

134453

S/190/01137/16/IC

Mr I. Carrington

01507 613170

ian.carrington@e-lindsey.gov.uk

14 June 2016

Planning Department,
West Lindsey District Council,
Guildhall,
Marshall's Yard,
GAINSBOROUGH,
Lincolnshire.
DN21 2NA

BY EMAIL AND HARD COPY

Dear Sirs,

APPLICANT: West Lindsey District Council,

PROPOSAL: Change of use of land from agricultural land to clay pigeon shooting club and other outside activities.

LOCATION: Land at Bardney Airfield, Gautby Road, Bardney LN8 5JN

Thank you for consulting this Council on your application No 134453 relating to change of use of land from agricultural to a clay pigeon shooting club and other activities.

East Lindsey District Council objects to the application.

1. My Council notes the thread of economic development in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), and in particular the provisions of paragraph 28 relating to sustainable economic development in rural areas. However any economic benefits of the proposal are in our view outweighed by the material harm which would be caused to residential amenity and the character of the locality.

2. We note that a number of local residents have objected to the scheme, and are concerned that from their evidence it appears the documents submitted in support of the application do not appear to map the positions of residential neighbours accurately, or indeed include all relevant dwellings. This undermines the noise assessment provided and we do not believe it can be accepted with confidence sufficient to justify the application.

3. We also note that the location is in an open countryside area of tranquil rural character. The sound of gunfire travels widely, and the degree and intensity of use and the proposed hours of opening are such that it will have a significant impact on those living in the vicinity. The site is in West Lindsey but its impact will be felt in this District, and for information the relevant East Lindsey Local

Plan Policy is A4. This acknowledges that most development will have some impact on amenities but sets the test of being 'unacceptably harmful' to warrant refusal. We believe that this development would cause such unacceptable harm.

4. We also refer to paragraph 123 of the NPPF, which states that planning decisions should 'avoid noise from giving rise to significant adverse impacts on health and quality of life as a result of new development'. In our view the applicant has failed to demonstrate that the application could be safely implemented without causing material adverse impacts to the quality of life of residents of both East and West Lindsey and therefore would be contrary to paragraph 123.

5. Not only is the general area characterised by rural tranquillity, it also contains valuable rural biodiversity and public space resources, not least Bardney Lime Woods. My Council believes that the proposed use would cause material harm to the tranquil nature of these public spaces with consequent damage to their character and to general public amenity.

In summary East Lindsey District Council believes that the information supporting the application is inadequate and appears to be in part inaccurate. We believe the proposal will have significant harmful effects on residential and public amenity and on the character of a tranquil rural part of the District and believe the application should be refused for the reasons set out above.

Yours faithfully

IAN CARRINGTON

Planning Department