
FOUL ANCHOR

Inset Proposals Map No. 10

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This statement contains detailed proposals for the settlement of Foul Anchor. These should be read in conjunction with the policies and proposals contained within Part One of the Local Plan which apply throughout the District.

2. LOCATION

- 2.1. Foul Anchor lies approximately 8 miles north of Wisbech and 1 mile to the east of Tydd Gote. It is situated between the North Level Main Drain and the Nene Outfall Cut which converge just to the north east of the settlement.

3. POPULATION

- 3.1. The population of Foul Anchor has risen from 70 persons in 1981 to 80 in 1989.
- 3.2. In mid 1990 the housing stock numbered some 30 dwellings.

4. SERVICES AND FACILITIES

- 4.1. The population is wholly dependent upon larger surrounding settlements for services and community facilities. There is no mains drainage and no surface water system.

5. KEY FEATURES OF FORM AND CHARACTER

- 5.1. Foul Anchor has no distinctive form and there is no focal point or village centre as such. Access to, and within, the settlement is poor. Of interest, however, is the rolling nature of its immediate landscape, indicating past earthworks with the cutting of the North Level Main Drain and the Nene Outfall. The convergence of these two watercourses gives rise to an interesting bridge and sluice complex which forms the main approach to the settlement. To the north and east of Foul Anchor are sites of Natural History Interest.

6. DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**Constraints**

- 6.1. The poor access, lack of services and community facilities, and the rural character of the village restrict the development potential. Essentially, Foul anchor is a small hamlet set in open countryside.

Commitments (1. 7. 90)

- 6.2. There are currently approvals for 8 dwellings in Foul Anchor.

Policy

- 6.3. Due to the limited nature of existing facilities and services, poor access, the amount of new development committed and the essentially rural nature of its location, future development should be of a scale and nature that will not detract from the rural character of the settlement. Therefore it is proposed that Foul Anchor be designated an Infill Only Settlement (Policy H11).

7. SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS

- 7.1. Part One of the Local Plan sets out the general policies and proposals for the District. This section sets out specific proposals for Foul Anchor.

Housing Allocation

- 7.2. As an Infill Only Settlement (Policy H11) future development will be restricted to infill plots within a tightly defined Development Area Boundary.

Development Area Boundary

- 7.3. The proposed Development Area Boundary for Foul Anchor is shown on the attached Inset Proposals Map. Development will not normally be allowed beyond the defined Development Area Boundary (Policy H3). Development within the defined Development Area Boundary will be expected to comply with all other policies of the Plan.