

**PLANNING COMMITTEE DATE: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Agenda item: 8**

**APPLICATION NO: F/YR24/0424/F**

**SITE LOCATION: Land East of Mill Hill Roundabout, Wimblington Road, March, Cambridgeshire**

**PROPOSAL: Change of use of land to dog exercise area, installation of secure fencing up to 1.8m high (max), erect shelters and formation of new access and car parking**

### **UPDATE**

#### **1. Further comments**

1.1 Consultation Response Received from FDC Environmental Services (Refuse collection) which states;

*“We have ‘no objections’ to the change of use.”*

1.2 A Statement has been received from Applicant in response to the Committee Report. A full copy of the statement can be found at:

<https://www.publicaccess.fenland.gov.uk/publicaccess/>

In summary, the statement outlines their justification for the proposed development, including matters related to:

- Community Need and Popularity
- Biodiversity and Landscape Enhancement
- Minimal Visual Impact
- Precedent of Existing Developments
- Future Demand
- Alignment with Policy LP16
- Local Support and Social Benefits

Officers consider the matters contained within the statement do not provide sufficient evidence to overcome the detrimental impact of development on the countryside character of the area, contrary to Policies LP12 (a), (c), (d) and LP16 (d) of the Fenland Local Plan 2014 and DM3 of Delivering and Protecting High Quality Environments in Fenland SPD 2014 as set out within the reason for refusal.

**Recommendation:** REFUSAL – The above update does not alter the original recommendation as set out at section 11 of the report (page 75 of the agenda).