DECISION DELEGATED TO HEAD OF PLANNING

Application No:	**H18-0974-25**	**Applicant:**	**Lincolnshire County Council**
Proposal:	Proposed mechanical and electrical upgrade works to Crosskeys Swing Bridge		
Location:	Crosskeys Swing Bridge Bridge Road Sutton Bridge		
Terminal Date:	30th October 2025		

Planning Policies

South East Lincolnshire Local Plan - Adopted: March 2019

01	Spatial Strategy
02	Development Management
03	Design of New Development
04	Approach to Flood Risk
29	The Historic Environment
30	Pollution

National Guidance

National Planning Policy Framework December 2024

Section 2 - Achieving sustainable development
Section 4 - Decision-making
Section 9 - Promoting sustainable transport
Section 11 - Making effective use of land
Section 12 - Achieving well-designed places
Section 14 - Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change
Section 15 - Conserving and enhancing the historic environment

Representations:

	Object	Support	No Obj.	Comments
SHDC INTERNAL	0	0	0	1

CASE OFFICER ASSESSMENT

South Holland District Council (SHDC) wishes to make the following comments on application Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) Reference PL/0059/25.

Development Plan

The adopted South East Lincolnshire Local Plan 2011-2036, adopted March 2019 (SELLP), is the development plan for the district, and is the basis for decision making in South Holland.

The Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Core Strategy and Development Management Policies (adopted June 2016) (CSDMP) is an adopted document and the policies contained therein should be given great weight in the determination of planning applications.

The policies and provisions set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, December 2024 (NPPF) are also a material consideration in the determination of planning applications, alongside adopted Supplementary Planning Documents.

There are no adopted Neighbourhood Plans for the area within which the site is located.

The main considerations of relevance in this case are summarised below.

Heritage Impact

Section 16 of the NPPF sets out the importance of assessing the impact of proposals on the setting of designated and non-designated heritage assets, to ensure that proposals preserve and enhance these assets. For example, Paragraph 212 of the NPPF sets out the following:

"When considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset's conservation (and the more important the asset, the greater the weight should be). This is irrespective of whether any potential harm amounts to substantial harm, total loss or less than substantial harm to its significance".

Paragraph 213 of the NPPF further sets out the following:

"Any harm to, or loss of, the significance of a designated heritage asset (from its alteration or destruction, or from development within its setting), should require clear and convincing justification".

Policy 29 of the Local Plan (Section A, Part 3) sets out that proposals that would affect the setting of a Listed Building will be supported where they preserve or better reveal the significance of the Listed Building.

The site features a grade II* listed structure. The council's conservation officer has set out the following in relation to the proposals:

"I wish to raise no objections to this proposal. The application is for the modernisation of various mechanisms within the function of the swing bridge. The application proposes the installation of new mechanical, and electrical instrumentation alongside the historic which is to be retained, though made redundant and subject to no further operational load. As a result of the fact that the historic equipment is proposed to be retained in situ, any harm may only be derived from the installation of the new. Whilst this is the case, plans indicate that the new equipment is to be installed in a manner which does not fundamentally alter or distort the manner in which the listed bridge is appreciated, nor in one which presents any major undue risks to the special interest in this designated asset. Nevertheless, what harm could be said to be inherent to the installation of new equipment is, I would suggest, outweighed by the public benefit of ensuring the maintenance and good running order of this crucial and heavily used piece of public road and water infrastructure."

Therefore, SHDC does not wish to raise any objections to the proposals in terms of the potential impact on the designated heritage asset within the site.

Conclusion

SHDC does not wish to raise objections to the proposed development in terms of any other material considerations.