The South Holland District Council has issued guidance in the matter of the provision of "Affordable Housing" in the district. In essence, the need has been identified in this district for affordable homes and the criteria for this assessment is defined in their Consultation Draft dated December 2003.

The Policy Guidance states that proposals for Affordable Housing may be permitted, as exceptions, on rural sites not identified for development provided that

1. The development meets an identifiable need.
2. It is subject to an Agreement which ensures that it remains as affordable housing for local people
3. it is in scale and character with the settlement in which it is located.

THE SITE

The proposed Five Bells site is on the southern edge of the community within the development boundaries of the village of Gosberton. The site is close to the school shops and garage and only a short distance from the village centre.



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