North Kesteven
The average house price in North Kesteven in 2018 was £210,000. The median ratio of house prices to local earnings is 6.2. This is lower than the England average of 8.0, suggesting high house prices are unlikely to be a significant problem.

According to 2016 ONS data, the average price per square metre was £1,679 with the average price per bedroom £40,701 - the corresponding national average figures were £2,463 and £55,087.

New homes made up 12.2% of the total 2,235 sales recorded by the Land Registry in 2018. 3.3% of total sales were flats, and 87.8% were under £300,000. By comparison, 66.0% of transactions nationally were under £300,000.
Private rents in North Kesteven in the 12 months to September 2018 ranged from £395 per month for a lower quartile one bed to £995 for an upper quartile four (or more) bed property. The overall median private rent was £595, which is lower than the England average of £690, suggesting high private rents are unlikely to be a significant problem.

Social rents are approximately 60% of private rents in North Kesteven. Average social rents have increased 10.7% over the past five years, compared with 9.3% at national level.

Note: Social rents based on simple average of RP and local authority stock, or RPs only where no local authority stock (e.g. LSVT).
The median full-time earnings in North Kesteven were £30,671 in 2018, compared to £29,869 in England. Half of local full-time workers earn between the lower quartile of £19,604 and the upper quartile of £39,370, compared to national figures of £21,273 and £42,285.

This chart shows a simple comparison of initial mortgage costs and rents for a range of scenarios to represent potential FTB decisions.

**Note:** Buying scenarios based on average terraced house value (flat in London), lower of £600k (HTB limit) or average new build for HTB, and includes +3% mortgage rate stress test.
1. Affordability

House prices in North Kesteven in December 2018 are higher than their 2007/08 peak by 22.8%, compared with England at +27.3%. This suggests that rapid house price growth through the current cycle is unlikely to be a significant local problem. Values in 2018 increased by 4.6% annually.

An indicative rental yield (based on ave 2 bed rent vs. ave flat sales value) for North Kesteven is 6.1%, compared with 3.4% nationally.

This chart shows the change in mortgage lending across the postcode districts in North Kesteven. The total volume of lending in the 12 months to Q2 2018 was £2,785 million, compared with £2,805 million a year earlier, a change of -0.7%.
1. Affordability

Second homes

Source: Council Tax Base

0.4% of residential properties in North Kesteven were recorded as second homes in 2018 according to Council Tax Base data. This is significantly lower than the England average, suggesting high levels of second home ownership are unlikely to be a problem, though other sources should be considered.

% households in PRS

% all student PRS households

Source: 2001 and 2011 Census

10.7% of households in North Kesteven were rented privately according to the 2011 Census, compared to 6.1% in 2001. The England average changed from 8.8% to 15.4% over the same period.

0.1% of the PRS households in North Kesteven comprised only students in 2011, compared with 3.7% in England, suggesting students are not a significant part of the local PRS market.
1. Affordability

North Kesteven received an overall standardised score of 57.2 in the 2017 Social Mobility Index, compared to the England average of zero. North Kesteven ranks as 29/324 for overall score across all English local authorities for which data is available. Local house price affordability is unlikely to be a further barrier to social mobility in this area.

Employment in North Kesteven changed from 73.7% in 2014/15 to 81.9% in 2017/18; unemployment changed from 4.6% to 3.3%; and economic inactivity changed from 22.8% to 14.7%.

By comparison, employment in England changed from 73.6% in 2014/15 to 75.3% in 2017/18; unemployment changed from 5.3% to 4.2%; and economic inactivity changed from 22.2% to 21.3%.
Gross domestic household income in North Kesteven was £16,992 per person per year in 2016, compared with £13,538 in 2006. By comparison the figure for England changed from £15,349 to £19,878 over the same period. Based on this measure, North Kesteven is a relatively less affluent area.

Gross value added at district level was £16,528 per person per year in 2016, compared with £15,577 a decade earlier. By comparison the figure for England changed from £21,773 to £27,108 over the same period.

Source: ONS Regional Accounts
2. Availability

The measures of 'conventional' housebuilding for North Kesteven are shown in this chart. The 'official' MHCLG supply figures for 2017-18 recorded 561 new build completions (excluding any conversions or change of use). Over the same period 520 completions were recorded in the 'unofficial' quarterly data, along with 730 starts.

This chart shows total supply for North Kesteven. The 'official' MHCLG supply figures for 2017-18 recorded 578 net new homes in total (including conversions and change of use, and after demolitions), and the Council Tax Base changed by +571 homes in the same period.

EPCs issued for new homes are used as a lead indicator of supply and can often be used to estimate net supply: 639 were recorded in the 2018 calendar year in North Kesteven.
The net new supply in North Kesteven increased the existing housing stock by 1.2% in 2017/18. This is higher than the England average of 0.9%, suggesting the level of local supply is unlikely to be a significant issue. Note that the Government’s national target of 300,000 homes per year is equivalent to 1.3%.

The previous analysis in this section covers delivery of all tenures / by all types of developer. This chart shows only delivery of affordable housing. In North Kesteven 131 new affordable homes were completed in 2017/18: 7 for social rent, 49 for affordable rent and 75 intermediate affordable homes.
2. Availability

Population growth in North Kesteven is set to average 500 people per year from 2020 to 2041, with projected average annual household growth of 324 households over the same period. The average household size in 2020 is projected to be 2.30, and 2.21 in 2041.

The most recent figures show that North Kesteven delivered more new homes than required by the MHCLG Housing Delivery Test. 1,195 net new homes were supplied over the past three full years, compared with the 1,071 required. The result of the test is that no action is required.

Note: North Kesteven is assessed as part of a group of authorities for HDT purposes (Lincoln; North Kesteven; West Lindsey). Figures above apportioned from group total based on # of dwellings in each district - may not match other supply analysis.
These three charts show property characteristics for North Kesteven from the 2011 Census, compared to the national averages.
2. Availability

Turnover in North Kesteven was 5.5% in 2017 (the latest year with full data). This is significantly lower than the average before the global financial crisis (turnover from 2001-05 averaged 7.5%). For comparison turnover in England was 4.4% in 2017.

Note that the above analysis includes both standard Land Registry 'A' data and additional 'B' data (which covers repossessions, mortgaged buy-to-let and corporate transactions). In North Kesteven in 2017 there were 113 'B' sales, 4.7% of the total.

Source: 2011 Census

The proportion of homes with no usual residents in North Kesteven was 3.3% according to the 2011 Census. This level is lower than the England average of 4.3%.
2. Availability

47.9% of homes in North Kesteven had two or more spare bedroom, according to the 2011 Census. This is much higher than the England average, suggesting the distribution of housing is likely to be a significant problem.

1.8% of residential properties in North Kesteven were recorded as vacant in 2018 according to Council Tax Base data. This is approximately the same as the England average, suggesting high levels of vacant homes may be a problem.

Source: 2011 Census

Source: Council Tax Base

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Overall, the population of North Kesteven grew strongly between 2001 and 2017, changing by +22.1%. Overall growth at national level over the same period was +12.5%. By age, the largest single contribution to growth was from 70 year olds.

The overall population in North Kesteven changed by +1.3% due to migration in the 12 months to June 2017: +1.2% from domestic sources and +0.1% from international. By age, the largest single contribution to growth was from 22 year olds.
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3% of the LSOAs in North Kesteven are in the three most deprived deciles, based on the 2015 indices of multiple deprivation. This suggests it is an area of very low relative deprivation (the national average is 30%).

Residents of North Kesteven scored their life satisfaction at 7.98 out of 10 on average in 2017/18, compared to the England average of 7.68. The corresponding figures for 2011/12 were 7.73 and 7.41 respectively.

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This suggests that the local population may include a lower than average level of students, along with a higher than average level of older people.

The 65 and over population of North Kesteven is expected to grow by 47.3% from 2017 to 2041, according to the latest ONS population projections. This is compared to an overall population change of +11.7%. The corresponding national figures are growth of 51.7% and 12.1% respectively.
3. Suitability

In North Kesteven in 2019 there are expected to be 396.9 people of state pension age for every 1,000 working-age people, compared to an average of 286.8 at national level. By 2041 these rates are projected to reach 514.1 and 366.4 respectively.

The average life expectancy for people born in 2015-17 in North Kesteven is 81.0 years for men and 84.3 years for women. The equivalent national figures are 79.6 and 83.1 respectively.
North Kesteven has well below average public transport connectivity compared to the national figures, with an average travel time to reach the nearest 8 key services of 25.2 minutes (England average = 17.7).