



PLANNING COMMITTEE SOUTH - UPDATE SHEET

27 JUNE 2023

Item 6 – DC/23/0830/OUT – Outline consent with all matters reserved for three new market dwellings at Seven Gardens Road, Burgh.

Correction to officer report: **Para.6.21** to be amended as follows: ‘...there is **no** roadside hedgerow...’

Additional Non-statutory consultee response

Comment received 21 June from ESC Senior Ecologist concerning bee orchids in response to the points raised during Parish Meeting [*“The field edge at this location contains Bee Orchids. There needs to be an environmental impact assessment/ecology survey carried out on the site before planning permission is granted”*].

East Suffolk Council Ecology:

‘Bee orchids are widespread and locally frequent in Suffolk, particularly on the boulder clay (which runs approximately south-west to north-east through the county) where they can be found in large numbers (Flora of Suffolk, 2010). Given that it is a widespread species it has no specific conservation status, it also has no specific legal protection beyond that afforded to all wild plants under section 13 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) (as amended) (basically it is only an offence to uproot it without the permission of the landowner). Bee orchids require grassland that is cut or grazed otherwise they are out competed by more vigorous plants and grasses, this is why they can often be found on road verges that are subject to periodic mowing by the highways authority.

The proposed development is understood to include the construction of three new vehicular accesses to the site which will result in some loss of the existing verge, however as the remainder of the verge is to be retained potential areas for bee orchids will remain provided that the detailed landscaping proposals for the development do not include hedgerow planting within or immediately adjacent to the existing verge. Dependent on the exact locations of any orchids (which will vary from year to year) there is also the potential that they could be translocated within the verge to allow creation of the accesses. As this is an outline application and these are

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matters of detail it does not seem unreasonable for them to be dealt with at the Reserved Matters stage’.

Item 8 – DC/22/0103/FUL – Siting of a temporary observation wheel for a maximum of six months at Felixstowe Promenade, Sea Road, Felixstowe

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4.1 Two additional third-party letters of objection received raising issues similar to those previously reported:

- Loss of garden area / public land
- Overbearing, too big
- Spoil outlook from property which has sea view
- Loss of privacy.
- Construction noise.
- Light pollution at night.
- Flood area.
- Safety issues due to wind.
- Access and safety issues for pedestrians.
- Not enough parking already to accommodate visitors.
- Will encourage more antisocial behaviour, more litter etc.
- Not environmentally friendly
- Detrimental to traditional charm of Felixstowe
- Won't be an attraction in years to come

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East Suffolk Council Ecology - Based on the available information the proposed development appears unlikely to result in any significant adverse impacts on designated nature conservation sites, protected species or UK Priority habitats or species (under section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act (2006)).

East Suffolk Council Coastal Management Team – no objections. This sits behind the coastal management team's assets, so will not impact us.