

Mablethorpe & Sutton Town Council response to ELDC Draft Local Plan – 25th July 2016

At its meeting held on Monday 25th July 2016, following an in depth discussion around the issues raised in the ELDC Draft Local Plan and how the Parish would be affected in the future, the Town Council raised the following points around two key issues:-

1. Ban on building on the coastal strip

- There should not be a blanket ban on future housing development along the coast due to the risk of flooding without first having looked at possible mitigation measures;
- This coastal strip is an ideal area to trial designs for dwellings which mitigate risk of flooding, along the lines of model schemes in countries such as Holland and Mexico;
- As a consequence, opportunities will be being missed to explore alternative settlement opportunities for coastal areas.

2. Temporary Traveller sites

- The proposed Traveller site designation may have a cumulative effect on already stretched local amenities and infrastructure;
- The temporary site proposed in Mablethorpe would impact on future possible economic development with the only site suggested being the Mablethorpe Business Park on Enterprise Road and the loss of identifiable site for industrial development is against the principles of the “definition of a Town” in all previous local plans i.e. local plan 1995 (as amended 1999 & 2007).
- Private land which could be made available on the outskirts of the town should be considered as an alternative for possible temporary Traveller provision.
- The Trusthorpe site is too far away from amenities, there are no public footpaths connecting the site with main access routes, there is no main sewerage connection, there is a possible loss of habitats for wildlife and previous highways issues as evidenced by previous planning decisions and the closure of the former site. Trusthorpe does not have the infrastructure (i.e. shops, GP’s or schools) to deal with the needs of the proposed user group.
- Concerns are raised over the policing of any sites to ensure that they are only occupied during designated periods and of any impact this may have on caravan site licences.