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Old Sidings Masterplan - survey
What do you value most about Sleaford and which uses could best reinvigorate the Old Sidings area adjoining the town centre, for it and everyone's benefit?
These are two of the questions in a survey open now for your input and ideas, available until 22 November.

The **Old Sidings Masterplan** is being led by North Kesteven District Council and will involve landowners and a range of stakeholders, along with using expertise from masterplanning specialists Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios.
Responses to the survey will be used to shape this 20-year forward vision for the Old Sidings area, which consists of different disused buildings and land around the train crossing including the privately-owned Bass Maltings.
As part of this first round of public engagement in the Old Sidings masterplan, there will also be an oral histories event **'Stories from the Sidings'** from Friday November 13 to November 16 at Cogglesford Watermill (from midday-3.30pm). People can come along to digitally scan their photographs and record their stories, for showcasing later in the project or simply for posterity, and reflect over tea and coffee on what the area means.

Fresh toilet facilities and riverside garden open in Sleaford*
New public conveniences for Sleaford including a dedicated Changing Places facility are ready for their first flush of visitors alongside a tranquil riverside garden now open for the community to enjoy.
The new Changing Places facility at 25b Southgate in Money's Yard includes a height-adjustable changing bench and sink, shower and ceiling hoist, all within a larger space designated for people who can't use standard accessible toilets. There's also a disabled toilet, plus other toilets and baby changing available separately for a 20p charge. They are open from 8am until 5pm daily.
Read the full press release on the Council website

Central Lincolnshire Local Plans Scoping Consultation
Central Lincolnshire Local Plans Team has launched the first stage of consultation on the new Central Lincolnshire Local Plan, known as the Scoping Consultation.

The consultation is scheduled to run for six weeks, from Thursday, 22 October to Thursday, 3 December 2026.

This initial consultation will seek views on the issues and topics that the new Local Plan should address, as well as how it should be prepared. It will provide an important opportunity for stakeholders to have their say at an early stage in the plan-making process. The full consultation documents are available on the Central Lincolnshire Planning Hub website.
If you have any queries, please contact the Local Plans Team at talkplanning@central-lincs.org.uk

Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership - support for older drivers
Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership wants to better understand how older people can be supported to drive safely and confidently for longer, and how they can be helped to plan alternative travel options when driving is no longer possible.
Take part in the survey via the Let's Talk Lincolnshire website

A proposed Reservoir in Lincolnshire

Anglian Water have announced their third phase of consultation is now open and will run from 21 October to 16 December 2026.

The consultation is another opportunity for local communities to get involved and help shape how the project develops.



New 24/7 Mental Health Crisis Text and Online Chat Service Launches in Lincolnshire

People across Lincolnshire can now access confidential urgent mental health support through a new text and online chat service called ChatHealth. The service offers a discreet and accessible alternative for people who may find phone calls or face-to-face contact difficult.

It enables secure two-way messaging between people seeking help and trained healthcare professionals.

Support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with the team aiming to respond to messages within two hours. Anyone needing urgent mental health advice can send a text or start an online chat.

Two dedicated text numbers are available:

- Adults (18+): 07312 263027
- Children and young people (under 18): 07480 635303

To chat online, visit:

- Adults (18+)
- Under 18