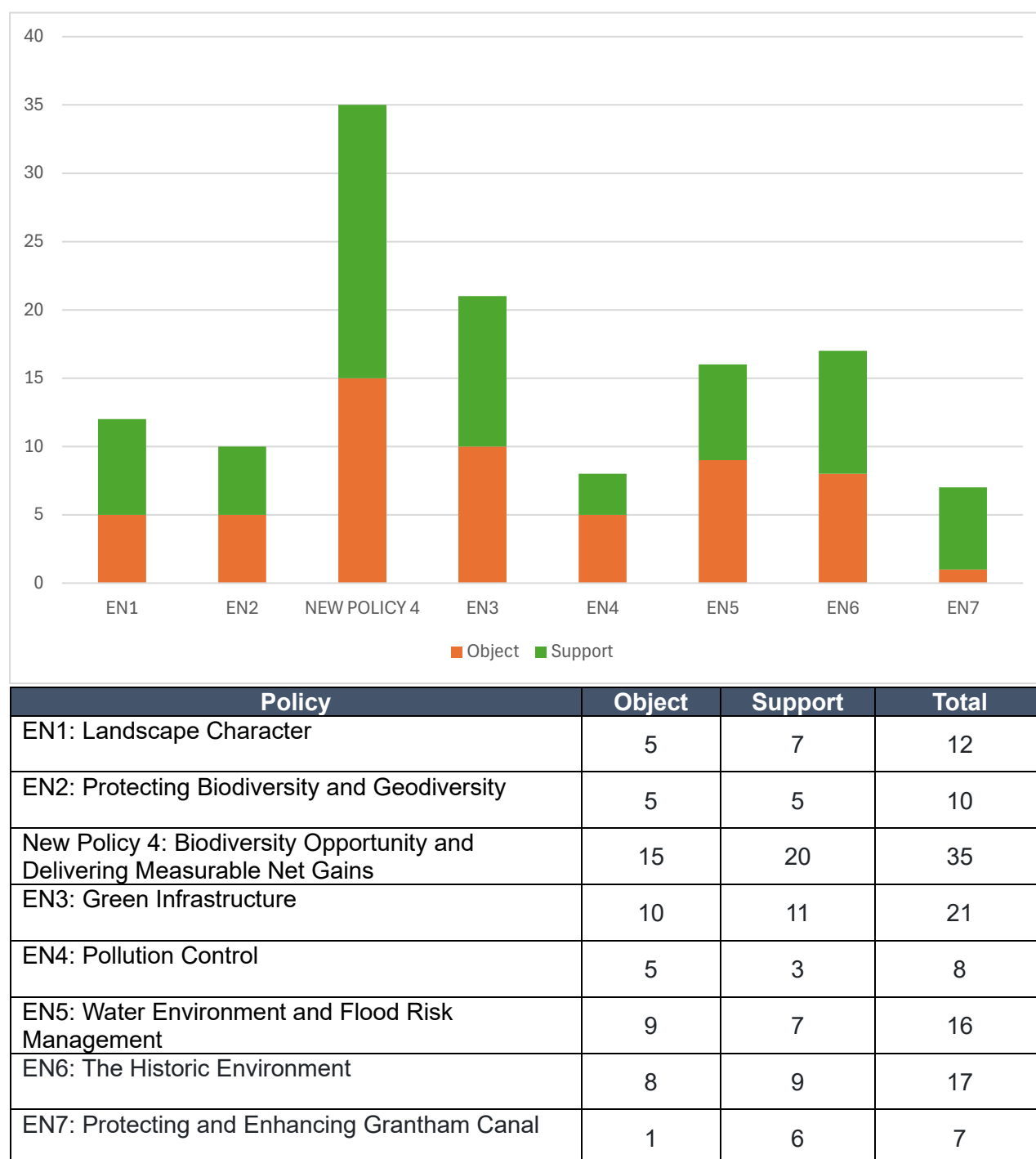
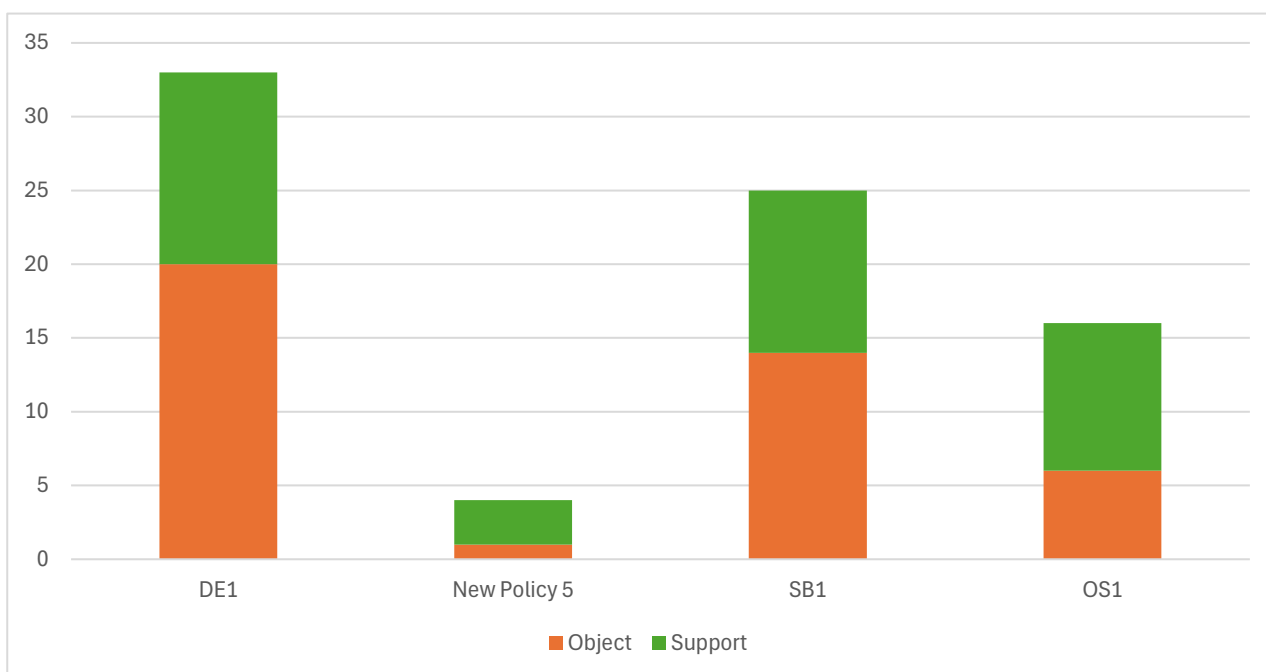


Figure 6: Protecting and Enhancing the Natural and Built Environment

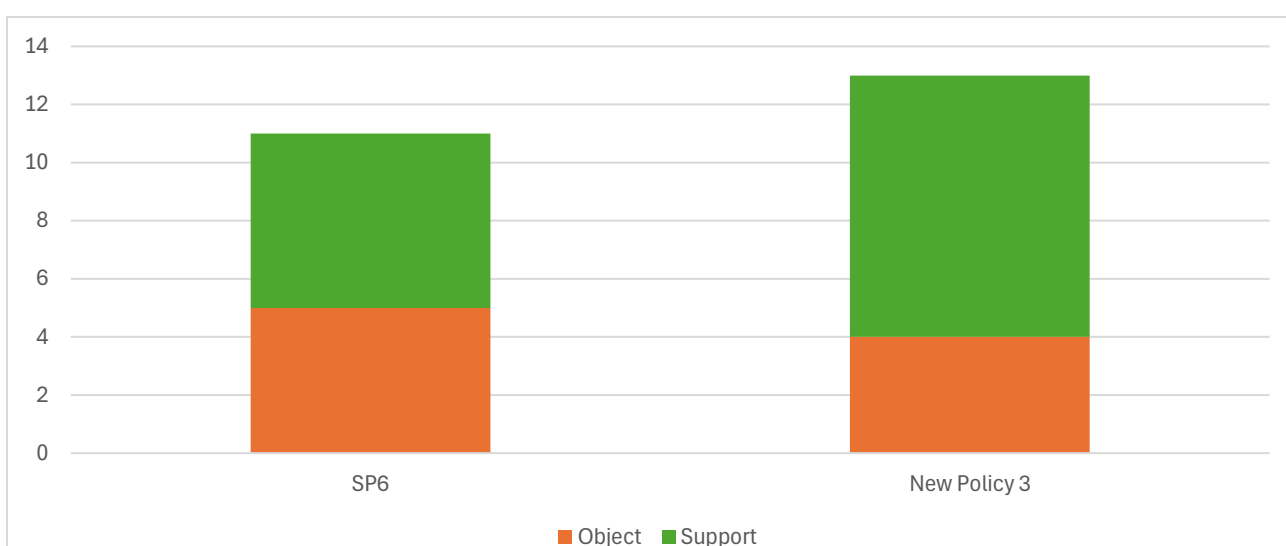
The Built Environment Policies



Policy	Object	Support	Total
DE1: Promoting Good Quality Design	20	13	33
New Policy 5: Householder Development	1	3	4
SB1: Sustainable Building	14	11	25
OS1: Open Space and Recreation	6	10	16

Figure 7: The Built Environment

Protecting Existing Community Facilities Policies



Policy	Object	Support	Total
SP3: Protecting Community Services and Facilities	5	6	11
New Policy 3: New Community Services and Facilities	4	9	13

Figure 8: Protecting Existing Community Facilities

Employment Policies

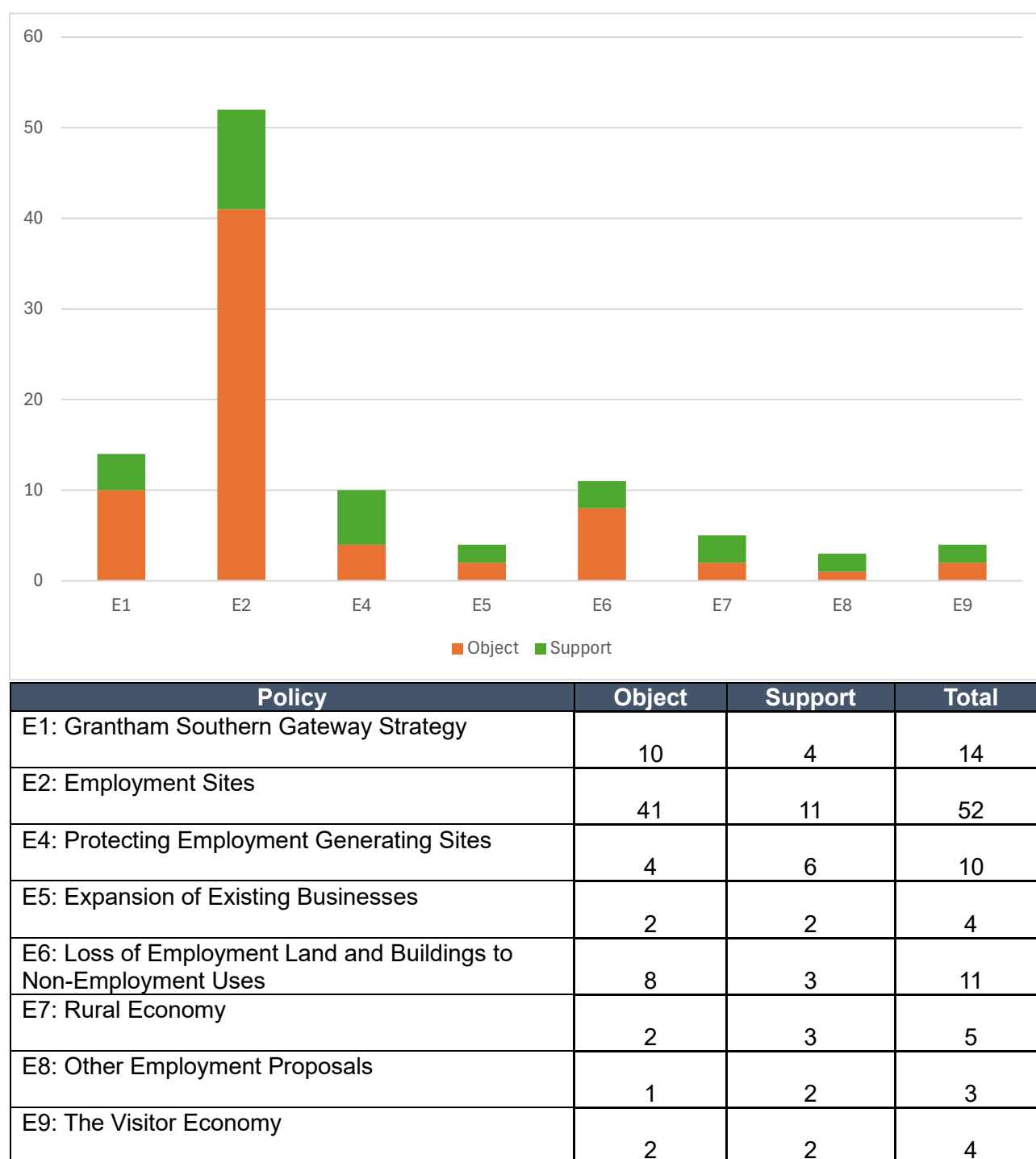


Figure 9: Employment Policies

Town Centre Policies

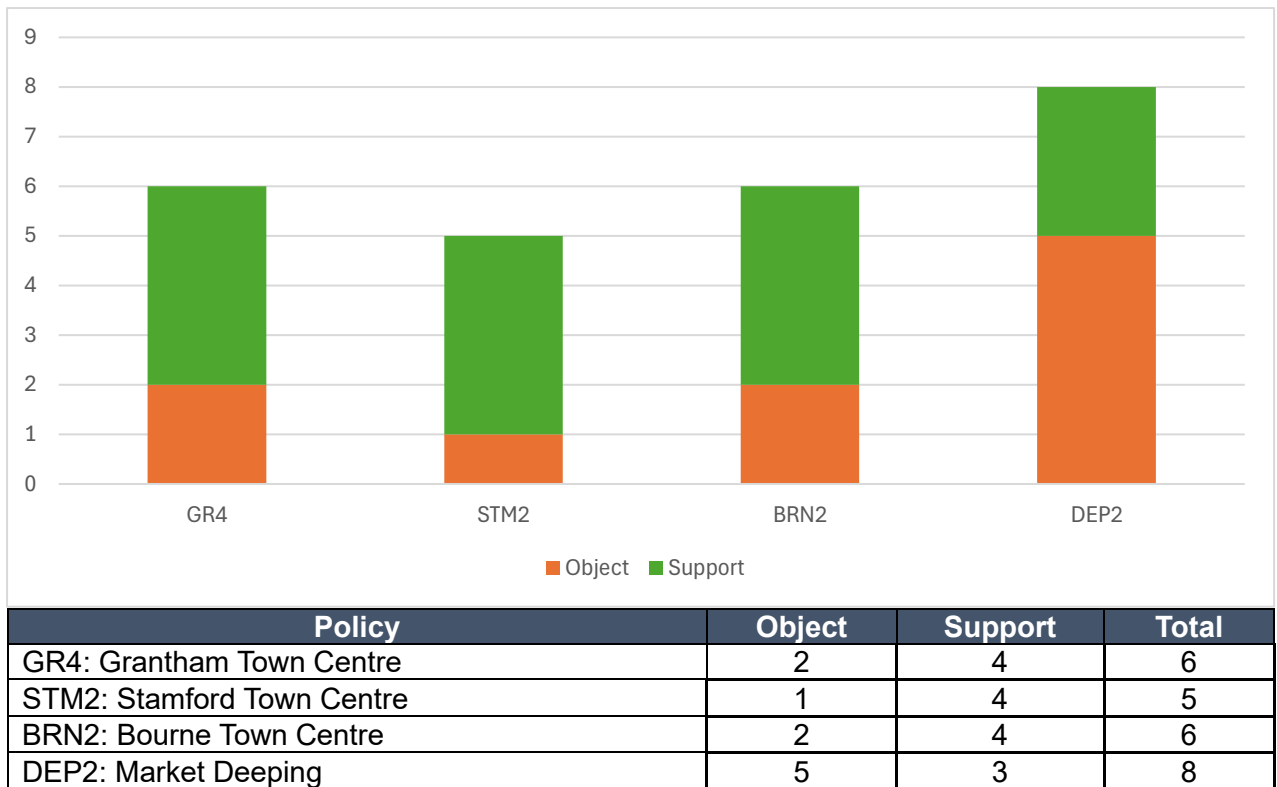


Figure 10: Town Centre Policies

Infrastructure and Developer Contributions Policies

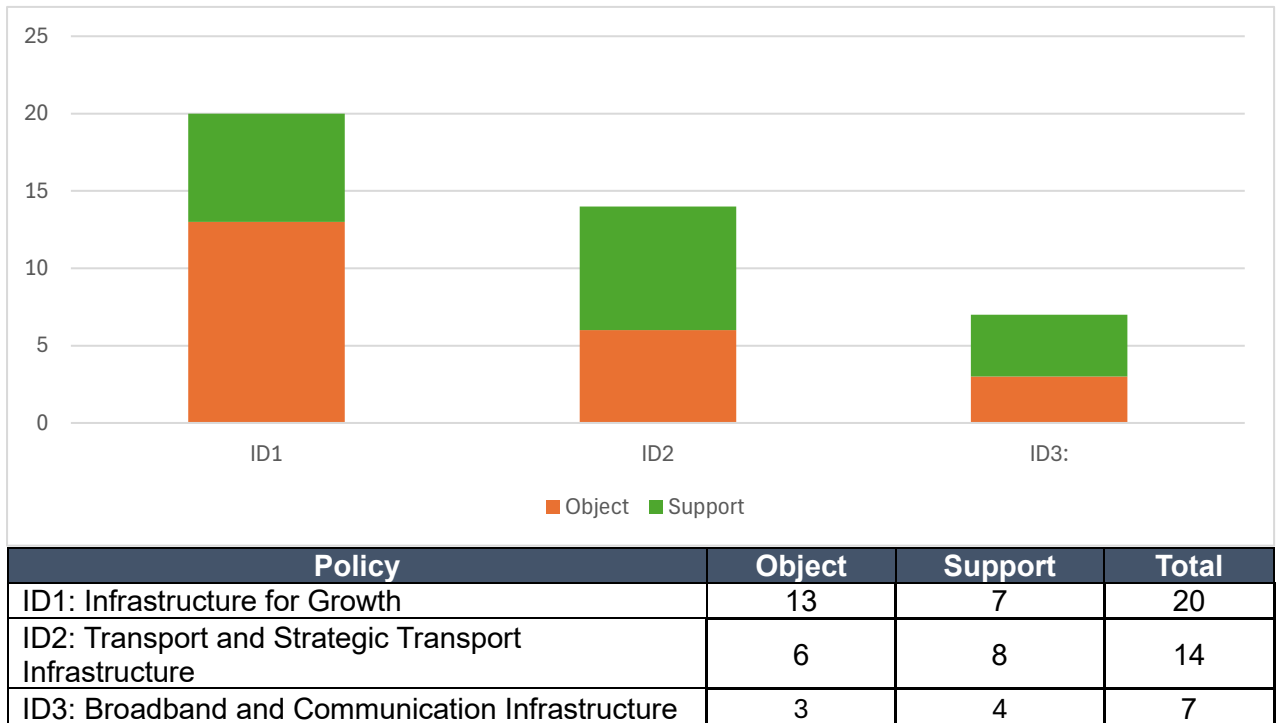
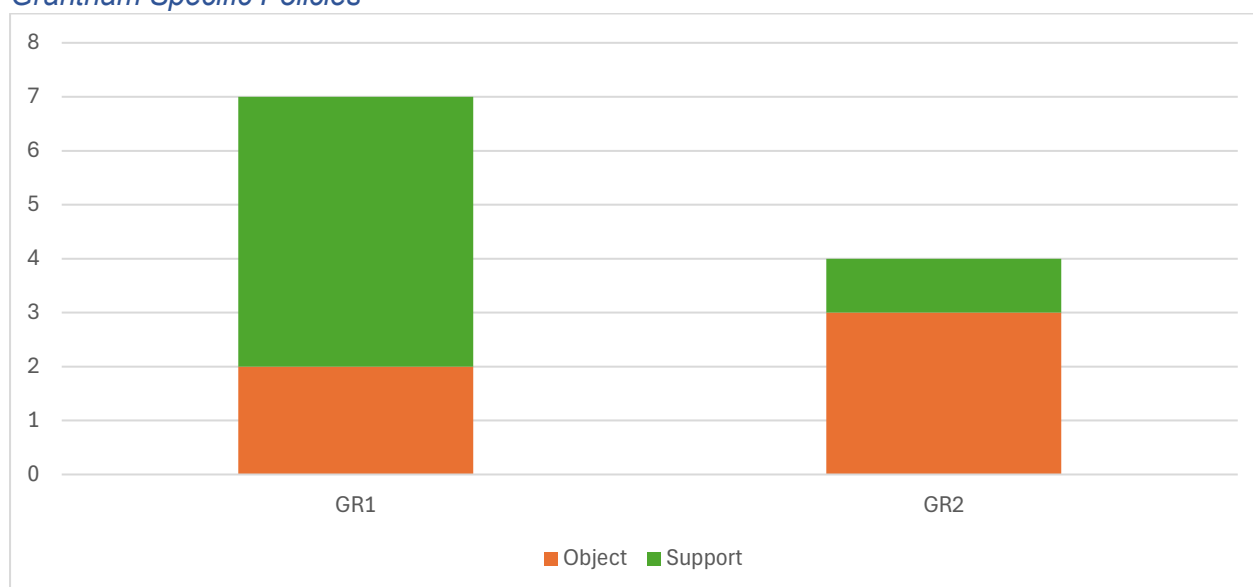


Figure 11: Infrastructure and Developer Contributions

Grantham Specific Policies



Policy	Object	Support	Total
GR1: Protecting and Enhancing the Setting of Belton House and Park	2	5	7
GR2: Sustainable Transport in Grantham	3	1	4

Figure 12: Grantham Policies

Summary

- 3.10 The highest number of responses received was in relation to Policy H1: Housing Allocations, subsequently receiving the highest objections. Comments related to the allocated residential sites, although it should be noted that this included duplicated comments in relation to specific housing allocation policies. In addition, comments also focused on sites that had not been allocated within the Draft Local Plan. These related to sites where developers and landowners had expressed that their site/s were more suitable than the preferred site allocations.
- 3.11 The policies that also received a substantial number of comments included: SP1: Spatial Strategy, H2: Affordable Housing Contributions, SP2: Settlement Hierarchy, SP4: New Residential Development on the Edge of Settlement. The 2041 Vision for South Kesteven, Strategic Objectives, and the Climate Change Chapter also received a high number of comments. All these policies except for Policy SP2: Settlement Hierarchy received more comments in objections rather than in support.

Site Allocation Overview

Market Town Allocations

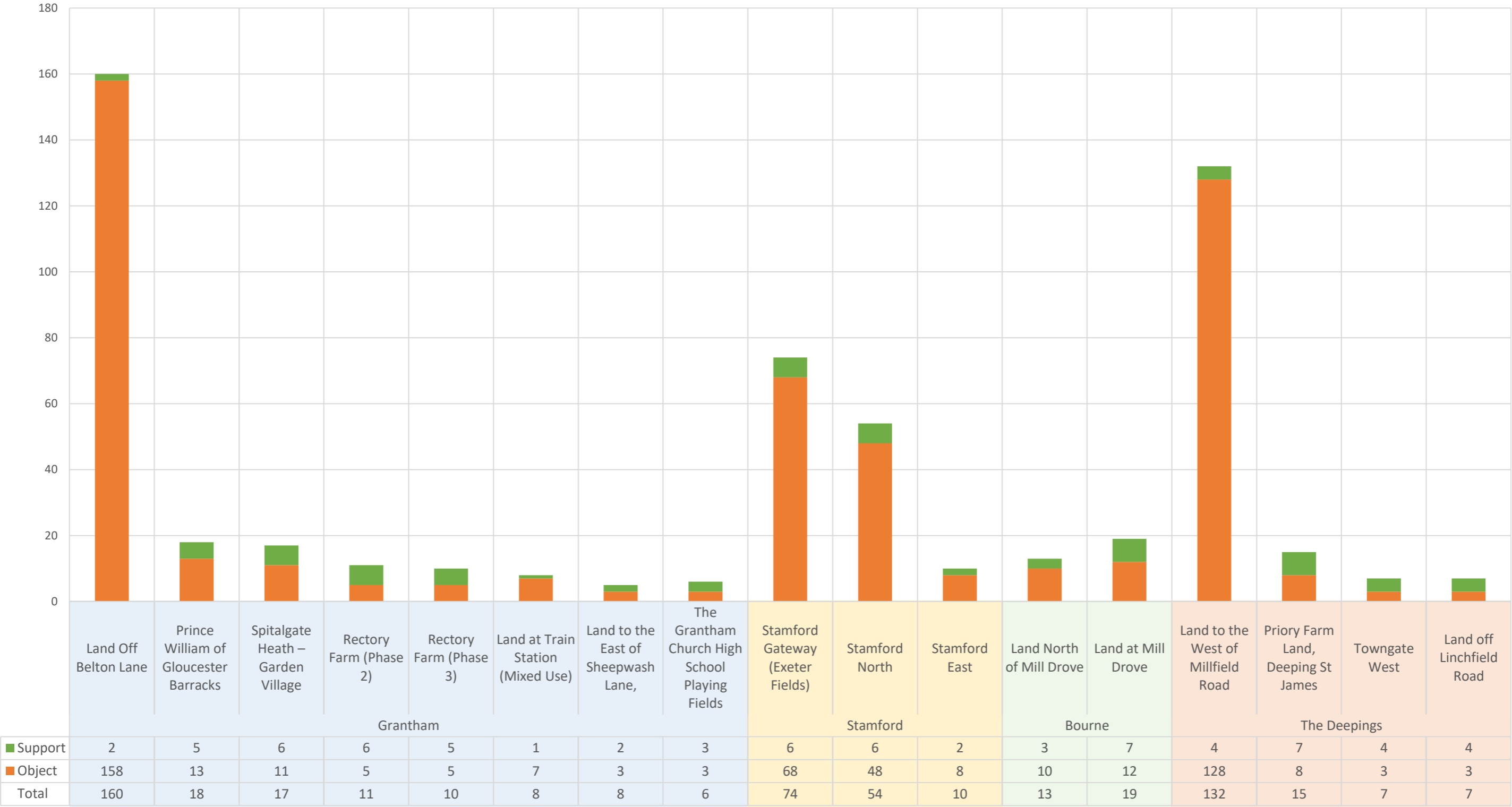


Figure 13: Market Town Allocations

Larger Village Allocations

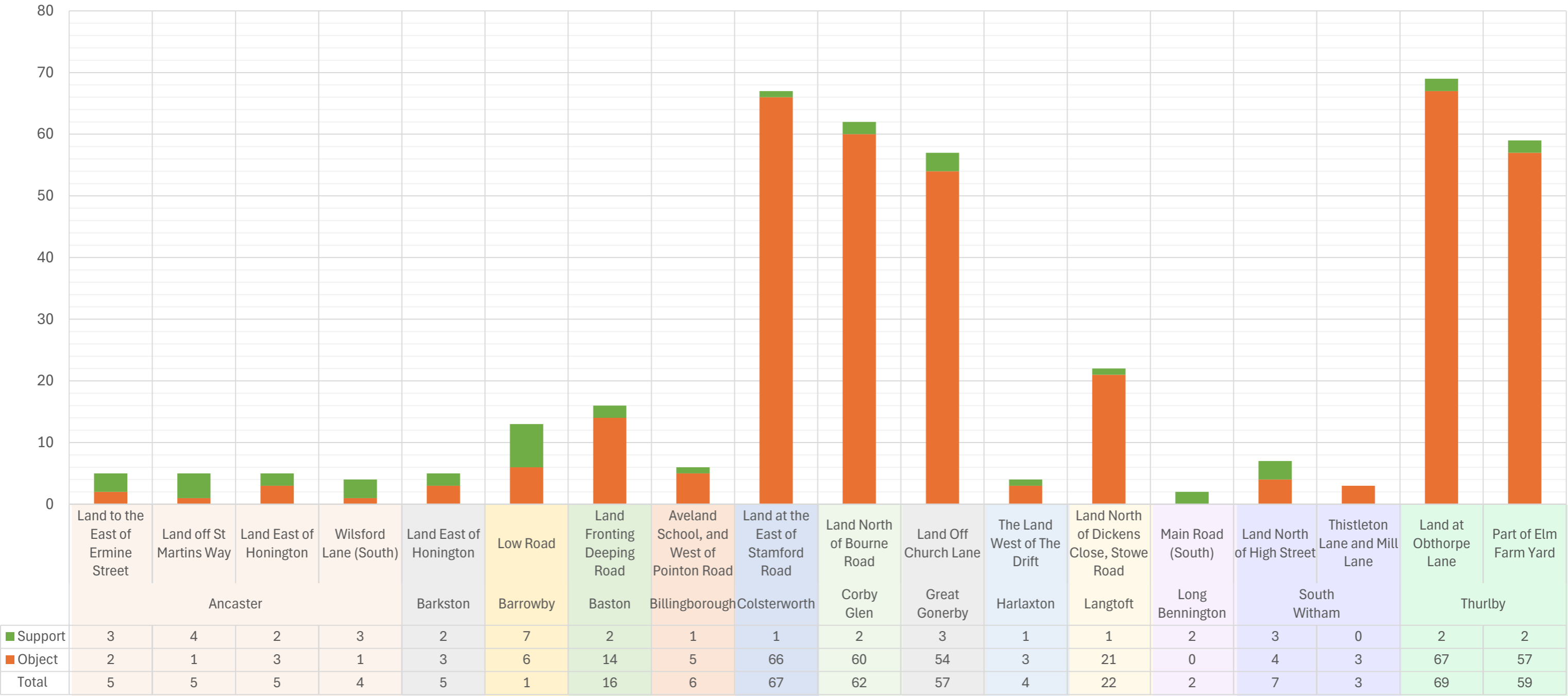


Figure 14: Larger Village Allocations

Summary

- 3.12 The greatest number of comments received on sites was in relation to SKPR-57 Land off Belton Lane in Grantham. 160 comments were received, of which 158 objected to the site allocation. Comments note unsuitable access to the site, impact to the rural character, infrastructure impacts, loss of green space, and impact on heritage sites. A petition of 1113 signatures was also received. There was also a high number of comments and notably objections to SKPR-144 Land to the West of Millfield Road in The Deepings, SKPR-266 Stamford Gateway (Exeter Fields), in Stamford, SKPR-120 Land at the East of Stamford Road in Colsterworth, SKPR-247 Land North of Bourne Road in Corby Glen, SKPR-56 Land at Obthorpe Lane, and SKPR- 227 Part of Elm Farm, Thurlby.
- 3.13 In addition to comments on sites as proposed in the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan, a number of representations received proposed additional sites to be considered as future sites for allocation. These sites will be considered in the representations received and will be assessed as potential alternative sites. Details of all new sites arising from Regulation 18 representations can be found in Appendix F.

Main themes raised in representations

- 3.14 The main themes raised through the consultation were:
- Significant number of objections to proposed residential allocations. Concerns particularly regarding infrastructure capacity, lack of facilities, loss of green/open space, loss of habitats, traffic impacts and surface water/flood risks.
 - Concerns that the Plan is reliant on Grantham delivering over half of the housing requirement on large strategic sites.
 - Support for the overall settlement hierarchy and distribution for growth. However, comments on the settlement hierarchy also raised objection to growth being limited in smaller villages.
 - Objections Identifying Claypole as a larger village and Hough on the Hill retaining its status as a smaller village.
 - Support for the inclusion of a climate change chapter and the Council's ambitions to national net-zero targets.
 - Concerns that the affordable housing percentage requirement is such a large range.
 - General support for the new policy on Biodiversity Opportunity and Delivering Measurable Net Gains.
 - Concerns that The Deepings will have a lack of open space.
 - Concerns over the employment growth forecast scenario that has been used to determine employment need within the Plan review.
 - Concerns about the lack of employment within Stamford.
 - That Brownfield should be developed before greenfield.
 - The Plan period is not considered to be long enough for the next stages, and it should be rolled forward to ensure that the plan period provides a minimum of 15 years at adoption.
 - Objections to the requirement of community support on edge of settlement schemes, as well as ambiguity over the definition on 'edge of settlement' and 'community support'.

Draft Local Plan Supporting Documents

Interim Sustainability Appraisal

- 3.15 A total of 28 comments were made to the Interim Sustainability Appraisal. This included 6 comments in support and 22 in objection.
- 3.16 There was general support from statutory consultees (Natural England, Historic England) regarding the overall approach, with comments and queries to be considered for the next stages of the Local Plan Review. There was no direct comment from the Environment Agency.
- 3.17 Other comments related to specific sites in the assessment and duplicated objections to sites allocated within the Draft Local Plan.

Habitat Regulation Assessment

- 3.18 A total of 6 comments were made to the Habitats Regulation Assessment, including 3 comments in support and 3 in objection.

Similar to the Sustainability Appraisal, comments made by statutory consultees (Natural England) were generally supportive of the Habitats Regulations, with points to consider for the next stages. Other comments raised in objection were to specific sites allocated within the Draft Local Plan.

- 3.19 Comment summary and response to the Interim Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment can be found within Appendix E.

Policy Priority Survey

- 3.20 The online Policy Priority Survey asked the public's views on the social and physical infrastructure listed in Table 2 what infrastructure should be prioritised.

Table 2: Policy Priority Survey

Social and Physical Infrastructure	
Affordable housing for rent	Highways infrastructure
Spacious homes	The delivery of Biodiversity Net Gain
Affordable housing to buy (shared ownership and first homes)	Green infrastructure including formal and informal parks and gardens and natural greenspace and play space for children
The right mix of affordable and market housing (1,2,3,4,5+ bedrooms)	Fluvial, surface water and ground water flood alleviation infrastructure
Accessible homes for the disabled and elderly members of our community	Low density development

Energy efficient homes	Digital infrastructure such as fast internet provision
Water efficient homes	Social infrastructure: schools and healthcare
Renewable energy features on homes such as solar panels	Maximising delivery of brownfield sites
Electric vehicle charging points within the public realm	Good design of developments

- 3.21 There was a total of 18 responses to the survey. Please note that not all respondents included every infrastructure type listed in the Table above in their response.
- 3.22 The results are displayed in Figure 16 below. The largest text is the infrastructure considered to be the most prioritised. The top 5 highest scoring infrastructure types to be prioritised were Highways, Social infrastructure (schools/healthcare), maximising the delivery of brownfield sites, good design of development, and green infrastructure.

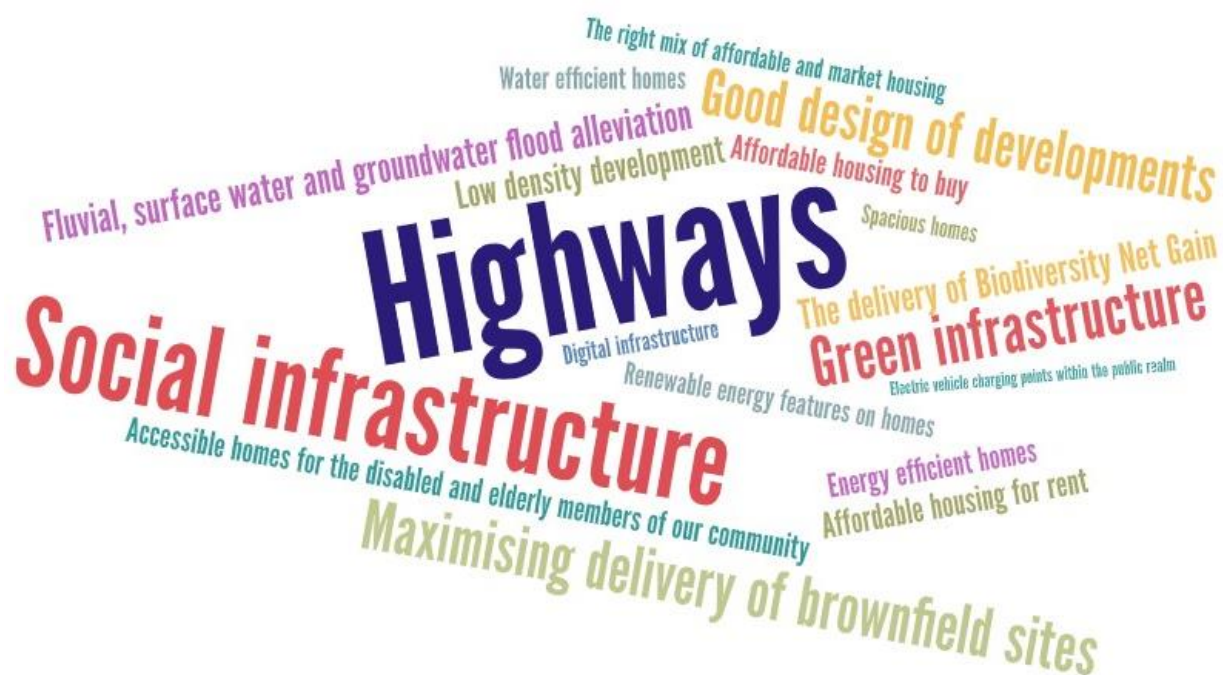


Figure 15: Policy Priority Survey Results

Section 4 – Conclusion

What happens next?

- 4.1 As set out in Appendix E, a range of representations were received as part of the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan consultation. The Council would like to thank everyone who has taken time to read the Draft Local Plan and provided feedback and comments. All comments are being considered as the Local Plan Review evolves and any changes will be reflected in the next iteration of the Local Plan.
- 4.2 The Council is continuing with the Local Plan Review. A new timetable will be set out in a revised Local Development Scheme, which will set out the next stages of consultation.
- 4.3 The key areas of work which will be undertaken between now and a Pre-Submission Regulation 19 Local Plan Consultation include:
- Understanding implications from the most recent revision of the National Planning Policy Framework (December 2024)
 - Undertake an additional Regulation 18 consultation focussing on additional preferred site allocations to meet the district's increased housing need.
 - Completion of outstanding evidence base work
 - Understanding and completing any actions arising from the response to Regulation 18 consultation comments.
 - Consider new site submissions through the Site Assessment Methodology and Sustainability Appraisal process.
 - Consider any changes to the Plan through the Sustainability Appraisal and take into account the findings of the Sustainability Appraisal before determining the Local Plan publication.
 - Continue working with duty to cooperate partners and where appropriate agreeing Statements of Common Ground.
- 4.4 There will be further opportunities to make representations on the Local Plan as the review of the Local Plan progresses.

[How to stay informed](#)

- 4.5 The Planning Policy team has a database of people who would like to be kept informed about planning policy consultations, including the Local Plan. If you would like to be added to the database, please let us know via one of the methods below.
- Email - planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov
 - Telephone - 01476 406080
 - Post - Planning Policy Team, The Picture House, St Catherine's Road, Grantham, NG31 6TT.

Visit the Local Plan Review webpage - <https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/planning-building-control/planning-policy-local-plans/local-plan-review>

Appendices

Appendix A – Notification Letter

Date: Friday 23rd February 2024.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Policy Consultations

Local Plan Review – Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan Consultation (Thursday 29th February to Thursday 25th April 2024)

We are seeking your comments on the Draft Local Plan (2021-2041), along with supporting documents.

South Kesteven District Council will be consulting on the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan from Thursday 29th February to 11:59pm Thursday 25th April 2024.

This consultation is the second opportunity to get involved with the preparation of the new Local Plan and seeks to consult the public and stakeholders on the district's development need, site allocations, proposed changes to the plan, and prepared evidence base documents.

The Council is also producing a Design Code for the District. The aim of the Code is to improve the design quality of new development. If you would like to get involved, please visit www.southkesteven.gov.uk/designcode

How to View the Draft Local Plan

The Draft Local Plan and supporting documents will be available to view on the Council's website – www.southkesteven.gov.uk/localplanreview

Reference copies of the Draft Local Plan will be available to view at the following addresses

- Customer Service desk at Grantham Guildhall Arts Centre, St Peter's Hill, Grantham, NG31 6PZ [Monday – Friday 9am – 1pm]
- South Kesteven Community Point & Library, 3 Abbey Road, Bourne, PE10 9EF [Monday 9am-5pm, Wednesday 9am-6pm, Friday 9am-1pm, Saturday 9am-1pm]
- At libraries in Grantham, Stamford, Market Deeping, and Bourne during normal opening hours.

Online public engagement events will also be held during the consultation period; more information will be available on the Council's website.

How to comment on the Draft Local Plan

The easiest and quickest way to comment is online using the consultation portal on the Council's website - www.southkesteven.gov.uk/localplanreview

You will need to set up an account online and there is guidance available on how to use the portal on the Council's website.

If you are unable to respond online you can email planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk or post your comments to Planning Policy Team, South Kesteven District Council, Council Offices, The Picture House, St Catherine's Road, Grantham, NG31 6TT. Please ensure to quote the policy, section paragraph, document, or site reference.

Please note copies of all comments will be made available for the public to view, including the name of the responder who submitted the representation; therefore, your response cannot be treated as confidential. The Council will not make public any personal addresses or signatures.

If you wish to comment on the Draft Local Plan and supporting documents, please ensure that comments are received by the Council by **11:59pm Thursday 25th April 2024**.

Contact us

For more about the Local Plan review visit the below webpage.

www.southkesteven.gov.uk/localplanreview

Should you have any queries then please contact the Planning Policy Team by emailing planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk or calling 01476 406080.

If you no longer wish to be contacted with regards to Planning Policy consultations, please notify the Planning Policy Team at the above contact methods.

Yours Sincerely,

Planning Policy Team

South Kesteven District Council

Council Offices

The Picture House,

St Catherine's Road,

Grantham, NG31 6TT

Tel: 01476 406080

Email: Planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk

www.southkesteven.gov.uk

Appendix B – Consultees

Anglian Water	Natural England
Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board	NHS Lincolnshire
Bourne Civic Society	NHS Local Area Team
Cadent Gas	NHS Property Services
Cambridge Chambers of Commerce	Ofcom
Campaign to Protect Rural England	Office of Rail Regulation
CAMRA	Openreach
Canal River Trust	Peterborough City Council
Central Lincolnshire JSPC	Ramblers Association
Chris Miller - Place Directorate LCC	Severn Trent Water
Defence Infrastructure Organisation - Safeguarding Department	South West Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group
E.ON Energy	Sport England
English Heritage	Stamford Civic Society
Environment Agency	The Gardens Trust
Federation of Small Businesses	The Ramblers Association
Fire Lincolnshire	The Woodland Trust
Forestry Commission	Theatres Trust
Grantham Civic Society	Trent Valley Drainage Board
Greater Lincolnshire LEP	Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board
Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership	Welland & Deepings IDB
Heritage Lincolnshire	Witham Internal Drainage Board
Highways England	Witham Third Internal Drainage Board
Historic England	
Homes England	<u>Neighbouring Local Authorities</u>
LCC Bat Group	Cambridgeshire County Council
LCC Education	Central Lincolnshire Local Plan team
LCC Flood Risk/ lead local flood authority	East Northamptonshire County Council
LCC Footpath/ Right of way	Leicestershire County Council
LCC Highways	Lincoln City Council
LCC Minerals and Waste	Lincolnshire County Council
LCC Planning	Melton Borough Council
LCC Planning Support	Newark & Sherwood District Council
LCC Strategic Planning	North Kesteven District Council
Lincolnshire Gardens Trust	Northamptonshire County Council
Lincolnshire PCC	Nottinghamshire County Council
Lincolnshire West Clinical Commissioning Group	Rutland County Council
Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	South Holland District Council
Mobile Operators Association	West Lindsey District Council
National Farmers Union	
National Gas	
National Grid UK	
National Gypsy Traveller Federation	
National Highways	
National Rail	
National Trust	

Appendix C – Public Notice and Press Releases



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

PUBLIC NOTICE

South Kesteven District Council

**The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)
(England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)**

**Notice of Publication of the South Kesteven
District Council Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan
(2021-2041) for Consultation**

**Thursday 29th February 2024 to
Thursday 25th April 2024**

You are invited to comment on the first draft of the Local Plan and supporting documents. This consultation is the second opportunity to get involved with the preparation of the new Local Plan and seeks to consult the public and stakeholders on the district's development need, site allocations, proposed changes to the plan, and prepared evidence base documents.

The Draft Local Plan covers the period 2021-2041 and will, when adopted, set out policies and proposals for future development in South Kesteven.

The consultation on the Draft Local Plan will run from Thursday 29th February to 11.59pm Thursday 25th April 2024.

The Draft Local Plan and supporting documents will be available to view on the Council's website - www.southkesteven.gov.uk/localplanreview. Reference hardcopies of the Draft Local Plan will be available to view at the following addresses

- Customer Service desk at Grantham Guildhall Arts Centre, St Peter's Hill, Grantham, NG31 6PZ [Monday - Friday 9am-1pm]
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The easiest and quickest way to comment is online using the consultation portal on the Council's website

www.southkesteven.gov.uk/localplanreview

You may also comment on the plan by

- Email to planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk
- Post to Planning Policy Team, South Kesteven District Council, Council Offices, The Picture House, St Catherine's Road, Grantham, NG31 6TT.

If you wish to comment on the Draft Local Plan and supporting documents, please ensure that comments are received by the Council by 11.59pm Thursday 25th April 2024.

Online public engagement events will also be held during the consultation period; more information will be available on the Council's website.



28 February 2024

Chance to shape South Kesteven's Local Plan

An eight-week consultation period offering residents the chance to help shape the future of South Kesteven opens on Thursday (29th February).

South Kesteven District Council's Local Plan for 2011-2036 was adopted in January 2020, with a commitment to an early review allowing the council to consider changes in local housing requirements and provide an update on the provision of employment land and Gypsy and Traveller accommodation. The review will take the plan forward to 2041.

The Local Plan provides a vision for creating sustainable development in the District as well as proposed sites and planning policies.

SKDC Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning, Cllr Phil Dilks, said: "Consultation is an important part of the Local Plan review process and the views of the public are important to us.

"We would like to encourage residents to participate in shaping a key planning document for the District so that we can guarantee a Local Plan that addresses the issues we face and takes account of social, environment and economic factors."

The review takes into account the Government's proposed new method for calculating local housing need, which identifies that 701 new homes are required in South Kesteven each year which means by 2041, 14,020 new homes will need to be built in the District.

Cllr Dilks said: "The Government's National Planning Policy Framework determines the housing need, not local authorities, and we need to acknowledge that more land for housing is needed than allocated in the current Local Plan. This draft Local Plan therefore proposes land allocations for housing and employment, on which we welcome your views".

As part of an assessment of housing and employment land availability developers, landowners, agents, and the public were invited to submit potential sites and those suitable have been included in the draft Local Plan up to 2041.

Cllr Dilks said: "We have a current adopted Local Plan which provides a robust development framework for growth. This consultation on the draft updated Local Plan provides an opportunity for the community and other key stakeholders to let us know their thoughts on our proposed policies and land allocations."

Consultation is taking place with the general public as well as a wide range of stakeholders including developers, landowners and statutory consultees.

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If you are unable to respond online you can send your comments to planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk or Planning Policy Team, South Kesteven District Council, Council Offices, The Picture House, St Catherine's Road, Grantham, NG31 6TT.

More information, including full details of public consultation events and the locations of printed information, can be found at: www.southkesteven.gov.uk/localplanreview

All comments must be received by Thursday 25th April 2024.

Stakeholders can hear all about the proposed changes to South Kesteven's Local Plan in two online public engagement events led by senior planning officers.

Assistant Director of Planning and Growth Emma Whittaker and Planning Policy Manager Shaza Brannon will present information about the plan and respond to questions. The events are:

Event 1: Wednesday 20th March 2024, 7.30pm-9.30pm

- Introduction to the Local Plan and the consultation
- Housing and employment
- Infrastructure

Event 2: Thursday 11th April 2024, 7.30pm-9.30pm

- Introduction to the Local Plan and the consultation
- Climate Change & Energy
- Environment
- Design

They will be broadcast live on the Council's Public-L channel at <https://tinyurl.com/SKmeets> and anyone can tune in to watch. There will be an opportunity to submit written questions during each session.

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning, Cllr Phil Dilks, said: "This document sets out the vision for development in South Kesteven for the next 17 years and it's vital as many people as possible have the chance to understand and comment on the proposals.

"Not only will it help shape how the District looks it will also have a major impact on efforts to tackle climate change, protect and enhance the environment and create sustainable communities.

"We want South Kesteven to be a thriving district to live in, work and visit, and the Local Plan has a major role to play in achieving that vision."

South Kesteven District Council invites residents to shape future through Local Plan consultation

By Daniel Jaines - daniel.jaines@iliffepublishing.co.uk

Published: 09:58, 28 February 2024



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Residents of South Kesteven are being urged to actively participate in shaping the district's future through a comprehensive consultation process on the Local Plan.

The eight-week consultation period, starting tomorrow (Thursday, February 29), offers residents a chance to shape development strategies and policies until 2041.

South Kesteven District Council's current Local Plan, adopted in 2020, is set for review to address evolving local housing requirements, employment land provisions, and accommodations for Gypsy and Traveller communities.



Consultation offers opportunity to shape key planning document

An eight-week consultation period offering residents the chance to help shape the future of South Kesteven is under way.

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The Local Plan provides a vision for creating sustainable development and planning policies as well as identifying potential sites.

SKDC Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning, Cllr Phil Dilks, said: "We would encourage residents to help shape this key document so we can guarantee a Local Plan that addresses the issues we face and takes account of social, environmental and economic factors."

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that 701 new homes are required in South Kesteven each year so that by 2041, 14,020 new homes would need to be built.

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Appendix D – Social Media Post Example



South Kesteven District Council SKDC

16 April · 🌐

? We're asking residents, businesses and other local stakeholders to help us shape the future of South Kesteven through sustainable development, planning policies and what should be located where.

🖥️ It's quick and easy via www.southkesteven.gov.uk/localplanreview

👥 The more people get involved in shaping the Local Plan for the District, the more we can guarantee that it addresses the issues we face and takes account of social, environment and economic factors.

✅ For instance, the review takes into account the Government's proposed new method for calculating housing need, which shows 701 new homes required in South Kesteven each year – so that by 2041, 14,020 new homes would need to be built in the District.

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**South Kesteven District Council
Regulation 18 - Draft Local Plan
2021 - 2041**



Appendix E – Summary of Responses and Officer Response (separate document)

Appendix F - New Sites Arising from Regulation 18 Representations

Site Location	Settlement	Proposed Use(s)	Site Reference
Land North of Belton Lane,	Great Gonerby	Residential	SKPR-290
Land surrounding the A1 Junction at Gonerby Moor (East side) -Site A	Grantham (Gonerby Moor)	Employment	SKPR-291
Land surrounding the A1 Junction at Gonerby Moor (East side) -Site B	Grantham (Gonerby Moor)	Employment	SKPR-292
Land surrounding the A1 Junction at Gonerby Moor (East side) -Site C	Grantham (Gonerby Moor)	Employment	SKPR-293
Old Harrowby Road Allotments	Grantham	Residential	SKPR-294
Land to the East of The Drift,	Harlaxton	Residential	SKPR-295
Land West of Thistleton Lane & South of Harrold Road,	South Witham	Residential	SKPR-296
Land off Walcot Lane and West Street	Folkingham	Residential	SKPR-297
Land at South Fen Road	Bourne	Employment	SKPR-298
Land North East of Great North Road,	Grantham (Gonerby Moor)	Employment	SKPR-299
Land East of Spittlegate Level (Larger)	Grantham	Employment	SKPR-301
Land South of Belton Lane,	Great Gonerby	Residential	SKPR-302
Land Bounded Elms View and Belvoir Gardens,	Great Gonerby	Residential	SKPR-303
Land Between North Field Road and the A1175	The Deepings	Employment	SKPR-304
Woodland House	Bourne	Residential	SKPR-305
Land East of Coriander Drive	Bourne	Residential	SKPR-306
Priory Farm Land, east of Broadgate Lane (Larger)	The Deepings	Residential	SKPR-307
Land West of Swinehill (Smaller)	Harlaxton	Residential	SKPR-308
Land at Bourne Road (Smaller)	Colsterworth	Residential	SKPR-309
Stornoway, Gorse Lane,	Grantham	Employment	SKPR-310
Grantham Southern Gateway (Smaller)	Grantham	Employment	SKPR-311
Land to north and south of Harrowby Lane	Grantham	Residential	SKPR-312
Stornaway, Gorse Lane	Grantham	Gypsy and Traveller	SKPR-313
Meadow View, Marshall Way	Foston	Gypsy and Traveller	SKPR-314