HOLME PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk: [redacted]

2nd January 2024

Dear Development Management, Huntingdon District Council

APPLICATION REF. 24/02052/OUT - Erection of two residential dwellings -
Land Adjacent Pig and Whistle Yard, Station Road, Holme

Holme Parish Council recommend approval of the above application with the proviso that a condition regarding a footpath and pedestrian crossing is included. The rationale is as follows:

This brownfield site is ripe for redevelopment and the old buildings are redundant and unattractive. Access already exists and is acceptable although some trees will need to be removed or cut back to provide visibility splays to modern standards.

As previously stated, Holme Parish Council are adamant that the provision of the indicated footpath should be a condition of any planning permission granted along with the provision of a safe pedestrian crossing over the B660 at an appropriate safe distance from the Pingle Bank corner.

A simple dropped kerb is considered completely insufficient. A belisha crossing as a minimum or a pelican crossing is considered the only way to cross safely to the footpath which runs on the other side of Station Road, given the high traffic levels along this road.

Particularly in the winter months this unlit road with an unlit/unmarked crossing would be very dangerous given that the average traffic speed along the B660 taken from the Speed Indicator Device is currently over 40mph in a 30mph zone and speeds are as much as 80mph. Speed Indicator Device data can be provided if required.

Holme Parish Council also expressed the view that it would be desirable for the B660 crossing to be covered/designed in a joined up approach with the applicant of 20/00923/REM (25 homes off Pingle Bank, with S106 footpath and pedestrian crossing over B660. Obviously two crossings in close proximity are undesirable and unnecessary. This positioning of the crossing point is preferred over the proposal in 00923, being further away from the junction of Station Rd/ Pingle Bank.

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