



31st January 2022

Mrs Polly Harris Gorf
Principle Planning Officer
South Holland District Council
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Spalding
Lincolnshire
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Reference H14-0012-22

Dear Polly,

I am happy to confirm that we have already consulted with all of the commercial tenants on the Bear Lane site regarding the planning application. This is the first step in successfully relocating these businesses, should the planning application be successful.

Following these preliminary discussions we are already aware of one tenant who wishes to retire and another who has located a suitable building currently under construction.

As detailed in the Supporting Statement there are numerous commercial premises to rent in the Spalding area (seven sites were identified in December 2021), which would suit the requirements of the existing tenants.

The measures we would use to relocate these businesses are as follows:

- 1) Write to the tenants confirming closure of the site in November 2023, which is the lease end date of all the tenancies on the site. This is to give the tenants the greatest time possible to successfully relocate.
- 2) Talk to the tenants to identify their ongoing space requirements.
- 3) With six months remaining (June 2023) conduct a thorough search of commercial premises available in the Spalding area,
 - a) from locally advertised buildings (Rightmove etc),
 - b) buildings on similar sites locally that are not advertised,
 - c) existing buildings that we own and let out,
 - d) new buildings being constructed but not yet completed
- 4) Write to the tenants highlighting the 3 most suitable sites for their relocation given their space requirement.
- 5) Work with the tenants regarding the moving date to assist with any lorry access requirements or handling of large items.

As documented in the Supporting Statement we previously assisted Ark ICK to relocate in 2014 using the approach above; a move which resulted in no employment loss and supported business growth.

We will assist our tenants to relocate in the same manner as outlined above which will result in their successful relocation.

Yours faithfully,

