

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

District: East Lindsey District Council

Application number: S/013/00277/24

Application Type: Full

Proposal: Planning Permission - Excavation of land to form 6no. wildlife ponds

Location: Proposed site of conservation ponds south west of Manor farm, Main Road, Belchford

Response Date: 9 April 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 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.

Comments:

The proposed location for the wildlife ponds is a significant distance from the nearest public highway. Given this distance, there will be minimal impact on highway safety. The access route for machinery (tracked 360 excavator) follows existing farm tracks and enters field parcels through existing gates. Machinery will adhere to trackways, minimising any disturbance to traffic flow. The proximity of the ponds to the public highway does not raise any safety concerns.

The excavation works for the ponds are not expected to affect highway capacity. The proposed site is situated away from major traffic routes, ensuring that traffic flow remains unaffected. The low bund (0.5-1m in height) around the pond edge will not significantly alter the existing landscape.

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 details how the ponds will have little or no groundwater interaction and the spoil generated during excavation will be retained on-site and spread on permanent grassland farmland near the pond. Therefore the Lead Local Flood Authority does not consider that this proposal would increase flood risk in the immediate vicinity of the site.

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