DECISION DELEGATED TO DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Application No:	**H13-0323-21**	**Applicant:**	**Moulton Medical Centre**
Proposal:	Installation of automated prescription collection machine and solid panel surround to front elevation with associated external works (removal of section of hedge and creation of new paving in front)		
Location:	Moulton Medical Centre High Street Moulton		
Terminal Date:	25th May 2021		

Planning Policies

South East Lincolnshire Local Plan - Adopted: March 2019

02	Development Management
03	Design of New Development

National Guidance

National Planning Policy Framework 2019

Section 12- Acheiving well designed places

Representations:

	Object	Support	No Obj.	Comments
PARISH COUNCIL	0	0	0	1
WARD MEMBER	0	1	0	0
HIGHWAYS & SUDS SUPPORT	0	0	0	1
OTHER STATUTORY BODIES	0	0	0	1

CASE OFFICER ASSESSMENT

Proposal

This is a full planning application seeking permission for the installation of an automated prescription collection machine and solid panel surround to the front elevation with associated

external works (removal of section of hedge and creation of new paving in front), at the Moulton Medical Centre, High Street, Moulton.

Site Description

Moulton Medical Centre is situated to the east of High Street and on the corner of East Cob Gate in Moulton. The area is predominantly characterised by residential development and the site is surrounded by a variety of dwellings of ages and design. A vacant industrial premises is to the north-east.

History

H13-1291-04 - Approved - Security roller shutter

Consultation Responses

Cllr A Casson - Support.

Moulton Parish Council- Would feel quite vulnerably placed and needs to be protected. Lighting to be placed above machine.

Lincolnshire Police - CCTV and Lighting are strongly recommended.

Local Highway and Lead Local Flood Authority - Does not wish to restrict the grant of permission.

Planning Considerations

Impact upon Character

The proposed prescription collection machine would be situated along the front elevation of the medical centre and would be set back in to the existing wall of the medical centre. The proposed machine is white and stainless steel, which is a contrast to the existing brick colour. There will also be a section of hedge removed in order to accommodate the machine in the wall. However, it is not considered that this would have a material impact on the character of the surrounding area given it's scale.

CCTV and lighting have both been recommended by Lincolnshire Police for security/safety purposes. The applicant has confirmed that the appropriate CCTV and lighting will be installed at the machine site for security and a condition will be added in order that the full details can be assessed prior to installation.

Overall, the proposal is considered to comply with Policies 2 and 3 in the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019 and Section 12 in the NPPF, 2019 in terms of visual impact.

Planning Balance

Section 38 (6) of the Town and Country Planning Act, as amended by the 2004 Act, states that the determination must be made in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The proposal will not materially harm the character or appearance of the locality and is therefore considered to be in accordance with Policies 2 and 3 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019.

Additional Considerations

Public Sector Equality Duty

In making this decision the Authority must have regard to the public sector equality duty (PSED) under s.149 of the Equalities Act. This means that the Council must have due regard to the need (in discharging its functions) to:
A. Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
B. Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those

who do not. This may include removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic; taking steps to meet the special needs of those with a protected characteristic; encouraging participation in public life (or other areas where they are underrepresented) of people with a protected characteristic(s).
C. Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not including tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.

The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

The PSED must be considered as a relevant factor in making this decision but does not impose a duty to achieve the outcomes in s.149. It is only one factor that needs to be considered, and may be balanced against other relevant factors.

It is not considered that the recommendation in this case will have a disproportionately adverse impact on a protected characteristic.

Human Rights

In making a decision, the Authority should be aware of and take into account any implications that may arise from the Human Rights Act 1998. Under the Act, it is unlawful for a public authority such as South Holland District Council to act in a manner that is incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights. The Authority is referred specifically to Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life) and Article 1 of the First Protocol (protection of property).

It is not considered that the recommendation in this case interferes with local residents' right to respect for their private and family life, home and correspondence, except insofar as it is necessary to protect the rights and freedoms of others (in this case, the rights of the applicant). The Council is also permitted to control the use of property in accordance with the general public interest and the recommendation is considered to be a proportionate response to the submitted application based on the considerations set out in this report.

Conclusion

The recommendation is for a delegated approval.