

News Release

£2.1 million to unlock housing in Gainsborough

West Lindsey District Council has been awarded a staggering £2.1 million to help accelerate the delivery of homes in Gainsborough.

The Gainsborough Southern Urban Extension is a critical scheme within the Gainsborough Growth Programme.

The money will be used to deliver off-site highways infrastructure, required to unlock the site, which is one of the largest housing sites in the town. It achieved outline planning permission for 2,500 homes in 2011 but has been put on hold due to heavy up front infrastructure costs.

A total of £2,123,184 has been awarded to the project to accelerate its delivery as part of Central Government's £866 million investment into housing projects nationally.

Around 130 council-led projects nationally will receive funding to support local housing developments.

Cllr Jeff Summers Leader of West Lindsey District Council said he was excited by the announcement. He said: "What a fantastic result! This successful bid is the key which opens the door to our southern neighbourhood.

"Programmed in phases we should very soon see a much awaited start to a new programme of positive growth for the town which will help sustain our town centre regeneration plans. 2018 is going to be significant in the history of West Lindsey, we have such a lot going on."

Eve Fawcett-Moralee Executive Director of Commercial and Economic Growth explained the funding will make the housing development viable and get much-needed homes built more quickly.

She said: "We are absolutely delighted to be awarded £2.1 million to unlock Gainsborough's Southern Neighbourhood Housing scheme.

“This is in addition to the £4 million already secured through the Single Local Growth Fund administered through the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership, to regenerate Gainsborough and deliver our new housing market. Without this financial support these projects would struggle to go ahead or take years for work to begin.

“This announcement is a huge achievement for Central Lincolnshire and a gives great confidence to our Central Lincolnshire Local Plan.”

Sir Edward Leigh, MP for Gainsborough also welcomed the news. He said: “It’s great news that Gainsborough Southern Urban Extension has been allocated £2,123,184 to support local work in West Lindsey, so we can help ensure we build the homes people need more quickly.

“This funding could lead to up to 245 homes being delivered by 2022. We are determined to build the right homes in the right places and help the next generation to get the keys to a home of their own.”

Cllr Richard Wright, Chairman of the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee, which developed the Local Plan, said: “This is brilliant news for Central Lincolnshire to be awarded more than £6 million across three initiatives. It is a strong vote of confidence by the Government and Homes England in our Local Plan.

“It recognises our excellent housing and economic development strategies and our ability to deliver and move forward on some well-considered schemes for the broader benefit of local communities and the resilience of Central Lincolnshire as a whole.”

For more information on the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan visit: www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/central-lincolnshire/local-plan/

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