

THE MARKET TOWNS INITIATIVE

SPILSBY CHALLENGE

ACTION PLAN



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Foreword

I am pleased to present to you the Spilsby Challenge Action Plan.

The idea of the plan is to formalise the strategy of the group for the future. It has been drawn up after consultation with many groups within our area.

Please read it, discuss it with your colleagues and let us have your thoughts and wishes as to how you feel it can be improved and promoted.

I would like the plan to be not just our plan but yours as well. Let us work together to make Spilsby Challenge Area the most progressive in the Country.

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Chairman - Spilsby Challenge

Introduction

The Market Towns Initiative was introduced by the Countryside Agency in 2001. Its aim is to encourage people living and working in market towns and surrounding rural areas to examine ways to ensure that these towns are fit to carry on serving their communities well into the twenty first century.

Supported by East Lindsey District Council, the Initiative has undertaken thorough research and consulted the community to establish Spilsby's strengths and weaknesses, and to assess the opportunities and threats facing the town and its rural hinterland. Where there are shortfalls in the provision of services and facilities, the Initiative looks for ways in which these might be addressed.

The Market Towns Initiative

Market towns have an important role to act as service centres, both for their own communities and also for the villages and dispersed populations around them. This role is recognised by many organisations, including the Countryside Agency, East Midlands Development Agency and East Lindsey District Council.

The Market Towns Initiative aims to bring together local people to work out ways to improve the business, social and community life of their town. The term 'market town' is used as a generic term for all smaller rural service centres and not just those that host traditional agricultural markets. According to the Countryside Agency, market towns:

- are primarily defined by their capacity to act as a focal point for trade and services for a rural hinterland; and
- will usually have a population of between 2,000 and 20,000 people, although population size is less important than the town's potential to act as a hub for its local rural economy.

Within the East Midlands, the term 'market town' covers a wide range of service centres across the region and includes seaside resorts and mining communities. In East Lindsey the inland market towns historically hosted cattle markets as well as the usual fruit, vegetable and commodity markets. They tend to be about half a day's drove of cattle or sheep apart from each other. The towns included in the Market Towns Initiative in East Lindsey are Louth, Alford, Horncastle, Spilsby, Wainfleet and Mablethorpe.

For centuries, market towns have been at the heart of life in rural England, acting as focal points for commercial and social activity. They have been places in which to find work, to buy or sell goods, or to find valued specialist services. Over the past fifty years, however, various economic and social changes have forced new pressures and challenges upon our market towns and many have seen a decline in fortunes as a result.

Traditional livestock markets, which many rural towns relied on to draw people in to them, are falling victim to economic changes and disappearing, as are other traditional sources of employment, such as dairies, breweries and manufacturing businesses. Car ownership has increased dramatically in recent years making many consumers far more mobile. People are now prepared to travel further and have higher expectations of the services they use, which has put tremendous pressure on small high street retailers who have seen their customer base dwindle. Increased mobility has also meant service industries now tend to concentrate in cities and larger towns, again often to the detriment of smaller rural centres.

Vacant high street properties, a diminishing range of available goods and services, traffic congestion, inadequate public transport and increasing levels of crime are some of the challenges facing many small rural towns today and are all factors that deter businesses, town centre living and visitors. Some market towns are tackling these challenges, adapting to changing demands and thriving, but there are many which are not faring so well and continue to experience a decline in vitality.

A Vision for the Future

The problems facing market towns in England today were acknowledged and addressed in the Government's Rural White Paper (published in November 2000). This document outlines a vision for England's market towns and their role in the 21st century, in which these towns will serve as centres where local people can:

- buy most things they need
- obtain a range of basic services, such as legal advice and libraries
- find housing of all types and sizes for rental and for purchase
- have a choice of jobs, particularly in businesses related to the products of the surrounding countryside
- obtain the training and education they need
- enjoy eating out, cinema, theatre, or musical events
- have good access to public transport.

Spilsby

Spilsby is a small market town situated at the southern end of the Lincolnshire Wolds. Its name is thought to be of Scandinavian origin, Spillir the Dane having owned a settlement or "by" in the area. The town is surrounded by fertile agricultural land dotted with small villages. Spilsby was granted its first market charter in 1302 and the weekly market continues to be an important event in town life.

Throughout the Middle Ages the town's history was dominated by one family, the Willoughbys, whose home was at Eresby Hall on the south-west side of the town. The Willoughbys were prominent on battlefields at home and abroad, although as Lords of the Manor they were also closely involved with Spilsby. Unfortunately, Eresby Hall was destroyed by fire in 1769 and the Willoughby family no longer lives in the area. Spilsby's most famous son, the arctic explorer Captain Sir John Franklin, was born in 1786 and his statue stands at the western end of the market place.

Most of the buildings in the town centre date from the 19th century, interspersed with a small number from the 17th and 18th centuries. The town has some attractive terraces but few large single houses. Brick is the main building material, with pantile and slate roofs. The market place is in three sections. These are aligned east to west, with the market cross or Buttercross at the eastern end. Most of the town's shops are concentrated around the market place.

In 2001, Spilsby's population was 2,336.

Methodology

East Lindsey District Council made a successful bid to the Countryside Agency in 2001 for Spilsby to be included in the Market Towns Initiative. The action plan is the result of consultation and research and offers a comprehensive review of Spilsby and the views of its residents as to the key priorities of the town.

Community Consultation

The first steps were to engage with a broad cross-section of the local community. This was achieved through several evening meetings/workshops, which began in May 2004.

Following this a steering group was established with the name 'Spilsby Challenge'. This group is comprised of representatives of groups, organisations, businesses and local individuals.

Community consultation is an integral part of the Market Towns Initiative process and initial meetings were held between June and November 2004. Questionnaires were sent to local people and businesses. These enabled local people to identify the economic, environmental and social strengths and weaknesses of the market town and its surrounding area and the impact of Spilsby's changing local circumstances.

The questionnaire is reproduced in appendix 2 and the responses are detailed in appendices 3 and 4.

Statistics for the Spilsby area

Statistical information is set out in appendix 1. Most of this information was obtained from the 2001 Census with some supplementary information gathered from other sources. In defining the Spilsby area, it was felt that the wards of Halton Holegate and Hundelby should be included as the people living in these wards rely on Spilsby's facilities.

Villages in the Halton Holegate ward are:

East Keal, East Kirby, Halton Holegate, Old Bolingbroke, Toynton All Saints and West Keal.

Villages in the Hundelby ward are:

Ashby with Scremby, Aswardby, Brinkhill, Dalby, Harrington, Haugh, Hundelby, Langton by Spilsby, Mavis Enderby, Partney, Raithby, Sausthorpe, Skendleby, South Ormsby cum Ketsby, South Thoresby, Swaby, Ulceby and Fordington.

Spilsby Challenge

The Spilsby Challenge group was formed to act as the local steering group for the Market Towns Initiative. With support from East Lindsey District Council, the group has assessed local needs and summarised these in a series of Action Plans. In the short term, the group will help assess applications for MTI grants and in the longer term it will have a major role in developing some of the projects identified in the Action Plans.

Past activity

Projects that have been carried out in recent years in Spilsby include:

Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme	building repairs, reinstatement of architectural features and environmental enhancements – English Heritage, ELDC, LCC, property owners
Market Place	environmental improvements carried out in three phases – ELDC, LCC, Spilsby Town Council, Rural Challenge, RDC/ <i>emda</i> , Objective 5b, English Heritage
Franklin Hall	major refurbishment and extension of the existing hall - Rural Challenge, RDC/ <i>emda</i> , Community Fund, LCC, ELDC, Spilsby Town Council, WREN
Tourism development	development of tourism infrastructure, tourism facilities and accommodation with welcome host training - Rural Challenge, RDC/ <i>emda</i> , Objective 5b, ELDC, accommodation providers and other private sector.

Spilsby

ECONOMY and TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

project: TOWN PRIDE

priority medium/high

timescale: ongoing

estimated cost: ongoing revenue support

support bodies and funding agencies likely to be involved:

Lincolnshire County Council, East Lindsey District Council, Spilsby Town Council, Parish Councils, Chamber of Trade, Actively Promoting Spilsby's Environment, local businesses, local schools, Thunderbugs

results required:	means of achievement:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * clean town centre * reduce fly-tipping in villages and countryside * reduce chewing gum on streets * summer flower baskets to brighten town * extend the Christmas lighting around the town 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * set targets by entering competitions - Britain in Bloom, Best Kept Village/Small Town * establish a 'tidy frontages' scheme; encourage businesses (especially takeaways) and householders to participate * carry out major clean-up, then monitor areas where litter accumulates the most * hire specialist machine for removing chewing gum from town streets * monitor effectiveness of wheely bins * monitor items and location of fly-tipping; try for prosecutions where possible * trial a sponsored flower basket scheme, with Town Council organising watering/care * seek sponsorship/hold fund-raising events for extending the Christmas lighting * involve young people in all civic pride activities - it's their town as well (e.g. 'Thunderbugs' scheme can educate on different means of disposal, recycling and local pride)

Spilsby

ECONOMY and TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

project: **MANAGING GROWTH**

priority medium

timescale:

estimated cost:

support bodies and funding agencies likely to be involved:

Lincolnshire County Council, East Lindsey District Council, Spilsby Town Council, Chamber of Trade, Actively Promoting Spilsby's Environment, local businesses

results required:	means of achievement:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* newcomers encouraged to participate in local activities and events* provision of adequate services and facilities to meet the needs of a growing town* better promotion of opportunities for business growth* growth to be kept within sustainable limits* active Chamber of Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* ensure town guide is available at key locations and website is kept up to date* campaign for Spilsby to feature more prominently as a centre for business growth and associated infrastructure - at District level, where Louth appears to be favoured* favoured over other centres, and in the County Structure Plan

Spilsby

ECONOMY and TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

project: EMPLOYMENT

priority medium/high

timescale:

estimated cost:

support bodies and funding agencies likely to be involved:

Lincolnshire County Council, East Lindsey District Council, Spilsby Town Council, Chamber of Trade, Actively Promoting Spilsby's Environment, local businesses

results required:	means of achievement:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* improved job opportunities for all, especially young people* improved levels of skills and wages for local people* more supportive attitude from County and District Councils to new business development and growth of existing businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* establish a skills centre for the area to train local people and fill the 'skills gap' - currently, there is a shortage of plumbers, electricians, joiners and digger drivers* provide access for local people to develop business skills in the service sector (this will become increasingly important with a growing retired population)* develop a marketing campaign to attract new businesses to the area:<ul style="list-style-type: none">consider employing a marketing consultant to achieve the best resultslobby County and District Councils for better supportdevelop website to promote town as an attractive place to live and work

Spilsby

ECONOMY and TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

project: SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENTS

priority medium

timescale:

estimated cost:

support bodies and funding agencies likely to be involved:

Lincolnshire County Council, East Lindsey District Council, Spilsby Town Council, Parish Councils, Chamber of Trade,
Actively Promoting Spilsby's Environment, local businesses

results required:	means of achievement:
* improved clarity of signage * reduced signage clutter on footways	* survey and record all existing directional and information signs * note locations where there is a lack of clear signage, duplication or poor directions * prepare clear signage strategy for Spilsby area in co-operation with LCC Highways * businesses to show consideration in locating A boards and outside displays - aim to achieve a balance between business interests/vibrant image for town and ensuring good access on footways for people with disabilities

Spilsby

ECONOMY and TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

project: MARKET EXPANSION

priority medium/high

timescale:

estimated cost:

support bodies and funding agencies likely to be involved:

Lincolnshire County Council, East Lindsey District Council, Spilsby Town Council, Chamber of Trade, Actively Promoting Spilsby's Environment, local businesses

results required:	means of achievement:
* expand the Monday market * encourage specialist markets - farmers' market, Christmas market and Saturday markets	* develop a campaign to promote Spilsby as a centre for its market, shops and eating out * develop a 'shop locally' campaign to support the market and shops * engage the support of local businesses to ensure that 'market visitors' are made welcome and that services/facilities are available * ensure market place is cleaned regularly and well-maintained * hold other events in market place to emphasize its central role in life of the town * hold meetings to bring together market traders and local businesses to find ways of improving the market, visitor facilities and shop trading

Spilsby

ENVIRONMENT and HERITAGE ACTION PLAN

project: Improved access to and the sustainability of our Local Built and Social History

priority high

timescale: ongoing

estimated cost: unknown; initially in the region of £26,000

support bodies and funding agencies likely to be involved:

Spilsby and District History Society, St James' Church Council, Lincoln Diocesan Advisory Committee on Church Buildings, EPS Consultancy, Lincolnshire Archaeological and History Society, Workers' Education Association, Godsend Group, family history groups, local schools, local community

results required:	means of achievement:
* St James' to be seen as the people's building * a history of Spilsby projected completed * written and archive material produced * renewable energy technology employed * visitors drawn to the area * a co-ordinated approach to the area's heritage identified * all of value, recorded in an accessible form to pass on	* 25 Year Building Management Plan produced for St James' Church * local people involved in guided research * suitably qualified heritage consultant employed * architects and other professional consultants employed * attractive information produced * catalogue of available material compiled * display space and achieve space identified

Spilsby

SOCIAL and COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

project: IMPROVE FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

priority high

timescale:

estimated cost:

support bodies and funding agencies likely to be involved:

Lincolnshire County Council, East Lindsey District Council, Spilsby Town Council, Centre of Excellence, churches, Actively Promoting Spilsby's Environment

results required:	means of achievement:
* improved youth centre * establish a youth café in a central location	* find out what young people actually want, through meetings and surveys * encourage and support youth participation in establishing and running facilities * develop sports facilities specifically for young people * develop transport links to take young people from Spilsby and the surrounding villages to sport and entertainment facilities in other towns * develop a youth council to give young people a voice in the town

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Spilsby

SOCIAL and COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

project: SKATE PARK

priority medium

timescale:

estimated cost:

support bodies and funding agencies likely to be involved:

Lincolnshire County Council, East Lindsey District Council, Spilsby Town Council, Actively Promoting Spilsby's Environment, skatepark committee

results required:	means of achievement:
* skate park created for young people	* identify suitable sites, working with young people and residents * secure broad community support for the preferred location * carry out appraisals on options and potential sources of funding * prepare a business plan - to include management and maintenance * prepare detailed plans and specification * submit planning application * submit funding applications * commence construction

Spilsby

SOCIAL and COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE - FORMER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

project:	CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE - FORMER GRAMMAR SCHOOL
priority	medium
timescale:	ongoing

estimated cost:

support bodies and funding agencies likely to be involved:

Spilsby Focus Association, property owners, Actively Promoting Spilsby's Environment, Knight School, Workers' Education Association, History Society, Thunderbugs

results required:	means of achievement:
* establishment of a community centre with a focus on supporting educational activity * use of new facility by wide range of local groups * viability of Centre demonstrated over first two years of operation	* secure initial two year lease on building * refurbishment completed by property owners * MTI grant secured to support first two years of running costs * promote benefits of centre to wide spectrum of potential user bodies - local voluntary groups, District and County Council departments, education and health service providers * establish efficient booking and financial control system * ensure good standards of caretaking and cleaning * monitor users' comments on the Centre and its facilities; respond to meet needs

Spilsby

SOCIAL and COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

project: OAP FACILITIES

priority medium

timescale:

estimated cost:

support bodies and funding agencies likely to be involved:

Lincolnshire County Council, East Lindsey District Council, Spilsby Town Council, local churches, local voluntary groups,
Actively Promoting Spilsby's Environment, Centre of Excellence

results required:	means of achievement:
* improved facilities and travel opportunities for OAPs, the vulnerable and people with disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* carry out a survey of existing facilities and hire charges; identify gaps in provision and 'barriers' - these may be organisational difficulties for particular groups or activities, or factors that deter people from attending a particular venue, such as distance from their homes or perceptions of lack of safety en route when going out to evening events* identify the wants/needs of the present retired population; estimate potential future demand* co-ordinate the activities and provision of the existing halls and meeting places to avoid competition and ensure optimum benefits for local people* encourage the 'young old' to participate more in community activities* ensure activities and events are promoted

Spilsby

SOCIAL and COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

project: EDUCATION FACILITIES

priority medium

timescale:

estimated cost:

support bodies and funding agencies likely to be involved:

Lincolnshire County Council, East Lindsey District Council, Spilsby Town Council, Horncastle College, Boston College, local voluntary groups

results required:	means of achievement:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* improved library facilities* improved adult learning opportunities* increased community use of secondary school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Lady Jane school sports hall too expensive for local groups to hire: Town and District Councils to engage with school governors and County Council to improve accessibility for community uses - sports, fitness and 'healthy living' exercise classes* develop links with Horncastle and Boston Colleges to provide adult education and skills training in local venues

Countrywide Agency - Market Towns Initiative

Spilsby

SOCIAL and COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

project: **HEALTH SERVICES**

priority medium

timescale:

estimated cost:

support bodies and funding agencies likely to be involved:

East Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust, local doctors' surgery, local pharmacies

results required:	means of achievement:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* expanded GP services* improved provision of NHS dental service* late night opening chemist* development and promotion of 'healthy living' exercise classes for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* lobby PCT and central government

Spilsby

SOCIAL and COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

project: PUBLIC SAFETY

priority medium

timescale:

estimated cost: £40,000 minimum

support bodies and funding agencies likely to be involved:

Lincolnshire Police, Lincolnshire County Council, East Lindsey District Council, Spilsby Town Council

results required:	means of achievement:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* majority of people are in favour of CCTV - issue is £40,000 funding shortfall to install* better support from residents and organisations for the local Crime Prevention Panel* develop networks of Police and community officers to improve coverage of the area* lobby for local safety improvements to street lighting and signage* encourage Police to enforce local speed limits* develop and encourage Neighbourhood Watch groups in the town and villages

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TRANSPORT and ACCESS ACTION PLAN

project: PARKING STRATEGY

priority medium

timescale:

estimated cost:

support bodies and funding agencies likely to be involved:

Lincolnshire County Council, East Lindsey District Council, Spilsby Town Council, Lincolnshire Police

results required:	means of achievement:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* adequate car parking provision for residents and visitors* greater control of illegal and inconsiderate parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* survey of all public and private car parks, plus on-street parking areas* survey of parking patterns - market day, 'quiet days', different seasons* strategy to encourage better use of car parks and appropriate levels of parking fees* enforcement to deter illegal and inconsiderate parking

Spilsby

TRANSPORT and ACCESS ACTION PLAN

project: PUBLIC TRANSPORT

priority medium

timescale:

estimated cost:

support bodies and funding agencies likely to be involved:

Lincolnshire County Council, East Lindsey District Council, Spilsby Town Council,
Community Council of Lincolnshire, local bus and taxi operators

results required:	means of achievement:
* improved transport provision, especially to Louth /Grimsby and doctors' surgery * improved public transport options, especially taxis	* survey all existing local transport, from bus services to car sharing schemes * conduct survey to assess residents transport needs * support bodies and transport providers agree appropriate/imaginative solutions * public encouraged to make better use of existing and new services to ensure viability

Spilsby

TRANSPORT and ACCESS ACTION PLAN

project: SAFER WALKING and CYCLING

priority medium

timescale:

estimated cost:

support bodies and funding agencies likely to be involved:

Lincolnshire County Council, East Lindsey District Council, Spilsby Town Council, Lincolnshire Police

results required:	means of achievement:
* safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* review pedestrian and cyclist accident statistics for Spilsby and surrounding area* identify actual and potential accident zones* priority sites:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ashby Road - no pedestrian crossingFranklin Hall - difficult to crossHalton Road - speeding and inconsiderate parkingReynard Street - make one-way/no delivery vansBoston Road - no pedestrian crossing* consider traffic calming and other appropriate measures to reduce accident risk* identify and promote safe routes and 'cut-throughs' for cyclists and pedestrians* promote cycle routes between villages and the town

Appendix 1

SPILSBY People Statistics

Resident Population and Age

The resident population of Spilsby, as measured in the 2001 Census, was 2,336 of which 47 per cent were male and 53 per cent were female. The resident population of East Lindsey was 130,447, of which 49 per cent were male and 51 per cent were female.

			Resident population (percentage)
	Spilsby	East Lindsey	England and Wales
Under 16	18.8	17.7	20.2
16 to 19	4.5	4.3	4.9
20 to 29	11.2	8.6	12.6
30 to 59	35.7	40.4	41.5
60 to 74	18.2	18.9	13.3
75 and over	11.6	10.0	7.6
Average age	42.5	43.4	38.6

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Marital Status

			Resident population aged 16 and over (percentage)
	Spilsby	East Lindsey	England and Wales
Single (never married)	26.2	21.6	30.1
Married or re-married	47.8	58.2	50.9
Separated	2.7	1.8	2.4
Divorced	11.2	8.4	8.2
Widowed	12.0	10.0	8.4

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Religion

			Resident population (percentage)
	Spilsby	East Lindsey	England and Wales
Christian	81.4	79.9	71.8
Buddhist	0.2	0.1	0.3
Hindu	0.0	0.1	1.1
Jewish	0.0	0.1	0.5
Muslim	0.2	0.2	3.0
Sikh	0.0	0.0	0.6
Other religions	0.2	0.2	0.3
No religion	11.0	11.7	14.8
Religion not stated	7.0	7.6	7.7

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Ethnic Group

			Resident population (percentage)
	Spilsby	East Lindsey	England
White	98.5	99.0	90.9
Mixed	0.9	0.4	1.3
Asian or Asian British	0.2	0.3	4.6
Indian	0.2	0.1	2.1
Pakistani	0.0	0.1	1.4
Bangladeshi	0.0	0.0	0.6
Other Asian	0.0	0.0	0.5
Black or Black British	0.0	0.1	2.1
Caribbean	0.0	0.0	1.1
African	0.0	0.0	1.0
Other Black	0.0	0.0	0.2
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	0.3	0.2	0.9

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Health and provision of care

The 2001 Census asked people to describe their health, over the preceding 12 months as 'good', 'fairly good' or 'not good'.

			Resident population (percentage)
	Spilsby	East Lindsey	England and Wales
Good	62.0	62.5	68.6
Fairly good	27.7	25.9	22.2
Not good	10.2	11.5	9.2

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

It also asked questions about any limiting long-term illness, health problem or disability which limited people's daily activities or the work they could do.

			Resident population (percentage)
	Spilsby	East Lindsey	England and Wales
With a limiting long-term illness	23.6	23.7	18.2

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

For the first time, the 2001 Census asked a question about any voluntary care provided to look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of long term physical or mental ill-health or disability, or problems relating to old age.

			Resident population (percentage)
	Spilsby	East Lindsey	England and Wales
Provided unpaid care	7.8	11.4	10.0

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Economic Activity

	Resident population aged 16 to 74 (percentage)		
	Spilsby	East Lindsey	England and Wales
Employed	56.1	55.4	60.6
Unemployed	3.0	3.1	3.4
Economically active full-time students	1.3	1.5	2.6
Retired	20.3	20.0	13.6
Economically inactive students	3.4	2.7	4.7
Looking after home/family	6.0	7.0	6.5
Permanently sick or disabled	7.1	7.6	5.5
Other economically inactive	2.6	2.6	3.1

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Within Spilsby, 37 per cent of those unemployed were aged 50 and over, 6 per cent had never worked and 20 per cent were long term unemployed.

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

In August 2000, there were 1,020 Jobseeker Allowance claimants in East Lindsey of which 32 per cent had child dependants. The Job Seeker Allowance (JSA) is payable to people under pensionable age who are available for, and actively seeking, work of at least 40 hours a week. Figures produced here are those only for people claiming income-based JSA.

Source: Department for Work and Pensions, 2000

In August 2000, there were 8,580 Income Support claimants in East Lindsey, of which 2 per cent were aged under 20. Income support was introduced on April 11th 1988 and can be paid to a person who is aged 16 and over, is not working 16 hours or more a week, and has less money coming in than the law says they need to live on.

Source: Department for Work and Pensions, 2000

Students and Qualifications

	Students and schoolchildren aged 16 to 74		
	Spilsby	East Lindsey	England and Wales
Total number of full-time students and schoolchildren aged 16 to 74	75	3,829	2,648,992
Percentage of total resident population	3.2	2.9	5.1
Total number aged 16 to 17	36	2,295	1,014,284
Total number aged 18 to 74	39	1,534	1,634,708

Note : Students and schoolchildren were counted at their term-time address.

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

	Resident population aged 16 to 74 (percentage)		
	Spilsby	East Lindsey	England and Wales
Had no qualifications	40.5	38.4	29.1
Qualified to degree level or higher	8.9	12.0	19.8

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Housing and Households

In Spilsby there were 1,031 households in 2001. 97 per cent of the resident population lived in households. The remainder of the population lived in communal establishments. The number of households in East Lindsey was 55,533.

			Number of households (percentage)
	Spilsby	East Lindsey	England and Wales
One person households	33.3	26.9	30.0
Pensioners living alone	20.4	16.2	14.4
Other All Pensioner households	13.6	15.0	9.4
Contained dependent children	26.0	25.3	29.5
Lone parent households with dependent children	5.0	4.3	6.5
Owner occupied	60.1	73.7	68.9
Rented from Council	7.3	4.3	13.2
Rented from Housing Association or Registered Social Landlord	12.0	6.5	6.0
Private rented or lived rent free	20.6	15.6	11.9
Without central heating	7.4	7.2	8.5
Without sole use of bath, shower or toilet	0.0	0.3	0.5
Have no car or van	24.4	19.6	26.8
Have 2 or more cars or vans	22.2	30.6	29.4
Average household size (number)	2.2	2.3	2.4
Average number of rooms per household	5.2	5.6	5.3

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

	£'s and number of households (percentage)		England & Wales	
	Average price	Percentage of households living in this type of property	Average price	Percentage of households living in this type of property
Detached	91,415.0	52.1	178,806.0	22.8
Semi-detached	57,773.0	25.8	101,733.0	31.6
Terraced	46,511.0	11.0	89,499.0	26.0
Flat	38,612.0	9.4	120,185.0	19.2
All property types	73,856.0		119,436.0	

Sources: 2001 Census, ONS
The Land Registry, 2001

Area Statistics

Levels Of Crime in East Lindsey

Notifiable offences recorded by the police, April 2000 to March 2001.

	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Robbery	Burglary from a dwelling	Theft of a motor vehicle	Theft from a motor vehicle
Total number of offences recorded, East Lindsey	854	61	27	667	343	714
Rate per 1,000 population, East Lindsey	6.8	0.5	0.2	5.3	2.7	5.7
Rate per 1,000 population, England and Wales	11.4	0.7	1.8	7.6	6.4	11.9

HALTON HOLEGATE

People Statistics

Resident Population and Age

The resident population of Halton Holegate, as measured in the 2001 Census, was 2,344 of which 51 per cent were male and 49 per cent were female. The resident population of East Lindsey was 130,447, of which 49 per cent were male and 51 per cent were female.

	Halton Holegate	East Lindsey	England and Wales	Resident population (percentage)
Under 16	17.1	17.7		20.2
16 to 19	5.2	4.3		4.9
20 to 29	6.4	8.6		12.6
30 to 59	42.5	40.4		41.5
60 to 74	20.6	18.9		13.3
75 and over	8.1	10.0		7.6
Average age	43.7	43.4		38.6

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Marital Status

	Halton Holegate	East Lindsey	England and Wales	Resident population aged 16 and over (percentage)
Single (never married)	20.2	21.6		30.1
Married or re-married	61.8	58.2		50.9
Separated	1.6	1.8		2.4
Divorced	7.5	8.4		8.2
Widowed	8.8	10.0		8.4

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Religion

	Halton Holegate	East Lindsey	England and Wales	Resident population (percentage)
Christian	76.8	79.9		71.8
Buddhist	0.2	0.1		0.3
Hindu	0.2	0.1		1.1
Jewish	0.1	0.1		0.5
Muslim	0.5	0.2		3.0
Sikh	0.0	0.0		0.6
Other religions	0.1	0.2		0.3
No religion	13.5	11.7		14.8
Religion not stated	8.7	7.6		7.7

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Ethnic Group

		Resident population (percentage)	England
	Halton Holegate	East Lindsey	England
White	98.6	99.0	90.9
Mixed	0.7	0.4	1.3
Asian or Asian British	0.5	0.3	4.6
Indian	0.2	0.1	2.1
Pakistani	0.3	0.1	1.4
Bangladeshi	0.0	0.0	0.6
Other Asian	0.0	0.0	0.5
Black or Black British	0.0	0.1	2.1
Caribbean	0.0	0.0	1.1
African	0.0	0.0	1.0
Other Black	0.0	0.0	0.2
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	0.2	0.2	0.9

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Health and provision of care

The 2001 Census asked people to describe their health, over the preceding 12 months as 'good', 'fairly good' or 'not good'.

		Resident population (percentage)	England and Wales
	Halton Holegate	East Lindsey	England and Wales
Good	64.8	62.5	68.6
Fairly good	25.2	25.9	22.2
Not good	10.0	11.5	9.2

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

It also asked questions about any limiting long-term illness, health problem or disability which limited people's daily activities or the work they could do.

		Resident population (percentage)	England and Wales
	Halton Holegate	East Lindsey	England and Wales
With a limiting long-term illness	21.8	23.7	18.2

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

For the first time, the 2001 Census asked a question about any voluntary care provided to look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of long term physical or mental ill-health or disability, or problems relating to old age.

		Resident population (percentage)	England and Wales
	Halton Holegate	East Lindsey	England and Wales
Provided unpaid care	11.0	11.4	10.0

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Economic Activity

	Resident population aged 16 to 74 (percentage)		
	Halton Holegate	East Lindsey	England and Wales
Employed	52.8	55.4	60.6
Unemployed	2.6	3.1	3.4
Economically active full-time students	1.4	1.5	2.6
Retired	21.6	20.0	13.6
Economically inactive students	5.1	2.7	4.7
Looking after home/family	6.4	7.0	6.5
Permanently sick or disabled	6.2	7.6	5.5
Other economically inactive	3.9	2.6	3.1

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Within Halton Holegate, 33 per cent of those unemployed were aged 50 and over, 7 per cent had never worked and 22 per cent were long term unemployed.

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

In August 2000, there were 1,020 Jobseeker Allowance claimants in East Lindsey of which 32 per cent had child dependants. The Job Seeker Allowance (JSA) is payable to people under pensionable age who are available for, and actively seeking, work of at least 40 hours a week. Figures produced here are those only for people claiming income-based JSA.

Source: Department for Work and Pensions, 2000

In August 2000, there were 8,580 Income Support claimants in East Lindsey, of which 2 per cent were aged under 20. Income support was introduced on April 11th 1988 and can be paid to a person who is aged 16 and over, is not working 16 hours or more a week, and has less money coming in than the law says they need to live on.

Source: Department for Work and Pensions, 2000

Students and Qualifications

	Students and schoolchildren aged 16 to 74		
	Halton Holegate	East Lindsey	England and Wales
Total number of full-time students and schoolchildren aged 16 to 74	111	3,829	2,648,992
Percentage of total resident population	4.7	2.9	5.1
Total number aged 16 to 17	51	2,295	1,014,284
Total number aged 18 to 74	60	1,534	1,634,708

Note : Students and schoolchildren were counted at their term-time address.

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

	Resident population aged 16 to 74 (percentage)		
	Halton Holegate	East Lindsey	England and Wales
Had no qualifications	35.5	38.4	29.1
Qualified to degree level or higher	16.3	12.0	19.8

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Housing and Households

In Halton Holegate there were 958 households in 2001. 97 per cent of the resident population lived in households. The remainder of the population lived in communal establishments. The number of households in East Lindsey was 55,533.

		Halton Holegate	East Lindsey	England and Wales
One person households		23.8	26.9	30.0
Pensioners living alone		13.1	16.2	14.4
Other All Pensioner households		15.1	15.0	9.4
Contained dependent children		24.5	25.3	29.5
Lone parent households with dependent children		3.4	4.3	6.5
Owner occupied		81.5	73.7	68.9
Rented from Council		4.1	4.3	13.2
Rented from Housing Association or Registered Social Landlord		3.8	6.5	6.0
Private rented or lived rent free		10.6	15.6	11.9
Without central heating		6.3	7.2	8.5
Without sole use of bath, shower or toilet		0.3	0.3	0.5
Have no car or van		10.3	19.6	26.8
Have 2 or more cars or vans		42.8	30.6	29.4
Average household size (number)		2.4	2.3	2.4
Average number of rooms per household		6.2	5.6	5.3

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

	£'s and number of households (percentage)			
	Average price	Percentage of households living in this type of property	Average price	Percentage of households living in this type of property
Detached	91,415.0	52.1	178,806.0	22.8
Semi-detached	57,773.0	25.8	101,733.0	31.6
Terraced	46,511.0	11.0	89,499.0	26.0
Flat	38,612.0	9.4	120,185.0	19.2
All property types	73,856.0		119,436.0	

Sources: 2001 Census, ONS
The Land Registry, 2001

HUNDELBY

People Statistics

Resident Population and Age

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	Hundleby	East Lindsey	Resident population (percentage) England and Wales
Under 16	16.5	17.7	20.2
16 to 19	2.8	4.3	4.9
20 to 29	7.8	8.6	12.6
30 to 59	45.2	40.4	41.5
60 to 74	19.1	18.9	13.3
75 and over	8.6	10.0	7.6
Average age	44.1	43.4	38.6

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Marital Status

	Hundleby	East Lindsey	Resident population aged 16 and over (percentage) England and Wales
Single (never married)	19.6	21.6	30.1
Married or re-married	62.4	58.2	50.9
Separated	1.7	1.8	2.4
Divorced	8.6	8.4	8.2
Widowed	7.6	10.0	8.4

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Religion

	Hundleby	East Lindsey	Resident population (percentage) England and Wales
Christian	79.7	79.9	71.8
Buddhist	0.2	0.1	0.3
Hindu	0.0	0.1	1.1
Jewish	0.2	0.1	0.5
Muslim	0.0	0.2	3.0
Sikh	0.2	0.0	0.6
Other religions	0.2	0.2	0.3
No religion	11.0	11.7	14.8
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Source: 2001 Census, ONS

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	Resident population (percentage)		
	Hundleby	East Lindsey	England
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Mixed	0.6	0.4	1.3
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Permanently sick or disabled	6.0	7.6	5.5
Other economically inactive	2.6	2.6	3.1

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

Within Hundleby, 28 per cent of those unemployed were aged 50 and over, 0 per cent had never worked and 35 per cent were long term unemployed.

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	Hundleby	East Lindsey	England and Wales
One person households	25.8	26.9	30.0
Pensioners living alone	13.6	16.2	14.4
Other All Pensioner households	14.6	15.0	9.4
Contained dependent children	22.5	25.3	29.5
Lone parent households with dependent children	2.6	4.3	6.5
Owner occupied	70.3	73.7	68.9
Rented from Council	2.5	4.3	13.2
Rented from Housing Association or Registered Social Landlord	3.2	6.5	6.0
Private rented or lived rent free	24.0	15.6	11.9
Without central heating	9.7	7.2	8.5
Without sole use of bath, shower or toilet	0.0	0.3	0.5
Have no car or van	7.8	19.6	26.8
Have 2 or more cars or vans	40.9	30.6	29.4
Average household size (number)	2.3	2.3	2.4
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Appendix 2

Spilsby Challenge Steering Group Survey

Please can I ask you to take 5 minutes to fill in this short survey about your town? The ideas highlighted in this survey will help us to write a plan of action targeting areas improving aspects of Spilsby that you feel need help. This survey is very important, as it is an opportunity for you to give your ideas and thoughts. It will form an outline vision for Spilsby for the next 10 years, we will help achieve by applying for funding and working with you and organisations such as the council to make Spilsby a better place to live, work and play.

Please return this survey by 26th November 2004

A. About you (please circle the answer that applies)

1. Do you live in Spilsby?

Yes No

2. How long have you lived in Spilsby?

Less than 1 year 1-5yrs 6-10yrs 11-20yrs 21yrs+

3. Are you Male or Female?

Male Female

4. How old are you?

Under 16 17-25 26-40 41-65 65+

5. What best describes your current work status?

Full time work	Part time work	Self employed
Unemployed	School	Post 16 education
Retired	Volunteer	Carer/homemaker

6. If employed where do you work? (i.e Spilsby, Louth, other town?) _____

B. Spilsby

7. Which facilities do you use in Spilsby?

Pubs	Public Transport	Franklin Hall
Shops	Library	Theatre
Parks	Food shopping	Doctors
Car Parks	Post office	School
Bank	Other.....	

8. Which groups/organisations do you belong to in Spilsby, if any? _____

9. What facilities would you like to see in Spilsby?

10. Which areas of the town, if any, do you feel need improving?

C. An Overview

11. How would you like to see Spilsby change in the future?

12.What are the biggest problems in the town?

13.What do you feel are the advantages of living in Spilsby?

Thank you for spending the time filling in this questionnaire, all the responses received will enable us to realise what people feel are important issues in the town and how we can work about tackling them.

This work is part of Market Town Initiative and in Spilsby the organisation co-ordinating the project is called the Spilsby Challenge Steering Group. If you like any more information on this or how you can become involved in the Initiative do please contact –

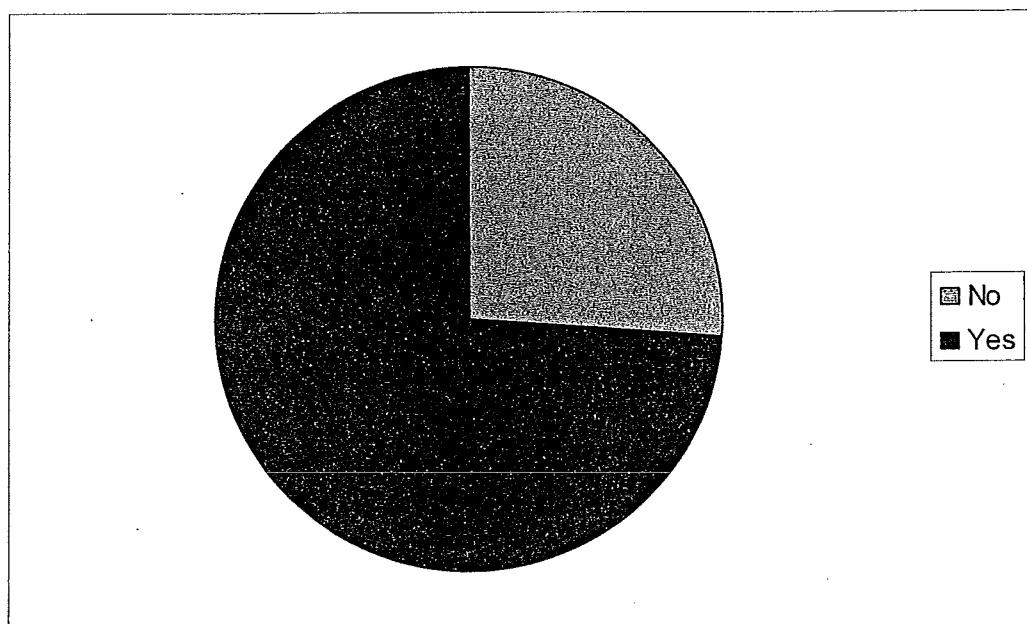
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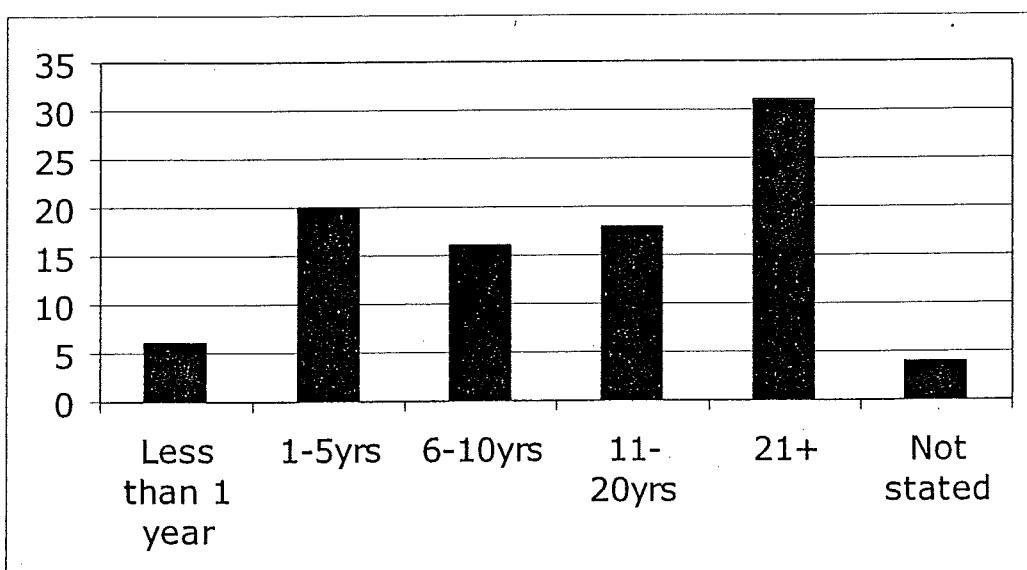
Appendix 3

Spilsby Challenge – Questionnaire Results

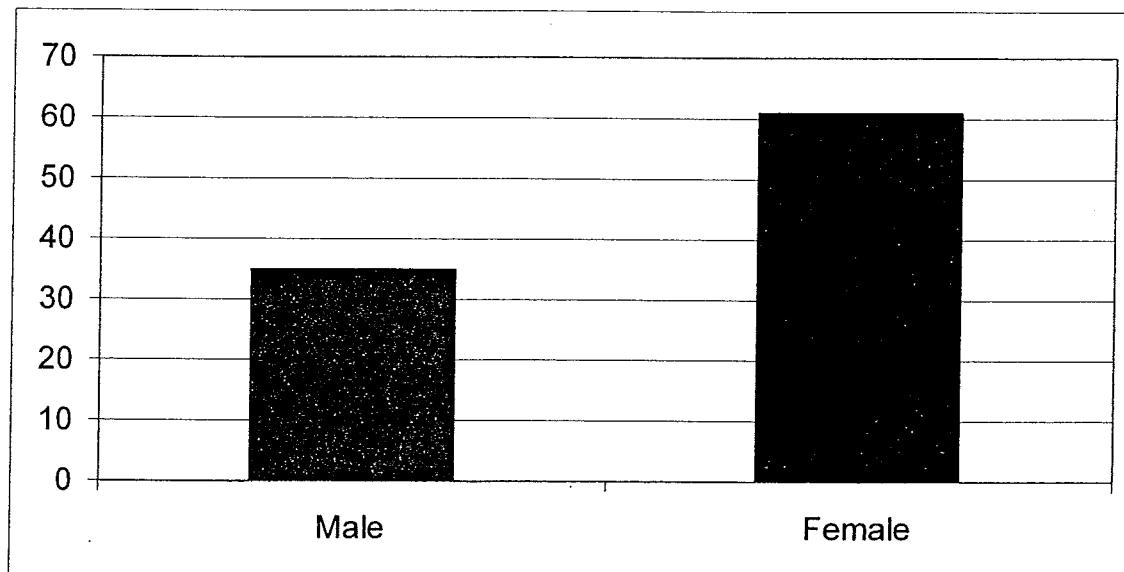
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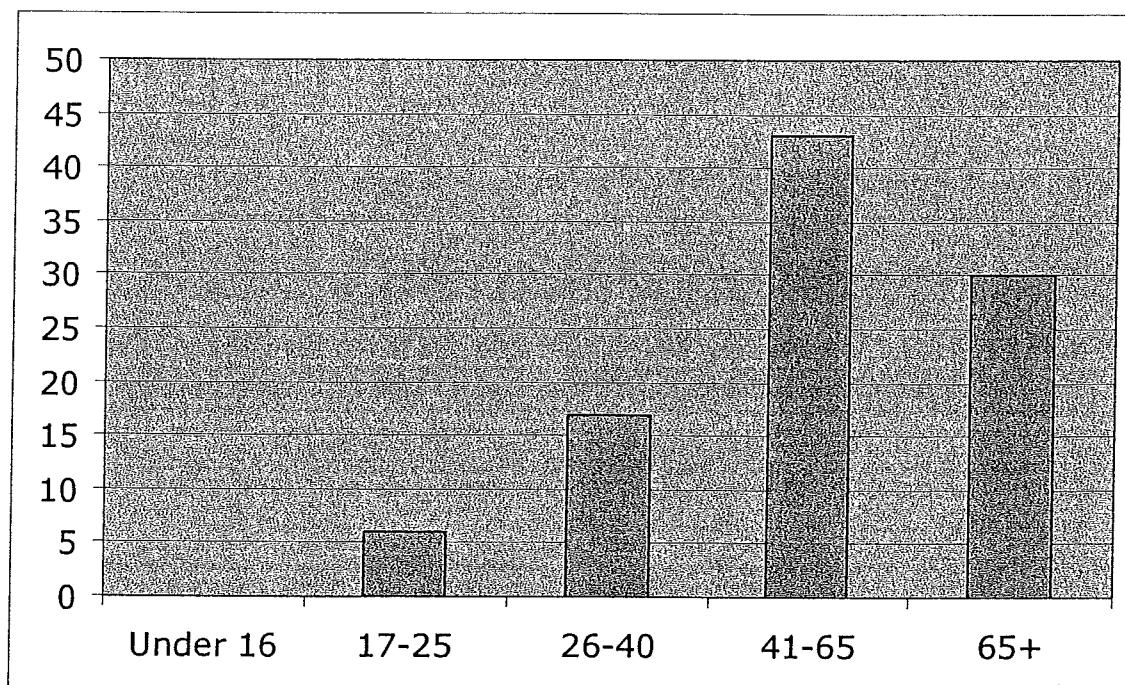
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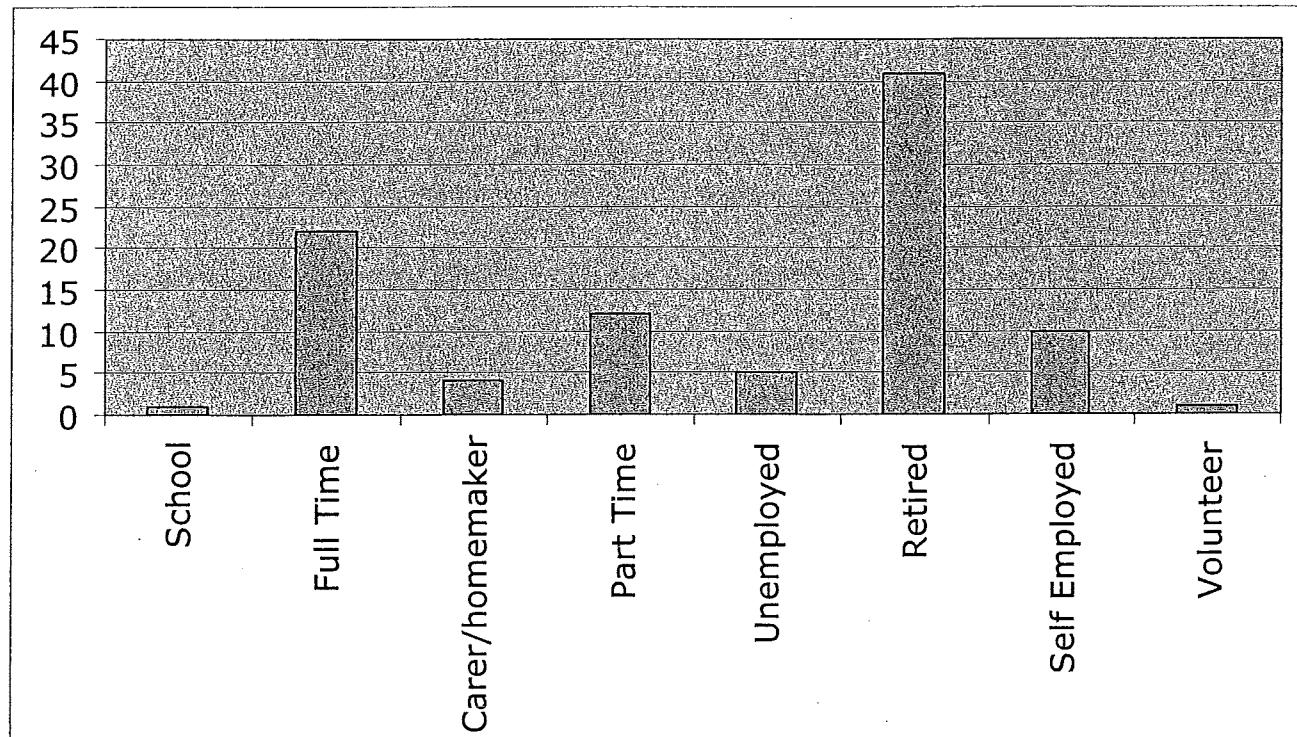
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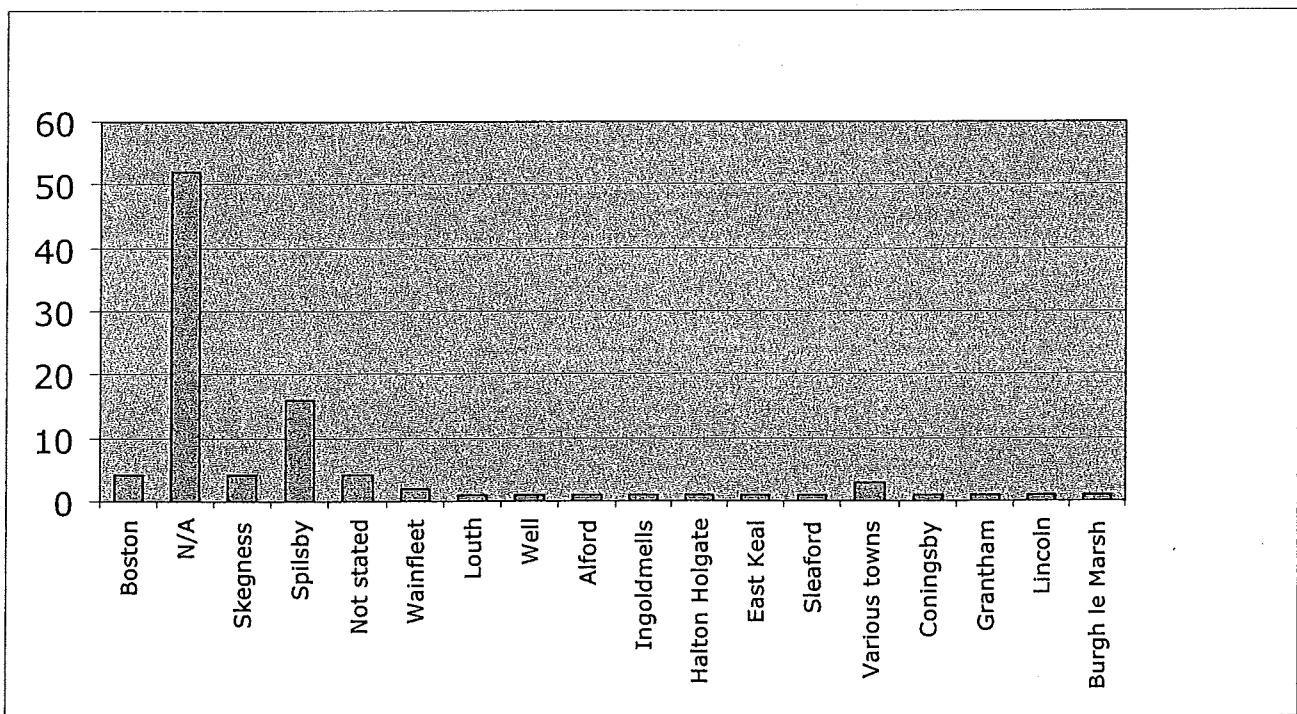
Question 4. How old are you?



Question 5. What best describes your current work status?



Question 6. If employed where do you work?



Appendix 4

What people have said about Spilsby – responses to questionnaire

No.	Question 8	Question 9	Question 10	Question 11	Question 12	Question 13
1	Hundley WI, Social Group, Footpath Preservation Society, Parish Council, Lincs & Humberside Trust, Spilsby Show Committee	ELDC funded swimming pool (as in Louth, Hornastle & Skegness). Continued free parking Post Office Lane, expansion of Monday market	Post Office Lane, TIC, police foot patrols, police station opening longer daily, bus shelter	Further expansion and use of old Grammar School buildings, Sports Hall facilities available at reasonable charge (subsidised if necessary)	Parking. Lack of a central focal point for young people.	Very pleasant, small town in an attractive area, relatively crime free, easy access to several towns, on several bus routes, good variety of shops, restaurants and facilities
2		More things for teenagers to do, swimming pool, cinema	Pools Lane	More things for teenagers to do so they are not hanging around town	There is nothing for anybody to do	There is good transport
3	Spilsby Recreation Ground committee, Tai-chi group, RC Church, tennis group	A good, large supermarket, cinema re-opened and supported. High Street possible pedestrian area, fixed flower beds and hanging baskets in summer, not rely on business. Christmas lights – cheer place up in winter	Improve some of the facades of businesses eg old Chinese, paper shop on the terrace. The chewing gum trail on the terrace – just recently paved, general cleaning of litter etc	A more supportive attitude to new businesses and restaurants in town from the Town Council. Spilsby could be advertised as a 'Gastronomy' centre.	Skateboarders, kids hanging out at the bus station, vandalism – petty stuff. Youth club should be every night, not just a few nights	Fresh air, friendly staff in shops, nice walks, good altruistic society – lots of fundraising goes on, people very charitable
4		Larger chain supermarket, dentists, swimming	KEVI school – discipline, Pools Lane. Parking on Halton Road – serious	Not to grow too large but to have facilities which are up-to-date	No big problems in reality although always areas for improvement.	Small friendly town with essential services. Central for accessing larger

No.	Question 8	Question 9	Question 10	Question 11	Question 12	Question 13
	pool and gym facilities, improved GP service	hazard. Parking. Disabled access to shops – esp on Terrace. Local pubs to have disabled toilets	and relevant to the population	eg employment opportunities. Only people with transport have access to swimming etc – rural transport always an issue	towns/services	towns/services
5	Church Warden, MTI, Town Councillor. Chrysanthemum Society, British Red Cross, Freemasons, History Society, Twinning	A good sized supermarket, picture house	Pools Lane where swimming pool was and the walls on the old part of the Grammar School which I understand is going to be flats and housing	Tidy up where old Kings Head public house used to stand on the corner of Boston Road and Market Avenue	Skateboarding, rollerblading	Where I live, it is a nice quiet estate
6	Swimming Club	Sports centre with swimming pool, banks opening on a Saturday morning		I would like it to keep its 'market town' character	Young people having nothing to do at night and therefore hanging round streets (teenagers). Petty crime (I have had my windscreen wipers stolen when my car was in market place overnight)	Low crime rate (on the whole), 'market town' character, new incentives, eg restaurants, opening in town, mix of young and old people
7		Skateboard park for our youth, youth club, activities for youth	More doctors, dentists, larger supermarkets, litter around town, too many cars speeding through town, Halton Road	More shops filled	Nowhere for youngsters to go. Speeding. Rubbish	Close to all amenities
8	Badminton Club	Better indoor sports facilities	Get rid of chewing gum stuck to pavements all along the Terrace		Nothing to keep youngsters occupied	

No.	Question 8	Question 9	Question 10	Question 11	Question 12	Question 13
9	Library	Large supermarket/petrol station, cinema again! hospital again! swimming pool again!	Bus shelter – it is an expensive eyesore Conference/Leisure Centre. Indoor/soft place area for small children. Grammar School again!	Larger shopping centre enabling locals to do all their shopping without traveling out of town. Same for leisure facilities – it would be great if I did not have to travel to Boston or Skegness to go swimming!	The Town Council – we need to move with the times. No activities or centres for any children any age. No big supermarket. Not enough facilities to cater for the residents	I don't think there is any at present – embarrassing, as I have lived here all my life. I see it as a dying community. I have to travel miles to use facilities which Spilsby does not offer, ie cinema, leisure centre, Grammar School, swimming pool, etc, etc
10	Royal British Legion, History Society, Church, Chapel	Somewhere for the young people, skateboarders etc. A club or centre where teenagers can go of an evening not alcoholic	The paths from Town Hall to Shamfield Estate need cleaning and resurfacing. Wet leaves and mud on the paths not good for OAPs. Snow and ice never cleared.	Parking. I would like to see free parking. The surgery needs more staff and a surgery in Town Centre so OAPs can walk to. Shortage of taxis	Parking. I would like to see free parking. The surgery needs more staff and a surgery in Town Centre so OAPs can walk to. Shortage of taxis	I love Spilsby. It is a happy town. Not a big choice of clothes and shoes.
11	None	Swimming pool Badminton court Cinema			No sports facilities or cinema, not much for teenagers to do	It has most things required for day to day living
12	Library	Something for mid-teenagers so they don't have to hang around pubs. A cinema or a swimming pool	None	Not too much	Not enough banks	It is a nice, small market town with almost everything needed
13	None	Swimming baths	Market Place	Plenty of activities for youngsters	Kids not having anything to do	Not a lot of traffic and close to everywhere
14		Exercise classes for the more mature people		I would like to see some larger shops encouraged to come to the town	Something needs to be done to take the children who skateboard in the town out to a designated area	Near to my work also close to shops
15	None	Indoor swimming pool. Educational evening		As mentioned in 11	As mentioned in 11	It has a good feel to it. I would like to feel that at a weekend it is unnecessary

No.	Question 8	Question 9	Question 10	Question 11	Question 12	Question 13
	classes. Cinema. Professional theatre productions. Evening keep fit. classes. A full time dentist.		Getting an appointment with a doctor is difficult and I cannot register with the dentist. The infrastructure needs looking at. Too many houses are being built without apparent observation of the infrastructure.		for me to get into my car and visit another town to shop – at present this is not so.	
16		Swimming pool. Sports facilities. Better park/playing areas for young children. Skateboarding area to keep them away from Market Place, Buttercross and Sir John Franklin statue	Library – very poor compared to Alford. Health service provision – not adequate. We have no park, we have a playing field which needs improving	Improve and increase facilities, esp sports and swimming. Louth, Alford, Mablethorpe, Hornastle, Woodhall, Skegness all have sport or swimming facilities but not Spilsby	Lack of dentists, inadequate facilities for youngsters, not enough doctor appointments	
17	RNLI, Rainbows, Brownies, Sports Lessons, Dance Classes	Good supermarket Sports hall that is accessible Multi-functioning arts centre Larger recycling centre enabling plastic recycling	Recycling areas Play areas Sports areas	Infrastructure improved and facilities updated	Lack of investment and job opportunities	Friendly atmosphere and close community
18		Better facilities for teenagers. Resources to provide skateboard park. Leisure facilities for all ages. Adult education classes.	Reynard Street particularly near old Phoenix cinema.	Less building, esp housing estates, while these are important there is not the infrastructure to support them.	Lack of leisure facilities. Little for teenagers to do. Lack of adult education, medical and dental facilities, affordable housing.	Still a safe place to live, still a sense of community. Safe to go out at night. Still a good environment to bring up children despite new estates. Maintains its charm as a market town.

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19	Wildlife Lincs Lincs Arts	Sports hall Swimming pool		Improving facilities for sports and recreation. Improving facilities for traders – market day once thriving is now dismal.	Lack of shops, failing market due to poor auctioneer	Access to countryside
20		Free car parking, bigger library, evening classes		Free travel for OAPs, grocery shopping delivered to OAPs.	Youth	Bus service, shops, doctors
21	Not stated					
22					Parking. Teenagers – nowhere to go. Lack of sports facilities	Close-knit community. Handiness of local shops.
23	Art Group. Spilsby Wildlife Trust				Parking, people parking on yellow lines, traffic problems	
24	Friends of Halton Holegate Primary School	More clubs for 11+ age group. Make use of old cinema. More exercise/aerobic clubs in evenings	It is a shame that office and shop workers park all day outside their premises, shoppers could use the spaces. No traffic warden.	For the centre of excellence to be well used and for all ages to be catered for. The Council to support a skate park. Provision of quality leisure activities.	Youths hanging around the market place with nowhere to go.	Small market town with good selection of shops. The town is attractive and the shops well maintained (majority).
25		A more regular garden refuse (free) collection. Shops/banks open when we are not at work, ie Saturday mornings	Allow maintenance men more time to do their jobs. Shops/banks open when we are not at work, ie Saturday mornings	To embrace e- commerce and business allowing working from home.	Traffic congestion in town square due to illegal parking.	Very pleasant town centre. Varied facilities for a small town yet reasonably peaceful. Lovely scenery out of town.
26	Youth Focus Group. Spilsby Town Council.	The Grammar School/Youth Focus project. Skateboard project on Boston Road	Boston Road/A16 junction. Two zebra crossings (before someone is killed).	A large supermarket. Increased free parking.	Inadequate sports provision for young people. Skateboarding. Increase in traffic	Convenience to shops and all services. Spilsby has everything you need. But growing in size and this

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	playing field.	New benches/seats	congestion, parking, speeding.	Lack of pride – chewing gum, poor condition of some shop fronts, litter.	Less crime than in big cities. As an 82-year-old woman, I am not frightened to go out alone.	brings deterioration.
27			It is all right as it is.		Car parking	
28	More fashion shops - chains. Supermarket like Tesco. Proper stationery shop.	Boston Road	Encourage businesses to come here.	Small minds. Not enough facilities.	Central to Skegness, Boston, Louth. Uncongested.	
29	WI, Flower Club, Methodist Church, History Society, WEA.	Improvement to some footpaths.		Traffic and car parking.	Homely market town.	
30	Supermarket with own car park. Easier access to shops and banks for disabled. Skateboard venue for young. Another dental practice.	A safe crossing at top of Ashby Road and on Market Street or Church Street. Boston Road car park smartened up.	Become a more vibrant, busy market town. Use the good road system. Provide large supermarket, sports centre, to bring people to Spilsby. Competition needed to keep it alive.	Skateboarders around Franklin Monument. Disgusting amount of chewing gum on the Terrace.	Convenience of living near shops, doctors, chemist, banks. Good public transport system to coast and Lincoln.	
31	Skate and bike park and youth club for children. One-stop supermarket selling	More doctors and dentists. Sack all local councillors; get fresh blood with fresh ideas	Change with the times, into 21 st century. Listen to young people and their	Lack of amenities. Parking. Variety of shops. Area and older residents too set in their ways.	The school (primary). Not a troubled area. Nice new Chinese Restaurant (looks great, tastes great!).	

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		everything including clothes. More dentists and doctors. Chemist open late. Free parking. Greater variety of shops.	for all age groups.	demands; they are the future of Spilsby.	Health services.	
32		Fitness centre and swimming pool.	More free car parking spaces.	Non-visible police presence.		
33	Residents Association. Neighbourhood Watch.	Swimming pool/gym. Skateboard park for teenagers. 300 new houses being built but no new facilities. New school to cope with children from 'affordable homes'. Free car park.	Pools Lane and swimming pool area. Back of old Grammar School. None, keep it nice as it was.	New facilities for the young and teenagers. Quality supermarket. Not at all, it is all right now.	Too much building, not enough infrastructure to cope. Too many new housing estates, built up spoiling countryside.	Nice market town, quality shops, good walks in countryside, friendly people, good activities for the retired. Lovely small country town, peaceful to live in.
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35		Market on Saturday	None	More police on our streets.	Parking	Quiet, peaceful town.
36				More facilities for children. Clean up streets.		Close to schools.
37	None	More parking		No changes		Shopping
38	None	Something for older kids to do.	None	Just have one of each type of shop instead of 3 or 4 all the same.	Posh kids trying to be cool and drinking in the bus shelter and trying to be mean.	Lots of peace and I can leave my door open while I go to the shop.
39	Dentist.	Farmers' Market paying fair rent for		Controlled growth, not urban sprawl. No large supermarket	Lack of employment opportunities.	Non-threatening atmosphere. No motorways.

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	stalls.			killing off numerous small shops.		
40	Free car parking in town centre as well as keeping Post Office Lane free.	Use of old school building.	Very poor that swimming pool allowed to close, would have been an excellent resource for community and schools.	Congestion in town, parking where shouldn't, if free parking there would be no excuse.	Good amenities, ie shops/takeaways.	
41	None	There are enough already.	The 'woodland' in Shamfields Road. No skate parks or similar. Keep tidy.	Shops open then close, why? Car park too small, difficult for disabled, not enough spaces. Difficult to cross road esp on market day, near Franklin Hall in particular.	Parking. Children playing where they shouldn't.	Shopping useful if one can't get to town. Most facilities for this. (Too many public houses)
42		A bigger library with greater choice. More leisure facilities (swimming pool provided by ELDC as in other towns)	Post Office Lane access. Removal of ugly bus shelter and toilet block, which are not in keeping with the rest of the town.	Better leisure facilities for all ages in a purpose built centre.	Youths have nowhere to go to occupy themselves. Apathy of general public.	Relatively peaceful compared to a large town or city.
43	Tots Playgroup	Bigger market, it has declined recently. A launderette, people go to Skegness.	Car park entrance via Queen Street too narrow for vehicles travelling both ways.	More for teenagers to do eg skate park.	Only one dentist. Vehicles parking both sides of one-way system.	Central for Boston, Lincoln, Skegness and Grimsby. People friendly and willing to help.
44	WEA					
45	None	Cinema, youth club, nightclub, skate park.	Tidy up bus station. Pedestrian crossing near memorial.	Influx of new modern business. Quality housing. Water for leisure ie ponds, lakes, parkland.	Lack of facilities for the younger population (under 18s).	Cost of living, access to other market towns and coast. Scenic countryside.
46	None	More for children.	More town parking.	Cleaner	Town too small for all	Small town BUT getting too

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47	Swimming pool. Cinema.	Pooles Lane area (back of Grammar school)	I like Spilsby. It is a thriving place during the day compared to other small market towns. With new estates we need better supermarket, another doctor and dentist. We must not stop development but we must not lose the feel of a market town.	Skateboarders on the statue site (ruined new improvement). Rubbish/litter on streets.	building work.	Many activities, shops well stocked, no need to waste time and money going elsewhere.
48	None	Fresh fish shops. Over 60s club. Reduced prices for over 65s. Another dentist.	Town centre derelict shops improved. Reduce speed limit for through traffic.	More essential shops in keeping with the extra housing.	Traffic speeding. Traffic parking on the main street.	A pleasant town, has character, but only change for the better, not for the worse.
49			Halton Road. Parking in road, could driveways not be created?	More disabled parking spaces, easier driv-in access. Free parking. More spaces. Get rid of 'bumps'.		Shops of all different types, restaurants and takeaways.
50		Cinema. Swimming pool. Sports centre. Bigger supermarket. High Street shops (chains)	Post Office Lane car park needs separate in and out areas. Make Reynard Street one-way.	Although I would like more shops I like Spilsby as a small town.	Parking	The facilities I do use are close.
51	None	Better sports facilities. Better health services.	Centre – too many parked cars. Better secondary school in which the community was involved.	Little change, meaning no loss of shopping facilities and other services. New housing should be built less densely, with open spaces	Potential for decline in services, as banks, PO, health services, etc, become increasing centralised and move away from Spilsby. Youth needs things like	Small, self-contained town, independent, not a 'dormitory' town like those nearer Lincoln. Safe, friendly, slow-paced, pleasant.

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52	Car parks on edge of town. Restrict cars in town (would make people walk a bit more). More police and traffic wardens to enforce the law.	All of it needs cleaning up. Parking illegally is clogging up the town centre. Speeding is a problem. No supervision to deal with this.	Back to the quiet little town it used to be.	Traffic, parking anywhere, speeding, vandals, skate boarders, rubbish in streets. Not dealt with. Massive lorries going through town centre.	Spilsby is a nice, compact, small town now getting taken over by traffic. Good shops, nice people.	Spilsby is a nice, compact, small town now getting taken over by traffic. Good shops, nice people.
53	Lincs Wildlife Trust, yoga group, Probus, Hundleby Footpath Preservation Society	A leisure centre and a swimming pool, skateboard park and cycle ramps.	Around the back of the Grammar School (old swimming pool and tennis courts).	More leisure facilities and proper sport and leisure facilities for young people.	Litter, parking, noise and vandalism on Friday and Saturday nights. No visible policing.	The people are very friendly and adjacent to lovely countryside. Small shops and tearooms.
54	None	Swimming pool. Leisure & gym use for over 50s	Majority of it, more off street parking, larger supermarket. NHS dentist.	Bring it up to date. More for the younger generation to do. More for the over 50s who want to keep fit.	Car parking. More houses being built and not enough facilities for the people coming in.	It is a lovely town but does not have the facilities of other towns. We need a swimming pool.
55	History Group	More leisure/swimming pool.	High Street is looking better but still needs improvement, ie congestion.	Maybe another food store.	High Street congestion.	A lively little market town that has all the amenities.
56			Demolish the bus stop, it is an eyesore. Remove 'pagodas'.	I am too old to care.	Traffic, High Street should have double yellow lines. Very large delivery pantechnicons should not go along Reynard Street.	
57	None	Community entertainment and sports facilities. Swimming pool, sports hall, cinema	Physically/geographically it is hard to improve the town. The doctors and education system cannot cope with increased	Traffic calming measures to Halton Road. An accident/disaster waiting to	Parking, vandalism, drug & crime problems.	At one time the socio/economic facilities of the town could cope with the population. Due to the authorities 'dumping' large

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58	Large supermarket and more dentists.	West End, Poole's Lane, Woodlands Avenue, all town, old Grammar School, Holton Road, Ancaster Avenue.	Nicer buildings, less houses, more shops, more seating and flowers, less vandalism and litter.	Vandalism, noise, litter, derelict buildings, too many imports of strangers, too much dog mess, too many cars parking on pavements.	At one time it was a perfect place. I live here because of living in Council property; only advantage is near to shops.	
59	Swimming pool, more for children.		Town centre needs tidying up and restored to its original historic market town feel. Spilsby doesn't need to move with the times, it is beautiful, just restore what used to make it Spilsby.	Nothing to do, upgrading to fit with modern times (it is not a modern town and should be respected for what it is).	It is a beautiful place, friendly, with loads of potential. There are ways of improving Spilsby without damaging its historic reputation.	
60	Library. Friends of Theatre.	A central skateboard area, near old swimming pool. Larger library.	Empty shops in town centre. Bus station congestion, parking throughout town.	More development like Chinese Restaurant. More high quality architecture inc modern and old. <u>Fewer</u> housing estates on green fields. No more expansion.	No co-ordination between organisations/ councils/county etc. The stupidity of Town Council (ignorant, narrow minded, parochial, self-important attitudes, vested interests). Lack of leadership in schools (children littering, aggressive, racist, threatening!). No bus route to Louth, Grimsby	A charming, small town/small population. Reasonable public transport, shopping. Open countryside all around. Good public footpaths. Theatre.
61	None	Leisure centre	None of it needed improving	Stop building	Too many houses being built and the doctors,	Near to the big shopping places.

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62	Free parking. Gym/fitness centre	George Hotel			etc, cannot cope with the amount of new residents.	
63	Partney Church Choir Twinning	A Learn Direct Centre, not just a 1- day outreach. Cinema. CCTV.	Boston Road car park area. Youth provision – improving but more could be developed.	Continue to improve market places etc. A Tesco would be good!	Parking on yellow lines: Non-progressive Council. The Chinese Restaurant is a big improvement on the Shades, which was a dump. Allow development, encourage investment.	Market, access, free parking by shops.
64	History, whist, church	Swimming pool, proper aerobics studio, local history centre, cinema, respite cottage hospital, dentist surgery.	Free parking, road signs to Hundleby and Spilsby on junction A16/A158. Better bus routing around market place. Bus service to new doctors' surgery.	Railway station, Sainsbury supermarket, sports centre for adults and children, cycle park or track, not on roads.	No pedestrian crossing on Ashby Road/Boston Road junction. Traffic congestion on Mondays. Potential for high- density housing.	N/A
65	History Society, WEA, Methodists	Doctors' surgery in the town, pathway to east of Alma Place.	35 Queen Street cut hedge, cannot walk on pavement. Old Grammar School needs renovating and using. Parking needed for Halton Road motorists, Bull Yard when surgery goes. Parking in Boston Road needs improving.	Another supermarket to cope with residential growth also to challenge Co- op and Somerfield. Get a new auctioneer for Monday auction, which brings people in from the coast.	Parking in Halton Road. No sanding of side streets in icy conditions. Lack of parking space on market days, giving joy to the traffic wardens.	It is large enough to have a range of traders but small enough to be friendly. It is near enough to Boston, Skegness and Lincoln for extra shopping. It is situated on a hill, no flooding! The sail is light and easy to work. There are organisations for old and young and a well run theatre. Shopkeepers know their customers and cater accordingly. The four

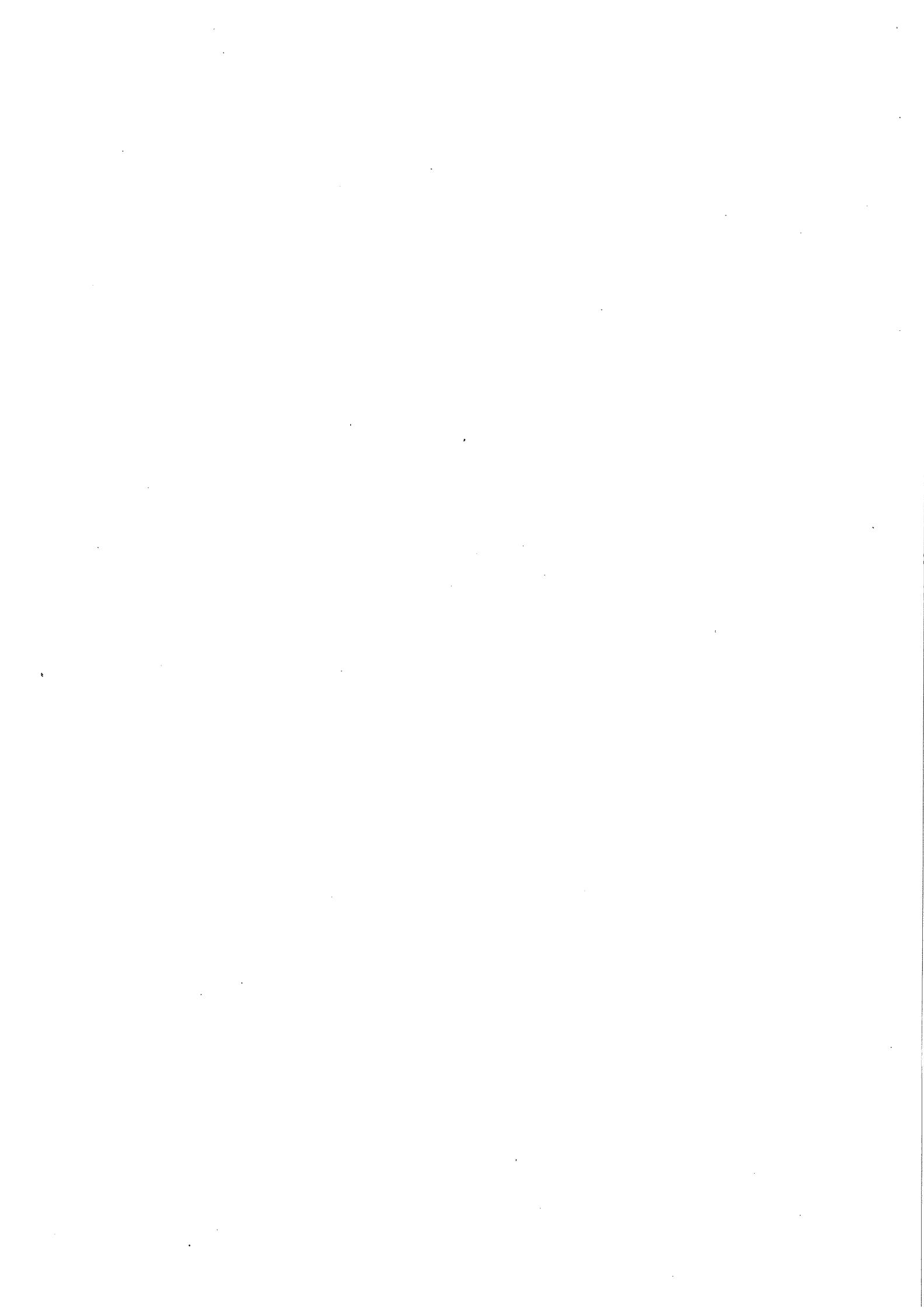
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						churches cater for every belief. Most of the inhabitants are ready to help their neighbours.
66	RBL Bowling club Art group Harlequins	Somewhere for pensioners to call into every day to have a chat over tea and maybe have a game of dominoes, cards and the like.	The whole of Spilsby needs cleaning up, on some pavements you get torn with prickly bushes etc on Boston Road. You have to walk on the road. Rubbish lying about is a disgrace.	I do not think you can change the layout any more. If land became available have a supermarket with car parking and a bus station.	Nowhere for people of all ages to go to for sporting activities at nighttime. We lost the swimming pool and are left with nothing.	I like Spilsby, the people and the area.
67	Indoor Bowling Club	Concerts and/or orchestras	Many footpaths are uneven and dangerous	Would be happy with a 'status quo'	Car parking. I believe it would be detrimental if car parking charges are re-imposed on the Post Office car park	Spilsby has everything one could desire in a market town. Visitors are favourably impressed with it.
68		Launderette. Somewhere for kids. Swimming pool.		Be more child-friendly	Parking, I am not able to park outside my house on Queen Street without getting a ticket	Everything is close by.
69		Swimming pool Facilities for the youth	Chinese Restaurant on Church Street		Parking	Relatively quiet, rural setting with access to larger towns.
70	Methodist Church	Skateboard park with ban on use elsewhere. Possibly school playgrounds being made available for the purpose	Poole's Lane	More Community Support Officers about when young people about (8 – 11pm) not when the schools are in session	Litter – despite best efforts of street cleaners. Problem made worse by failure to collect some items of rubbish especially from Poole's Lane resulting in extra expense of a special lorry.	Accessibility of shops round market place, friendly service of retailers, Main Road bus service, natural beauty of surrounding area.
71		Public swimming pool open again			Parking	Shopping
72	WI	The swimming pool modernised and back in use.	Cleanliness. More frequent road cleaning, lights and flowers at	More infrastructure to keep up with additional dwellings of	Street cleanliness. Pavements on the outskirts poorly	Good market town atmosphere, low crime and vandal rate, quiet and

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	The cinema refurbished and in use for communal purposes	festive times like other towns. The A16 approach to Spilsby is very shabby and yet when a business user tries to brighten it up, he is criticised	the past 2/3 years	Low police presence and delay in emergencies including ambulance.	maintained. Low police presence and delay in emergencies including ambulance.	peaceful
73	Swimming pool Leisure centre	The Gables Hospital site, what is happening to this it looks a mess!	As Spilsby appears to be growing rapidly with houses being built everywhere, isn't it time the facilities grew with the population ie larger supermarket, leisure and sport facilities, swimming pool. More encouragement should be give to new venture/business in Spilsby to stop it becoming a dying town!	There is nothing for the younger generation to do. If there was a leisure centre this might stop people hanging around town in the evenings, which appears to be causing problems/concerns.	Although expanding rapidly, Spilsby is still a 'quiet' market town with friendly people. You feel safe walking around both during the day and at night. East access to bigger towns, ie Boston, Lincoln and Skegness (provided you have your own transport). However, again I feel more should be done to provide somewhere for younger people to go.	
74	None	Leisure centre including suitable sports area for the young. Centralised medical facilities to include doctors, dentists, physio, hearing centre, dispensary, chiropody	Entrance/exit to town car park, accident waiting to happen by Post Office	Spilsby is a market town relying on its older population; any improvement is frowned upon as seen by new restaurant. Improvement/change will only come if younger generation sees a 21 st century change of attitude	Inconsiderate parking particularly by traders. Lack of parking on Mondays (market day)	Peaceful countryside Friendly atmosphere Relaxed shopping – no stress
75	None	Another surgery, better choice of shops, another park for younger children,	The High School children to be stopped hanging around outside shops at dinnertime. Cemetery	Modernised a lot more to help the youngsters other than them getting into	Too many houses, not enough facilities to cope	Nice, quiet, market town near to the coast, handy bus services to near villages, nice and scenic,

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		more disabled parking spaces and drop downs for all shops in the area for wheelchair users in the town	to be tidied up, grass cutters to tidy up after themselves better especially in Eresby Avenue area where there are old people's bungalows	trouble through boredom		majority of people are very friendly and helpful
76		A decent supermarket big enough to do all my weekly shopping and which would save a trip to grid-locked Boston	Grammar School area	Demolish the Gables and develop a decent sized supermarket on a good-sized site, the road is already there!	Parking and driving through the town. Youths who have nowhere to go. No CCTV.	Old-fashioned town, it is getting better and becoming a centre for decent eating!
77		Chinese (Shades) opened fully	Parking	Move with the times		
78	Slimming World	Sports centre, swimming pool, snooker hall, in general more sports facilities	More zebra crossings near Spilsby Primary School, traffic in the mornings is terrible on Ashby Road, more parking areas in the town	Nothing in the look of Spilsby, keep it a market town	Not having a Tesco, Asda or major supermarket and now Boston's Asda has moved we haven't got anything this side of Boston	To get away from the hustle and bustle of Skegness and Boston and to be not far from Grimsby and Lincoln
79	None	Zebra crossing in centre of town. Traffic calming on Ashby Road, Boston Road and in the town	Help for the shop keepers	Keep it as it is	Traffic going too fast. Somewhere for young people at night (club, sports, etc)	Everything I need in a close area
80	Wildlife Trust Methodist Circuit Events	A decent supermarket. Swimming pool	The bus shelter is a real eyesore. Leave Chinese Restaurant along. Clean up industrial	A decent Town Council. The ones at the moment are very out of date and some are too old!	Parking, litter and dog fouling. The Terrace is a disgrace around the paper shop- chewing gum etc	Closeness to family is the only reason we stop in Spilsby, Horncastle has much more to offer eg swimming pool, golf course,

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81	Sports/swimming Dentist	Sport/leisure, youth facilities	Carry on improving, keep the diversity of small shops, pubs and restaurants, not allow large chains to take over the town	Parking Dentist	Spilsby provides all shopping and most amenities needed today, it is a friendly, lively place to live. The opening of new restaurants and general improvements in the town centre has made it a lovely place to live. It is most important to keep the diversity of small shops and not allow a single large supermarket to turn it into a ghost town	large supermarkets and a bigger choice of shops
82	Supermarket				Lack of main roads linking with rest of country	None
83	None	Petrol pumps spoil the entrance to the town, people do not see the shops at the back and so drive through	Entrance	Something to slow cars and lorries in Vale Road into factory centre	Litter left from teenagers at night. The crossing at the corner of the church is in the wrong place, cars just swing so fast around there	Friendlier people than from other places, they will always have a good morning greeting and a chat
84	Swimming pool Cinema				Nothing for children to do	None
85	The church clock working. Zebra crossing at church cross roads	Footpath cleaning of gum outside Total News	Why is there space for two cars to park at the top of the Terrace (in front of Lloyds TSB) and yet they cannot be used or a parking ticket is issued. I cannot see what hindrance this would cause	Crossing the road in town	I was born in Spilsby and have always lived in or around Spilsby. You can shop, bank, buy clothes, schools and play areas are provided. Look after these and you have everything.	

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86	WI	Cinema, swimming pool, stage for amateur dramatics, skateboarding park	Phoenix Cinema needs pulling down and redeveloping. Alterations to Chinese Restaurant have <u>not yet</u> been carried out as recommended by Planning Authority	Kept as a market town and not too many more housing developments until services are increased	Not enough facilities, ie doctors, dentists, schools, etc	A nice friendly town which will lose this if allowed to develop too much
87		More play areas for kids	None	Don't know	Don't know	The school is not far and I can get a bus into Skegness. I do my food shopping here in Spilsby



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