

**Waldringfield Parish council's response to planning application:
Submitted via the planning portal on 12 Dec 2024**

DC/24/0448/FUL - Change of use of agricultural land for the storage of up to 49 caravans/motorhomes and associated permeable surfacing, 2x CCTV cameras, and erection of boundary fencing: Part Land At, Foxburrow Farm, Waldringfield Road, Brightwell, Ipswich Suffolk

This application originally submitted in Feb. 24. It sought permission for the storage of "up to 75 caravans".

WPC **OBJECTED** to the application for a number of reasons including:

- a) the environmental impact that would result from an operation of that scale
- and
- b) the "change of use of agricultural land" which appears to seek a permanent change from agricultural to commercial, thereby changing permanently the character of the land and its future uses.

Reviewing the more recent documents we note that a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal has been submitted and the number of caravans have been reduced to "up to 49", but, the applicant appears to still be applying for a "change of Use of agricultural land" on a permanent basis which is of great concern to the parish council.

However, after much discussion WPC has concluded that we would **NOT OBJECT** to this application providing that any planning consent includes the following conditions.

- a) A condition to ensure that the planning permission is for a limited a period/number of years ie "a temporary change of use".

NB There is a precedent for this at the Foxburrow Farm site – see DC/13/2252/FUL – condition 3.

See also 6.20 of the original Supporting Statement *"The proposal is also entirely reversible. Where there a time where the use was no longer required, the site can readily be returned to its former condition"*

- b) Enforceable conditions to ensure prior approval by ESC and delivery by the applicant of matters covered by paragraphs 5.2 & 5.3 of the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal.