DECISION DELEGATED TO DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Application No:	**H16-0355-21**	**Applicant:**	**CP Media**
Proposal:	Install and display 4 non-illuminated roundabout sponsorship signs		
Location:	A16/A151 Holbeach Road Roundabout Spalding		
Terminal Date:	27th 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

NPPF: Section 12

PPG (Advertisements)

Representations:

	Object	Support	No Obj.	Comments
WARD MEMBER	0	0	0	0
HIGHWAYS & SUDS SUPPORT	0	0	0	1
SOUTH HOLLAND INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD	0	0	0	1
RESIDENTS	1	0	0	0

CASE OFFICER ASSESSMENT

Proposal

The application seeks advertisement consent for 4no non-illuminated signs to be located on the

roundabout. The signs would measure 1200mm (width) x 500mm (height), fixed into the ground using steel posts with the posts standing 350mm above the ground.

Site Description

The application site comprises a roundabout located on the A16/A151 Holbeach Road. The site is outside any settlement boundary and within the open countryside. The immediate area is characterised by various commercial units.

History

No relevant planning history.

Consultation Responses

South Holland IDB
No comments.

Lincolnshire County Council Local Highways Authority
No objection to the scheme as it does not consider the proposed advertisements to result in any unacceptable impact upon highway safety.

One letter of objection has been received from a local resident siting the following concerns:

·The signs would be unduly dominant, obtrusive and an alien feature in the street scene
·There is lack of information regarding contents of the displays
·The signs would be a distraction to motorists

Planning Considerations

Impact on amenity

The objections raised by a local resident with regards to the appearance of the signs and their impact on the street scene are noted, however, the proposed signage is considered to be minor in appearance given their size. The size and number of signs is considered appropriate for the site and would not result in a cluttered street appearance. The signs would sit on a big roundabout therefore they would be sufficiently spaced.

The proposal therefore accords with Policies 2 and 3 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019.

Highway/Public Safety

The concerns raised by the local resident are noted, however, the proposed signs would be non-illuminated and given their relatively low height and modest size they are not considered to result in any highway safety issues. In addition, Lincolnshire County Council Local Highways Authority has not raised any objection to the scheme as it does not consider the proposed advertisements to result in any unacceptable impact upon highway safety.

As such the proposal accords with Policy 2 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019 in terms of highway safety.

Planning Balance

The proposed signage is acceptable on amenity and highway/public safety grounds. There are no issues that outweigh factors in favour of the proposal.

Conclusion

In light of the above considerations the proposal is considered to be in accordance with Policy 2 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019 and Paragraph 132 of the National Planning Policy Framework, 2019.

A delegated approval is considered to be appropriate.

Additional considerations

Public Sector Equality Duty

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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

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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.

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