

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 10.15 am AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
PINFOLD LANE, HOLTON LE CLAY.**

Present: Councillor D Springett (Chairman)

Councillor T Dodge

Councillor M Boon

In attendance: E Portas (Clerk/RFO)

One member of the public

7. CHAIRMANS WELCOME:

The Chairman welcomed all those present and thanked them for their attendance.

8. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None.

9. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

10. PLANNING MATTERS:

Planning Application Reference: DM/0761/23/FUL

Proposal: Erect 250 dwellings with associated garages, open space, landscaping, drainage, emergency access and associated infrastructure with new access from Louth Road

Location: Land At Louth Road New Waltham North East Lincolnshire

Observations required no later than 16th September 2023

Holton Le Clay Parish Council has given this application careful consideration and would like to raise the following points:

- The single point of access from the A16 is of great concern. With the proposed new dwellings on this site alone, it could potentially add 500+ vehicles to an already congested road. Added to the new developments planned for the surrounding villages of Holton le Clay and North Thoresby – the potential for extra vehicles on this road could reach

around 2000 - all trying to get in and out of Grimsby at peak travel times.

Alternative routes into Grimsby such as Cheapside and Holton Road will undoubtedly become rat runs for traffic caused by people looking for ways to avoid the congestion on their commute to work causing more pollution due to increased travel distance, negating any savings outlined within the travel plan.

- The extra vehicles on the A16 pose a significant danger to the children for a variety of reasons:
 - Firstly – their travel to school will become more perilous as they try to navigate their way through the traffic to get to school. It is only a matter of time before a fatality occurs with this combination of school children and car drivers using the road at the same time.
 - Secondly, the air pollution caused by the standing traffic and exhaust fume emissions will surely be a health hazard as they breathe in the polluted air both during their walk to school and also when they are in lessons with the windows open.
 - When the school children are using the Pelican Crossing in the morning and afternoon, the traffic lights will cause further congestion rather than alleviate it.

- The Parish Council is deeply concerned about the wildlife that will be displaced if this plan is given the go-ahead. The ecology survey that was carried out in 2021 showed populations of barn owls, rabbits, red deer, foxes, greater crested newts and potential nesting spots for bats and water voles. The destruction of natural habitats for these animals will not only impact the wildlife that are already living on the site but will negatively impact future wildlife settlements. Since the production of the Ecology Report, several major hedgerows and trees have been removed from the site and we believe that a more current survey and report is necessary and should be requested.

- Will NELC be requesting a report from Stagecoach to enquire how the current provision of bus services will cope with the additional travellers? Surely further provision will be needed in order to cope with the extra demand? The Travel Plan indicates that new bus stops will be installed but there is no mention of additional buses to cater for the additional travellers. Unless there is a significant increase in the number of buses, car usage will not be reduced.

- The Travel Plan provided by Cyden Homes suggests that the new site will be within a 2km walking/cycling distance to access local shops in

New Waltham. This assumes that residents are able-bodied but how are different and lesser-abled residents going to cope with this and what provisions have been made to cater for them?

- The Travel Plan was written during a time of national lockdown and therefore does not accurately reflect the number of vehicles that are using the A16 on a daily basis.
- How are the local schools and doctors' surgeries going to cope with the additional pressure from service users in an already strained and over-subscribed area? The quality of life for many residents will be greatly impacted as many people already have considerable difficulty accessing a GP service due to the high demand placed on the already stretched medical facilities in the area.
- In addition to the extra demands on schools and GP surgeries, how will NELC cope with the extra refuse collections? Refuse and recycling collections are already struggling to deal with the waste generated by existing homes with bin collections not being made so it is a concern that the council will be unable to support the additional collections needed for more new homes.
- Within the Grimsby area, there are a large number of Brown Field Sites that could be used for building new developments. Why then are developers so keen to create a Doughnut Effect by constantly building on green spaces in the outer areas of towns and cities?

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

To be arranged.

SIGNED _____

DATED _____