

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

**District: South Kesteven District Council**

**Application number: S24/1035**

**Application Type: major planning application**

**Proposal: Change of use - from agricultural to nature reserve**

**Location: Bourne North Fen Nature Reserve, Spalding Road, Twenty, Bourne, PE10 0AU**

**Response Date: 2 October 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 for No objection subject to:**

### **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.

### **Introduction/Site Location**

This is an agricultural site with agri-environment stock grazing and arable land use in equal amount. The proposal is to use this site to work with drainage authorities and farmers in exploring working wetland landscapes and crops such as reeds, water farming, specialist grazing which are environmentally sustainable, support wildlife.

### **Existing Conditions**

This is low fenland area, going southwest to northeast with low pockets of ground. Drains are present and provide a boundary around most of the site.

### **Highway safety/Highway capacity**

Existing access is via a 1km farm track off the A151 Bourne to Spalding Road at the side of the property at 40 Spalding Rd. PE10 0AU. BSIDB and the Environment Agency (EA) maintain access to the site via the Bourne Eau Pumping Station.

No new access works are proposed currently. The site is not open to the public, although small numbers of visitors accompanied by a Warden or LWT employee/volunteer.

### **Flood Risk and Drainage**

Expanding water management works to engage with the wider catchment issues and opportunities such as water resource, quality, flood risk management.

This will include inlet Sluice and pipes, solar pump and reedbed polishing.

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**Officer's Title: Senior Development Management Officer**

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