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JE Piccaver – Onslow Camp

Ratonale for Exemption from Bio-diversity Net Gain Requirements

Note for purposes of ease of reading, J E Piccaver and Co (Gedney Marsh) we be referred to as J E Piccaver in the following report.

Background

Onslow Camp has provided high quality accommodation for seasonal workers since 2002. Currently the Camp accommodates up to 144 such workers.

Under the terms of the planning consent granted by South Holland District Council (SHDC), Onslow Camp is determined as being temporary and, other than the original farm buildings (which have been re-purposed as kitchen and recreation areas) the living accommodation is all semi-mobile. This comprises pre-fabricated 'cabins', which are placed on site in accordance with plans submitted to and approved by SHDC. Planning consent is renewable every 3 years and an application is currently under review with SHDC.



Onslow Camp – General Layout

Grounds for Exemption of Application H06-0270-26

The current application is solely for permission to continue the activities and therefore maintain the facilities that was granted prior to the application of BNG to the Town and Country Planning Act.

The current application does not constitute a 'development' inasmuch as no material change is proposed to any of the structures and facilities on the site.

Therefore, referring to https://www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-net-gain-exempt-developments

1. The application is exempt due to the original planning application having been made before 12 February 2024.
2. The application is exempt on the basis that it does not does not impact a priority habitat and impacts less than:
    a. 25 square metres (5m by 5m) of on-site habitat
    b. 5 metres of on-site linear habitats such as hedgerows