

Online Comment

Application	H06-0960-21
Location	NORFOLK HOUSE FARM MAIN ROAD GEDNEY DROVE END PE12 9PB
Proposal	Proposed glasshouse containing hydroponic growing system, glasshouse annex containing seeding & germination processes, main pack building, admin & welfare building, main plant room, external roads & hardstandings and landscaping.

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For/Against	Support

The following comment is intended to set out the view of South Holland District Council's Inward Investment Team on the JEPCO proposal from an economic perspective. The team seeks to make no comment on the merits of the application from a planning perspective, the details of which will be considered through the due planning process. The view of the council's Inward Investment team is that the proposal from JEPCO aligns closely with the council's own economic strategy to support investment in the agri-food/horticultural sector that drives innovation and productivity in the district. It is understood that, if approved, JEPCO will be investing in processes that will support innovation in hydroponic food production, resource optimisation, waste reduction and carbon reduction initiatives. The investment will also create 50 full time and 20 part time jobs, including higher skilled employment opportunities. All of these aims align strongly with the council's economic ambitions for the district, and the wider ambitions for Greater Lincolnshire which includes the ambition to develop Greater Lincolnshire as the UK's 'food valley' - a globally recognised location for innovation in food production.