MV Horticulture - Planning Application 1

Risegate House, Hedgefield Hurn, Gosberton Risegate, PE11 4JE

Proposal

Erection of one 39.05 m x 7.90 m agricultural polytunnel for horticultural plant production, together with a 100 m3 irrigation water storage tank and 6.00 m x 3.00 m pump house.

Site and use

The land forms part of the established MV Horticulture nursery and is used for agricultural/horticultural plant production. The existing approved polytunnel (permission H08-0036-26) is retained. The proposal uses the same low-profile agricultural/horticultural character.

Design and visual impact

The proposed polytunnel uses a galvanised steel frame and clear/translucent horticultural polythene. Its scale and appearance are typical of commercial horticulture. No external floodlighting is proposed.

Irrigation infrastructure

A 100 m3 galvanised steel irrigation tank (6.40 m diameter x 3.04 m high) and a 6.00 m x 3.00 m pump house are proposed at the west end of the new tunnel. The pump house accommodates irrigation pumps, filtration and controls. The tank supports efficient irrigation and water storage for nursery production.

Heritage

The previous approved polytunnel at the same nursery was assessed by South Holland District Council in relation to nearby heritage assets and was found acceptable. This proposal is of the same horticultural character and remains modest in height. No works to a listed building are proposed.

Flood risk and drainage

The site is in an area where flood risk is a planning consideration. The development is agricultural/horticultural infrastructure with no residential or sleeping accommodation. Roof runoff will be captured where practicable for irrigation storage in the proposed tank, with overflow dispersed to surrounding permeable nursery land. Finished ground levels are not proposed to be materially raised.

Access and amenity

No new or altered highway access is proposed. Existing nursery access and parking arrangements remain unchanged. The use remains agricultural/horticultural and does not introduce residential occupation, trade effluent, foul drainage or hazardous substances.

Conclusion

The proposal is directly related to the established horticultural nursery, is modest in height and utilitarian in design, and is intended to support efficient plant production.