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ST15 - MANAGEMENT OF TOWN CENTRES			
1652721	Resident	Increased residential facilities in the Retford town centre will obviously require spaces to park the occupants cars. There does not appear to be any consideration to the requirement for additional car parking within Retford. This would also need to be massively increased if Retford is to attract more visitors and greater footfall to boost the town's economy.	There is no evidence to suggest there is a deficiency in car parking provision within Retford Town Centre.
REF041	Retford Civic Society	Contains several references to Class F2a, notably in Policy ST15. It is unclear what this means. This Use Class relates to what could be described as village shops. Town centre uses generally now fall into either Class E or Class F. Because of this, it is impossible to know what the Council is proposing in relation to uses within town centres. This is an important area of policy and clarification is required.	The Council will clarify this within the updated version of the Bassetlaw Local Plan.
REF133	Scrooby Neighbourhood Area Plan	Page 74, Para C, Upper Floor Areas – Whilst the use of Upper floor areas of shop buildings is supported in a city / town environment it must not be allowed to “creep” into rural areas.	Noted. Thank you for your comment.
REF142	Retford Branch Labour Party	Retford Primary Shopping Area Boundaries mentions shops and businesses in a designated area of the town. The development of dwellings over business premises is supported, but there will be locations within that area that will support ground floor dwellings - will that be part of the Plan?	This is largely covered by changes to National Planning Policy and permitted development rights for change of use. However, more detail on local planning issues may be developed as part of the Retford Town Centre Neighbourhood Plan.

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REF169	Resident	page 74, para D.2b Welcome projects to improve pedestrian and cycle links in Retford.	Noted. Thank you for your comment.
REF197	Resident	(6.8.10) Do you mean "Retford Business Forum" or the Retford Town Centre Neighbourhood Planning Group...or both? Upper floor uses – what guidance will be issued to prevent town centres being populated with overly dense, small flats which have the danger of creating problems within the town?	Retford Town Centre Neighbourhood Plan is a recently designated Neighbourhood Plan Area where a group of local businesses and residents have come together to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the town centre. The Neighbourhood Plan will likely provide more detail on local planning issues for the town centre such as public realm, retail and residential development.
REF214	Historic England	This policy is welcomed and would assist with retaining character and vibrancy of high streets within the District.	Noted. Thank you for your comments.