Planning Application for Poly Tunnels at Herdgate Lane, Pinchbeck, Spalding

Planning Statement

1. The site is a field used for growing peonies.

2. For a few years a number of poly tunnels have been erected on the field to provide improved growing conditions during the spring and early summer. The poly tunnels are then folded away until required the following year. It is now proposed to increase the number of poly tunnels and the planning authority have requested a planning application.

3. The level of the field is approximately 3 m AOD as indicated by a survey level on OS plans.

4. Access to the land is obtained from a number of points around the field boundary . There is no fixed access point.

5. The poly tunnels are needed to ensure that the peony crop produces a maximum number of flowers of an acceptable quality. Flower growing is an important part of the local economy upon which many local residents are dependent for work.

6. Paragraph 28 of the National Planning Policy Framework promote the development and diversification of agricultural and other land-based rural businesses.

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