

Saltfleet to Gibraltar Point Strategy, public consultation 2019

Response from Lincolnshire County Council

Lincolnshire County Council supports the objectives of the draft Saltfleet to Gibraltar Point Strategy.

The Council supports the phased approach to developing the coastal management regime outlined in the consultation document.

The Council notes that the summary of Shoreline Management Plan policies on p 3 of the non-technical summary and p 3 of the full strategy document do not take account of the decision taken in January 2019 to change the first epoch policy for the section of coast from south of Skegness to Gibraltar Point from 'hold the line to 'managed realignment'.

This change was a significant step in ensuring that broad scale policy approaches remain relevant and appropriate to the changing needs of the Lincolnshire coast, and we would ask that this should be amended in the Saltfleet to Gibraltar Point Strategy.

The full strategy document also contains a description of the policy framework providing the context for the Saltfleet to Gibraltar Point Strategy (section 1.3, pp 5-6). We would expect to see a prominent reference here to the Joint Lincolnshire Flood Risk and Water Management Strategy.

As the core partnership strategy for Lincolnshire, consistent with the National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy, this is a key reference document within which the adopted approach to the coast will be located, and linked into flood risk and water management throughout Lincolnshire.

With regard to this latter point, we consider the development of the Saltfleet to Gibraltar Point Strategy an opportunity to develop a long-term broader vision for the whole coastal area in Lincolnshire, building on the initial LEP Coastal Vision of 2016 to link planning policy, infrastructure provision, environmental management, economic growth and diversification of the visitor economy.

The Council looks forward to the opportunity to work closely with our partners to develop a realistic approach to securing a sustainable future for the Lincolnshire's coastal communities.

David Hickman, Head of Environment, Lincolnshire County Council, August 2019

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