

Objection to Policy Code SKPR-327

I wish to formally object to the proposal SKPR-327 on the following grounds, with explicit reference to relevant national and local planning policies:

1. Lack of Village Amenities

Barrowby's amenity provision is extremely limited: the village only has a small Co-op store, a community centre already barely fit for purpose, and a single pub—no healthcare, leisure facilities, or community services beyond these.

This undermines sustainability principles embedded in both local and national policy. As the Settlement Hierarchy Review stresses:

"To promote sustainable development in rural area, housing should be located where it will enhance or maintain the vitality of rural communities. Planning policies should identify opportunities for villages to grow and thrive, especially where this will support local services."

Moreover, Policy SP2 of the adopted Local Plan requires that development in villages must be aligned with SP3 (Infill development) or SP4 (Edge-of-settlement development), and must reflect "the character, needs and opportunities of each area"

Since Barrowby lacks the necessary services and cannot support enhancement through this development alone, SKPR-327 fails to satisfy Policy SP2's requirement that new housing should enhance existing services rather than undermine them.

2. Traffic Impact on Dysart Road (Barrowby to Grantham)

Dysart Road already suffers from congestion during peak periods as it is the main entry point into Grantham from Barrowby from that area of the village. Additional traffic to the A52 and A1 during peak hours would place schoolchildren and parents in greater danger due to the increased volume. Additional traffic from the proposed development would exacerbate congestion, elongate journey times, and raise safety concerns.

3. Strain on Physical Infrastructure

Essential utilities—such as drainage, sewage, electricity, and water—are already under pressure in Barrowby. The Local Plan expects that infrastructure must be delivered in tandem with new housing to achieve sustainability. Given that the development of Westry Corner and the Drift will increase the household count in Barrowby by 80% I do not see a sustainable solution being included in any prospective planning application.

4. Impact on Education Provision

Barrowby Primary School is already at or near capacity. The proposed development would generate a massive increase in demand for school places, which cannot be accommodated without overcrowding or forcing children to travel outside the village.

This breaches the Local Plan's requirements that education provision must accompany residential growth. No expansion strategy or funding mechanism is provided in the application documentation.

Policy Briefing Table

Policy Reference	Quotation or Summary	Reference to SKPR-327
NPPF (Paragraph 79)	"Promote sustainable development in rural areas... where this will support local services."	Barrowby cannot support additional housing without services.
SP2 (Local Plan)	Development must reflect "the character, needs and opportunities of each area" and follow SP3/SP4.	SKPR-327 does not align with Barrowby's circumstances or service capacity.

NPPF (Paragraph 111)	Refuse on highways grounds if impacts "would be severe."	Traffic increase via Dysart Road likely meets severity threshold.
Local Plan Infrastructure Principles	Infrastructure must be delivered in step with development.	SKPR-327 lacks any infrastructure delivery plan.
Education Requirements	New development must be supported by school capacity.	Barrowby Primary School cannot accommodate additional intake.

Conclusion

Planning application SKPR-327 is unsound and inconsistent with both national and local planning policy because it:

Fails to support or enhance local services, contrary to the requirement for rural sustainability (NPPF, SP2).

Exacerbates traffic congestion without mitigation, risking "severe" highway impacts (NPPF).

Overwhelms infrastructure with no evidence of coordinated upgrades.

Exceeds school capacity without proposing educational investment.

Therefore, this proposal should be removed from the 'Plan' as this proposal, along with SKPR-272 increases the households in Barrowby by 80% without any associated increases in infrastructure, amenities and education provisions.