



ENGLISH HERITAGE

**FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**LOCAL PLAN CORE STRATEGY**

**EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC**

**FURTHER WRITTEN STATEMENT BY ENGLISH HERITAGE**

**Matter 15: The Historic Environment**

**Q1. The NPPF refers to the significance of heritage assets. Is the current wording of Policy CS18 consistent with NPPF?**

1. English Heritage's responsibilities, as the Government's adviser on the historic environment, include the protection and management of England's heritage assets. In planning terms, this role includes providing advice to ensure that statute and national policy, particularly in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), are reflected in local planning policy and practice. English Heritage is consulted on Local Plans under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. This statement addresses the question relating to Matter 15.
2. Our original representation (PS1282) regarding Policy CS18 requested a number of changes to the policy wording in order to make it consistent with national policy and thereby ensure that the Core Strategy is sound. We note that the Council are proposing minor modifications to the Core Strategy (MPC/6/005 to MPC/6/007) which would address our representation. Provided that these minor modifications are implemented, we now consider Policy CS18 to be consistent with national policy and the Core Strategy to be sound.

Tom Gilbert-Wooldridge MRTPI  
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