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Greetham Parish Council support the approach which RCC has taken in developing this high level vision document which sets out to provide understanding of the key changes and challenges facing the County over coming decades. Whilst there is no formal approach for the Parish Council to respond to this consultation document we would take this opportunity to engage with the County Council and provide support to this initiative

Whilst recognising the current document to be high level and requiring underpinning support policies to enable implementation of the vision, we would hope the development of such policies will again be subject to detailed consultation.

Arising from the high level document, GPC express particular interest in the following:

Under "Sustainable Lives" it states:

New homes and developments will meet the highest possible environmental standards, as well as having a positive impact on wildlife and the local ecology. Homes will be designed with the latest zero-carbon and green technologies in mind and in a way that makes sure communities can stay connected to nature. People will have easy access to the information and support they need to decarbonise and make sustainable choices.

See also:

Growth in Rutland will be sustainable and preserve the county's quintessential character. Wherever new homes are needed, they will be built in a way that protects and enhances the things that matter most to everyone – Rutland's sense of community and its unique rural identity.

There is nothing about where these homes should be located, or more specifically that locating them in places with sustainable transport.

GPC consider that adding a large number of homes to Local Service Centres is not a sustainable policy as residents will then have to travel for work, shopping, school etc.

Similarly, locating large Warehouses or businesses in locations where there is not a workforce to hand is not a sustainable policy. Such development will have substantial impact on the character of a village, which is contrary to the vision statement.

Finally GPC recognise the immense challenge of implementing change, both within the larger community of Rutland and more importantly, within the culture of the County Council itself.

It would be useful to understand how the management of change is to be effected to ensure the practices and policies of the County Council align with those of the vision.

Kind regards

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