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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
SECTION 73A CONTINUATION

Reference: H18-0580-16 **Date of Decision:** 2nd August 2016

Applicant: Hargreaves Plants Ltd
Church Farm
Station Road
Hillington
Kings Lynn Norfolk
PE31 6DH

Location: Fields Farm Sutton Bridge Spalding

Description: Use of site for caravans for seasonal workers and its retention out of season for storage of caravans - approved under appeal decision H18-0691-03. Amend Condition 1 and remove Condition 2.

South Holland District Council hereby give notice that this application has been REFUSED for the above proposal for the following reason(s):

1 It is considered that the year round use of caravans for a purpose not essential at the application site is tantamount to the provisions of new dwellings of countryside and will be treated accordingly. In planning policy terms the site is situated in the open countryside where, under the provisions of Policies SG4 and HS7 of the South Holland Local Plan 2006, applications for residential developments are only permitted where an essential local need is proven. In the opinion of the Local Planning Authority the applicant has failed to demonstrate that such a need exists for general horticultural and agricultural workers housing in this location and the development is therefore contrary to these policies.

Furthermore, the site is not closely related to an established settlement limit, where services and facilities are located. As a consequence, current and future occupiers would be likely to have a high dependence on the use of motor vehicles to access local services which, no matter the distance of travel involved, would be contrary to one of the core planning principles to make the fullest use of public transport. Moreover, the reliance on

the motor car would increase carbon emissions, contrary to the requirements of the environmental role of planning. Paragraphs 14, 17 and 49 of the National Planning Policy Framework, 2012 indicate that new development should be in a sustainable location and contribute towards protecting and enhancing the environment.

The use of the land as a year round caravan site for agricultural and horticultural workers is considered to be an unacceptable intensification of a use intended to accommodate workers required to meet the specific, seasonal needs of Hargreaves Plants Ltd. The amenity of nearby dwellings will continue to be adversely affected by noise and disturbance occurring from the coming and going of agricultural workers at various times of the day and night. For these reasons the proposal would be contrary to Policies SG4, SG14 and HS7 of the South Holland Local Plan, 2006 which seeks to safeguard the amenity of adjacent residents and preserve of character of the open countryside.

2 The proposal site is located in Flood Zone 3 and represents a highly vulnerable flood risk use that would be would be subject to increased vulnerability between the months of November and March, which therefore renders the site unsuitable for year round use. The development is, therefore, considered to be unsafe on flood risk grounds and is contrary to guidance contained in Section 10 of the National Planning Policy Framework, 2012.

Notes:

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing it against all material considerations, including national guidance, planning policies and representations that have been received during the public consultation exercise. However, the issues are so fundamental to the proposal, due to the harm which has been clearly identified within the reason(s) for the refusal, that approval has not been possible.

This decision notice, the relevant accompanying report and the determined plans can be viewed online at http://planning.sholland.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningSearch

The determined plans are:
316.LP.01

Paul Jackson
Place Manager
South Holland District Council

BUILDING REGULATIONS:
This decision refers only to planning permission as granted under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The works that you are proposing may also require Building Regulations and this planning permission does not give authority under Building Regulations to commence work. Please contact the Building Control section for further information on 01775 764557 or bcadmin@sholland.gov.uk

RIGHTS OF APPEAL

Appeals to the Secretary of State

If you are aggrieved by the decision of your Local Planning Authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or grant consent subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or Section 20 of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

Timescales for appealing

The deadlines for appeals are calculated from the **date of decision** and are as follows for the types of applications below:

12 Weeks	6 Months	8 Weeks
Householder Applications	Planning Permission	Consent to Display Adverts
Minor Commercial Development	Listed Building Consent	
Agricultural Determinations	Other Prior Approval Applications	
Householder Prior Approval Applications		

Enforcement Notices

If an enforcement notice was served prior to the planning application being determined then the deadline for appealing is 28 days from the date of the **planning refusal**

If an enforcement notice is served after the planning application is determined then the deadline for appealing is 28 days from the date of the **enforcement notice** OR **the timescales stated above for each application type** from the date of the planning refusal - whichever is sooner.

All appeals must be made using an Appeal Form which you can get from The Planning Inspectorate at Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN (tel: 0303 444 5000) or you can submit your appeal online at:

http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/online/makeanappeal

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that the Local Planning Authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions it imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the

provisions of the development order and to any directions given under the order. In practice the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the Local Planning Authroity based its decision on a direction given by him.

For detailed information on appeals, appeal types and guidance on the appeals process please visit:

http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/planningappeals

Purchase Notices

If either the Local Planning Authority or the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land or grant it subject to conditions the owner may claim that he can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor can he render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

In these circumstances the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of the Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or Section 32 of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

Compensation

In certain circumstances compensation may be claimed from the Local Planning Authority if permission is refused or granted subject to conditions by the Secretary of State on appeal or on reference of the application to him.

These circumstances are set out in Section 114 and related provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Section 27 of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.