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Dear Rob,

**H05-0729-25**

I write regarding the further application submitted by Mr and Ms O'Neil, c/o Carta Developers, following the refusal by South Holland District Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 of planning application number H05-0985-24.

As I set out in my formal objection to the plans, I have been contacted by local constituents who have expressed serious concerns about the potential loss of agricultural land, increases in vehicle movements on a long rural lane, and the safety of the intended access to the site, as well as concerns relating to the drainage of foul water and the waste disposal from the residential units and the stables.

Noting that, in the reasons given for refusal by SHDC, the risk of flooding is prominent due to "the proposal jeopardising the ability to maintain critical drainage infrastructure", an assessment backed up the South Holland Internal Drainage Board, it is vital that the applicant demonstrates, clearly and without ambiguity, how their proposals would not lead to an increased flood risk.

In addition, I note the Council's refusal highlights that it is unclear how safe access could be formulated on the site, noting that the plans are "likely to result in giving highway safety concerns for future residents, as well as maintenance teams from South Holland Internal Drainage Board when accessing the application site." Given this clearly fails to accord with the South East Lincolnshire



Local Plan or the National Planning Policy Framework, it is not clear what grounds for appeal could be.

I am concerned, too, that the application is not in keeping with the unspoilt rural character of the locale, and its approval could lead to additional development in the area, forever changing open vistas enjoyed for generations. Indeed, many constituents have highlighted that the proposed site would be highly intrusive from the viewpoint of their houses, given there are not even plans to mitigate the development in the form of trees, shrubbery or hedgerows.

Finally, I have been contacted by constituents who live close to the site and who testify that construction work is ongoing despite the application's refusal, and that caravans have been brought onto the site. I look forward to your swift enforcement of existing policy by removing the caravans and demanding that building work cease.

I would be grateful if you could treat my letter as an objection to this latest application.

Yours sincerely,

**The Rt Hon Sir John Hayes CBE MP  
South Holland and The Deepings**