

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

District: East Lindsey District Council

Application number: N/160/02480/23

Application Type: Full - Major

Proposal: Planning Permission - Replacement of existing weir with new structure, fish and eel pass, hydropower unit, footbridge, landscaping and associated works within the curtilage of a listed building

Location: South Ormsby Hall, Brinkhill Road, South Ormsby, Louth, LN11 8QS

Response Date: 16 January 2024

This report includes the Substantive response of the Local Highway and Lead Local Flood Authority to a planning consultation received under the Development Management Order and includes details of any planning conditions or informatives that should be attached in the event that permission is granted and any obligations to be secured by way of a S106 agreement.

General Information and Advice

Please note that although the Definitive Map and Statement proves the existence of any recorded rights of way, there may be further or higher rights that are not shown on this document that the County Council is not currently aware of. This would be especially relevant where the public has had informal access to the site or where there are references to routes across this in maps or other historic documents. As the County Council has received no application to recognise further rights of way affecting the site, no more informed guidance can be offered at this stage.

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Highway and Lead Local Flood Authority Report

Substantive Response provided in accordance with article 22(5) of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015:

Recommendation: No objection

The proposal is for the replacement of existing weir with new structure, fish and eel pass, hydropower unit, footbridge, landscaping and associated works within the curtilage of a listed building and it does not have an impact on the Public Highway or Surface Water Flood Risk.

As Lead Local Flood Authority, Lincolnshire County Council is required to provide a statutory planning consultation response with regard to Drainage on all Major Applications. This application undertakes works as follows The existing weir has been leaking under and around the structure for some time and after recent rainfall events when the lake levels rose, the flow rates have significantly increased.

Although short term measures have been taken to reduce the leakage there is a risk of sudden failure that would result in rapid drain down of the lake and cause flooding downstream.

It is therefore proposed to undertake emergency works to secure the lake and allow the hydraulic pressure to be reduced on the weir structure.

The works are proposed to consist of a line of U section steel sheet piles driven on the upstream side of the weir structure extended into the banks of the lake at each end. The alignment of these is proposed to avoid any hard bed structure on the upstream side of the existing weir and be cranked in plan on the northern side to avoid the root protection area of the trees on the northern bank (by being located in the lake in this area). The top of the piles that will form the temporary crest will be at 40.50m AOD, 100mm above the existing weir crest.

A further semi-circular line of piles will be driven upstream of the temporary crest to form a potential upstream cofferdam to facilitate the construction of the permanent weir should planning consent be granted for this.

Lincolnshire County Council as LLFA have been consulted and have confirmed that the emergency works are unlikely to require land drainage consent. Therefore the Lead Local Flood Authority does not consider that this proposal would increase flood risk in the immediate vicinity of the site.

No Objections

Having given due regard to the appropriate local and national planning policy guidance (in particular the National Planning Policy Framework), Lincolnshire County Council (as Highway Authority and Lead Local Flood Authority) has concluded that the proposed development would not be expected to have an unacceptable impact upon highway safety or a severe residual cumulative impact upon the local highway network or increase surface water flood risk and therefore does not wish to object to this planning application.

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Officer's Title: Senior Development Management Officer

Date: 16 January 2024