

Post_title: 65: Swineshead bridge

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Having lived at Swineshead Bridge for a large part of my life I am very much in favour of having more housing there. With more commercial premises and light industry now in the north end of Swineshead, more houses at the bridge seem the obvious way to go. It has good road and rail connections with Boston and Sleaford (both areas where outside leisure activities can be encouraged_ and together with a mooring pontoon on the Forty Foot Drain, it would be a nice area for people to live.

Officer Comment:

Decisions on a settlement's place in the Spatial Strategy took account of many issues, including: the findings of the South East Lincolnshire Assessment of Settlements and their Sustainability Credentials (June 2015); the settlement's population; the local rate of housing growth between 1976 and 2011; and the local availability of land at lower risk of flooding. When it is considered against the above criteria, Swineshead Bridge is considered to be appropriately shown as an 'Other Service Centre and Settlement'. The objection does not seek to address any of the above issues and does not set out any substantive arguments to justify the settlement being re-classified as a 'Minor Service Centre'.

Nonetheless, Inset Map 65 shows a 'Housing Commitment' at Swineshead Bridge to reflect the fact that planning permission is outstanding for the development of 35 dwellings (reference B/08/0156).

Officer Recommendation:

No change should be made in response to this objection.

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ID1: 1711 comment_author: Mr & Mrs R Hamilton

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We are the joint owners of land at Sunningdale, Swineshead Bridge, which is our home, and also of land to the rear. That land is referred to as site SwiO14, Land to the west of Brown s Drove, Swineshead Bridge , in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. We note with considerable disappointment that this site is regarded in the study as being unsuitable for development in the Consultation Draft. The settlement of Swineshead Bridge should be included within group B 1, as it has some limited scope for development which will support and sustain the existing services here. Inclusion of this settlement in Spatial Strategy group C1 militates against development of this land, whereas it could be developed in a way which will sustain the community. Should it be resolved to retain the settlement of Swineshead Bridge within Spatial Strategy group C1 it must be recognised by the authority that the services which this settlement provides would be supported and sustained by development of SwiO14. This site is within the settlement boundary for Swineshead Bridge, and Spatial Strategy Option C, which is chosen by the Plan, requires a balance of factors between sustainability, and meeting development needs proportionate to the settlement s character. While two other sites at Swineshead Bridge are unsuitable because of adverse environmental impact, SwiO14 has no such disadvantages, nor d s it raise infrastructure, accessibility, trafi- or amenity objections. The Plan acknowledges that SwiO14 relates well to the existing urban form. It has existing development to the east, northwest and south, and also has road frontage on three sides. It fronts on to the public house, and is close

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Although the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) identifies site Swi014 as 'undevelopable', the land is shown within Swineshead Bridge's Settlement Boundary, and planning permission would be likely to be granted for its residential development when judged against the emerging Plan's policies. The SHLAA's assessment of the site as 'undevelopable' stemmed purely from the fact that the Plan seeks no allocations in Swineshead Bridge, but this would not in any way prevent site Swi014's development as a windfall site.

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to railway and bus links. For the Plan to consider SwiO14 to be unsuitable for development due to conflict with a locational policy which seeks to balance location with sustainability is not justified in our opinion, and it should be amended to include this as a site suitable for development. The settlement of Swineshead Bridge should be included within the Minor Service Centres, group C, in recognition of the nuclear nature of the existing settlement, the facilities and communication links available, and the contribution which site SwiO14 can make to the settlement. In further support of our comments on the Consultation Draft Plan, we should like to draw your attention to the following matters, which support our views. (1). Some years ago, probably 2006, we took a petition around Swineshead Bridge to get enough signatures in favour of Swineshead Bridge becoming part of Swineshead village. This enabled the village to be big enough to be included in the five largest villages that were up for development. Everyone signed except for one household who were away at the time. This showed that we didn't want to become a forgotten hamlet. You may have a record of this petition. (2). We now have a group who are developing the 40 foot drain as a through way for a canal loop. This project is now very advanced and the waterway is within 250m of our house. There is a big move to make Lincolnshire a centre for leisure with the planting of woods, nature trails, walk ways etc. all within the Boston area. All this work progresses through Swineshead Bridge and this could become a beauty spot attractive to residents and boating visitors. (3). We want to keep this community and area alive as it used to be, and prevent it falling into decline like East Heckington, the small hamlet a few miles along the road which, when part of Heckington was a thriving area with a church, shop,

school etc. Without allowing for some further development this is what will happen to Swineshead Bridge. (4). This is on a personal note and may not be appropriate, but we were recently refused permission for a dwelling for our son and his family who works locally at Swineshead Bridge. He has had to take up a house in Swineshead village, which could have been built here. Similarly an elderly family member who wished to live close to us here in Swineshead Bridge has had to go to live in the village, as permission would not be granted on land here. These are both real examples of lost opportunities for local housing need and which could help sustain Swineshead Bridge as a settlement. Inclusion of SwiO14 as a Minor Service Centre (Policy 12, Distribution of New Housing, group C) would provide for such cases without any material planning objections. It would also help the sustainability of the settlement.

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SwiO14 I am very much in favour of houses being built at Swineshead Bridge. The village of Swineshead continues to have houses and industrial units being built to its North End and with the 40' Drain to be connected to the canal system and already having its own mooring pontoon at the Bridge this area should be developed in keeping with the woods and leisure activities that are being encouraged in the Boston area at the moment. . We have good rail and road connections to both Boston and Sleaford. More housing would give us a connection to the village not leaving us to become a forgotten hamlet. We are the nearest people to the proposed site. We have no objections at all and are delighted that Swineshead Bridge could be further developed at last.

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