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# Town and parish council update

Latest information for town and parish councils  
in Lincolnshire

## Welcome to the January issue of your Town and Parish Council Newsletter

In this edition, you can find out about S19 reporting, updates on devolution, and how to participate in our engagement and consultation activities. Additionally, see how to get involved in the national Big Lunch event organised by The Eden Project.

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## **Flood recovery support and advice**

All 'Section 19' flood investigations covering those properties that were affected by internal flooding during the two storms of Bebet and Henk are now complete. We've made tracking the progress of these flood investigation reports easier and you can [\*\*find our new dashboard on our website\*\*](#).

The Section 19 flood investigations for your area will be sent to you and residents once we have checked and removed any personal information. They are then uploaded to the website.

As we continue through the winter period, it's important that you and your community area, are ready for any potential flooding. [\*\*Find advice on preparing for flooding on the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum's website\*\*](#).

[\*\*You can also find more information about the recovery and action from recent flooding on our website\*\*](#).

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## Devolution and Local Government reorganisation in Lincolnshire

The leaders of Lincolnshire County, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire councils have responded to a government call for local government reorganisation (LGR).

This was an expression of interest and not a detailed proposal.

Before Christmas, the government set out its intention for widespread reorganisation to get rid of 'two-tier' council systems, and made recommendations as to the size and structure of unitary authorities. Councils were invited to come forward by 10 January to be considered for the first phase.

In Greater Lincolnshire this would mean fewer councils, instead of having a county council, two unitary councils, and seven district councils.

The leaders are keen to work with government officials to progress opportunities, recognising that currently Greater Lincolnshire doesn't meet the criteria for the priority LGR programme, but that the early adoption of devolution should not delay more efficient arrangements for local government. We expect to get an update on the expression of interest soon.

More information about devolution and local government reorganisation, alongside statements from council leaders can be found at [\*\*Devolution and local government reorganisation in Lincolnshire – Lincolnshire County Council\*\*](#).

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## Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2025

A review of pharmacy provisions in Lincolnshire has been undertaken, and we are now asking for your views on this. We encourage you to feedback on whether the following are adequate for our Lincolnshire residents:

- locations
- accessibility
- additional services provided

Your input will ensure that our pharmacy services are meeting the needs of the community, both presently and in the future.

You have until 8 March to share your views. Visit our [Let's talk Lincolnshire website](#) and take part now.



## National Grid declines council information request

In December, Lincolnshire County Council requested more information from National Grid about the planned Grimsby to Walpole pylon route through Lincolnshire, ensuring other options, like seabed cabling, were considered.

National Grid responded, refusing to provide details, citing the lack of a central database and the time required to compile the information, calling the request 'unreasonable'. Cllr Martin Hill OBE, leader of Lincolnshire County Council, **reacted to this refusal.**

A recent County Views survey by the council showed 84% of Lincolnshire residents were 'concerned' or 'very concerned' about the impact of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, including pylon plans and large-scale solar developments. Over 70% felt the pylon plans would negatively affect local nature.

The survey results will be discussed at **the council's Executive meeting on Tuesday, 4 February.** The full report will be available at **<https://www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/county-views>** after the meeting.



## **Have your say: SEND hubs in schools**

We are keen to hear the views of parents to help shape the first Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Hubs in primary and secondary schools across Lincolnshire!

Lincolnshire County Council is investing more than £7m in the programme, which will see the schools transform their facilities and recruit new staff – enabling children with additional needs to access high-quality support from specially trained teachers.

Share your views on plans to develop Mainstream SEND Hubs at the following schools:

- **Meadows Primary School, Lincoln**
- **St George's Church of England Community Primary School, Gainsborough**
- **Caistor Church of England and Methodist Primary School, Caistor**
- **Church Lane Primary School & Nursery, Sleaford**
- **Gonerby Hill Foot Church of England Primary School, Grantham**

The consultation is open until 17 February 2025.

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## THE BIG LUNCH: BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

A webinar for local government and housing sector staff  
Thursday 30 January at 12pm



Join Tracey Robbins, Head of Communities, and sector guest speakers to discover how the initiative can support your work and create safer, healthier and more cohesive communities.



### The Big Lunch 2025: A Celebration of Community

Bringing together communities across the UK for a weekend of connection, celebration, and volunteerism, we are promoting The Big Lunch 2025 on behalf of the Eden Project communities.

Set to take place on 7-8 June 2025, the Big Lunch has positively impacted millions since it started, with 95% of participants reporting a positive effect on their community and 71% feeling less lonely. The event also promotes understanding across diverse groups and has raised over £100 million for charitable causes.

Participants can host or attend local events, volunteer, and spread the word.

**Sign up now** and join the Eden Project on Thursday 30 January at 12pm, to explore how this event can help councils support safer, healthier and more cohesive communities.

For further information and resources, visit the **[Eden Project Communities website](#)**.

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