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1. Regional and Local Planning Policy

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 This appendix to **Application Document 6.15 Chapter 15 Air Quality** sets out the planning policies from the relevant regional and local plans listed in **Application Document 6.2 Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** which are considered relevant to the air quality assessment.

1.1.2 Policies within the following plans are considered relevant to air quality and have been detailed in Table 1.1 to Table 1.3.

- East Riding Local Plan Update 2020-2039 - Strategy Document Update April 2025 (East Riding of Yorkshire Council, 2025);
- North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework Core Strategy Adopted June 2011 (North Lincolnshire Council, 2011); and
- Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2038 29 May 2024 (Bassetlaw District Council, 2024).

East Riding Local Plan Update 2020-2039- Strategy Document Update April 2025

1.1.3 The policies set out in Table 1.1 are considered relevant to air quality.

Table 1.1 – East Riding Local Plan Update 2020-2039 - Strategy Document Update April 2025 policies relevant to air quality

Policy	Where this is covered in the application
Policy EC5 – Supporting the renewable and low carbon energy sector '*Proposals for the development of the energy sector […] will be supported where any significant adverse impacts are addressed satisfactorily, and the residual harm is outweighed by the wider benefits of the proposal. Developments and their associated infrastructure should be acceptable in terms of*: […] *The effects of development on*: *local amenity, including noise, air and water quality, traffic, vibration, dust, light (including reflection, glint, glare and shadow flicker), and visual impact*. […] *Where appropriate, proposals should include provision for decommissioning at the end of*	The assessment presented within **Application Document 6.15 Chapter 15 Air Quality** has considered the construction phase of the Project, in terms of emissions to air on both human and ecological receptors, noting that as explained in section 15.3 of that document, operation, maintenance and decommissioning phase air quality effects have been scoped out of the assessment. The assessment of construction phase air quality effects is detailed in section 15.9 of **Application Document 6.15 Chapter 15 Air Quality**.

Policy	Where this is covered in the application
their operational life. Where decommissioning is necessary, the site should be restored, with minimal adverse impact on amenity, landscape and biodiversity, and opportunities taken for enhancement of these features.'	
Policy ENV4 - International, National and Local Sites of importance for biodiversity '*…Proposals emitting air pollutants must rule out adverse effects on the integrity of international (habitats) sites…*'	The assessment presented within **Application Document 6.15 Chapter 15 Air Quality** has considered ecological receptors, including international, national and local sites.
Policy ENV6: Managing environmental hazards '*…Development will be supported where opportunities are identified to improve air quality or mitigate a development's air pollution impact, such as through traffic and travel management, and green infrastructure provision and enhancement.*'	Mitigation measures have been proposed, where required, and are summarised in section 15.8 of **Application Document 6.15 Chapter 15 Air Quality** and set out in **Application Document 7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice** and **Application Document 7.3 Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments**.

North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework Core Strategy Adopted June 2011

1.1.4 The objective and policy set out in Table 1.2 are considered relevant to air quality.

Table 1.2 – North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework Core Strategy Adopted June 2011 policies relevant to air quality

Policy	Where this is covered in the application
Spatial Objective 7: Efficient Use and Management of Resources '*To ensure the efficient use of resources, maximising recycling of minerals and waste products, minimising pollution, maintaining and improving air, soil and water quality, and employing sustainable building practices in new development*.'	An assessment of air quality effects has been undertaken and is presented in section 15.9 of **Application Document 6.15 Chapter 15 Air Quality**. The assessment considers the potential for emissions to affect human and ecological receptors and identifies mitigation measures where required. Mitigation measures are summarised in section 15.8 of **Application Document 6.15 Chapter 15 Air Quality** and set out in **Application Document 7.3 Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments**.
Policy CS18: Sustainable Resource Use and Climate Change *'The council will actively promote development that utilises natural resources as efficiently and sustainably as possible. This will include:* *[…]* *Ensuring development and land use helps to protect people and the environment from*	

Policy	Where this is covered in the application
unsafe, unhealthy and polluted environments, by protecting and improving the quality of the air, land and water.'	

Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2038 29 May 2024

1.1.5 The policies set out in Table 1.3 are considered relevant to air quality.

Table 1.3 – Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2038 29 May 2024 policies relevant to air quality

Policy	Where this is covered in the application
Policy 46: Protecting Amenity *'Proposals for development should be designed and constructed to avoid and minimise impacts on the amenity of existing and future users, individually and cumulatively, within the development and close to it. As such, proposals will be expected to*: […] *b) not generate a level of activity, noise, light, air quality, odour, vibration or other pollution which cannot be mitigated to an appropriate standard.'*	An assessment of air quality effects has been undertaken and is presented in section 15.9 of **Application Document 6.15 Chapter 15 Air Quality**. The assessment considers the potential for emissions to affect human and ecological receptors and identifies mitigation measures where required. Mitigation measures are summarised in section 15.8 of **Application Document 6.15 Chapter 15 Air Quality** and set out in **Application Document 7.3 Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments**.
Policy ST42: Promoting Healthy, Active Lifestyles '*Healthy, active and safe lifestyles will be enabled by:* […] *g) ensuring that the current air quality in the District is maintained and, where possible improved…*'	
Policy ST48: Reducing Carbon Emissions, Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation '*Proposals should incorporate, where appropriate, the following measures that address issues of climate change mitigation and adaptation through:* *a) ensuring no unacceptable adverse impact on local air quality…*'	

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