

Minutes

Planning Committee

Thursday, 28 August 2025, 1.00 pm

Council Chamber – South
Kesteven House, St. Peter's Hill,
Grantham, NG31 6PZ



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL

Committee Members present

Councillor Penny Milnes (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Harrish Bisnauthsing
Councillor Pam Byrd
Councillor Patsy Ellis
Councillor Paul Fellows
Councillor Tim Harrison
Councillor Gloria Johnson
Councillor Max Sawyer
Councillor Sarah Trotter
Councillor Mark Whittington

Cabinet Members

Councillor Phil Dilks (Cabinet Member for Planning)

Other Members present

Councillor David Bellamy
Councillor Richard Dixon-Warren

Officers

Emma Whittaker (Assistant Director of Planning and Growth)
Phil Jordan (Development Management & Enforcement Manager)
Adam Murray (Principal Development Management Planner)
Kevin Cartwright (Senior Planning Officer)
Miranda Beavers (Senior Development Management Planning Officer)
Craig Dickinson (Development Management Planner)
Amy Pryde (Democratic Services Officer)
Martha Rees (Legal Advisor)

29. Register of attendance and apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Charmaine Morgan, Paul Wood and Vanessa Smith.

Councillor Max Sawyer substituted for Councillor Vanessa Smith.

30. Disclosure of interests

Councillor Tim Harrison disclosed a personal interest agenda item 7, he would not participate in the debate or vote and would leave the Chamber for this application.

Councillors Tim Harrison and Patsy Ellis queried whether they had an interest in agenda item 8, due to the application being within or adjacent to their Wards,

The Chairman clarified agenda item 8 was not a planning application and was a lawful development certificate. The Councillors were advised they were able to remain present for agenda item 8.

The Vice - Chairman made the following statement:

'With regards to items 8 and 9 of the Agenda, I make a declaration on behalf of all members that whilst it is acknowledged that the applicant is the Council, this will not affect how members of the planning committee determine the application. All members have been trained and will determine the applications in accordance with their planning training and with an open mind. Any member who does not feel they are open minded to determine the applications should make a declaration to that effect and not vote on the application.'

31. Minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2025 were proposed, seconded and **AGREED** as a correct record.

(The Committee adjourned for a 2 minute break, due to a technical issue).

32. Application S23/0404

Proposal: Proposed Office and Production Building

Location: Land Off Hards Lane, Frognall

Recommendation: That the application is approved conditionally

Noting comments in the public speaking session by:

Cabinet Member for Planning

Councillor Phil Dilks

Together with:

- Provisions within SKDC Local Plan 2011-2036, National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Deepings Neighbourhood Plan.
- Comments received from Environmental Protection Services (SKDC)
- Comments received from LCC Highways & SuDS Support
- Comments received from Welland & Deepings IDB
- Comments received from Environment Agency
- Comments received from Heritage Lincolnshire

- Comments received from Deeping St James Parish Council

During questions to officers and debate, Members commented on the following:

- Concern was raised on design and landscaping, further information was requested.

The Senior Planning Officer confirmed a two-metre strip of landscaping had been proposed, along the frontage of the site. It was clarified existing trees were on the verge more forward of the application site boundary. A requirement of a condition for details to be submitted for landscaping was proposed within the Officer report.

- A query was raised on where water and drainage would be discharged.

It was clarified that at the rear of the site was Frognall Drain where drainage would empty into the drain at a rate agreeable with the drainage board. Prior to being discharged to the drain, any water and drainage would be stored and released from the underground tanks on site.

- Whether solar panels and UV charging points were conditioned.

A condition was proposed that required the Applicant to demonstrate what sustainable techniques they wish to provide to address climate change.

- Whether the Applicants were retaining their other existing sites.

The Senior Planning Officer noted the submission was not clear as to whether the Applicants would retain other sites or run this proposed site parallel and then relocate to the adjacent site.

- Whether any discussions had taken place on scope or voluntary opportunity for biodiversity net gain measures such as habitats.

It was confirmed there was limited opportunity due to the footprint of the building occupying the majority of the site. There was a nine-metre easement to the back of the site, which would act as a contribution towards biodiversity net gain.

Final Decision:

It was proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the application conditionally:

Time Limit for Commencement

- 1 The development hereby permitted shall be commenced before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: In order that the development is commenced in a timely manner, as set out in Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

Approved Plans

2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following list of approved plans:

- i. Site Plan Proposed Dwg. No. 02D
- ii. Ground Floor Plan – Proposed -Dwg. No. 03A
- iii. First Floor Office – Second Floor Office -Proposed Dwg. No. 06B
- iv. Elevations Proposed – Dwg. No. 04A

Unless otherwise required by another condition of this permission.

Reason: To define the permission and for the avoidance of doubt.

Pre-commencement

3 No development (including any site clearance/preparation works) shall be carried out until a Construction Environmental Management Plan has been submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing. Details shall provide the following, which shall be adhered to throughout the period of development:

- a) the parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors;
- b) loading/unloading and storage of construction materials
- c) wheel cleaning facilities and road cleaning arrangements;
- d) measures to control the emission of dust and noise during construction;
- e) a scheme for recycling/disposing of waste resulting from site preparation and construction works;
- f) hours of construction work, site opening times, hours of deliveries and removal of materials; and
- i) routeing of construction traffic

Reason: To minimise detrimental effects to the neighbouring amenities and theamenities of the area in general, having regard to Local Plan Policy DE1 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

4 Prior to the commencement of the development hereby permitted details demonstrating how the proposed units would comply with the requirements of Local Plan Policy SB1 and SD1 must be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall include details of how carbon dioxide emissions would be minimised through the design; the provision of charging points and a timescale for implementation.

The approved sustainable building measures shall be completed in full, in accordance with the agreed scheme prior to the occupation of each unit.

Reason: To ensure the building includes sustainable building measures in accordance with Policy SB1 of the adopted South Kesteven Local Plan.

5 Prior to the commencement of the development hereby permitted an ecological survey of the site shall be undertaken, the findings of which shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

Any identified mitigation shall be undertaken in accordance with details to submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

The development shall be undertaken in accordance with the approved details

During building works

6 The surface and foul water drainage works shall be undertaken in accordance with Dwg No. 0336-JCE-00-SI-DR-C-3000 and Dwg. No. 0336-JCE-00-SI-DR-C-3001 with Drainage General Arrangement Extended View Dwg. No. : 0336-JCE-00-SI-DR-C-3002.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory means of drainage including connection to the mains system.

7 Notwithstanding the submitted details before any construction work above ground is commenced, details of any soft landscaping works shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Details shall include:

- i. planting plans;
- ii. written specifications (including cultivation and other operations associated with plant and grass establishment);
- iii. schedules of plants, noting species, plant sizes and proposed numbers/densities where appropriate;

Reason: Soft landscaping and tree planting make an important contribution to the development and its assimilation with its surroundings and in accordance with Policies DE1, EN3 and OS1 of the adopted South Kesteven Local Plan.

Before the development is occupied

8 Before any part of the development hereby permitted is occupied/brought into use, the works to provide the surface and foul water drainage shall have been completed in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure the provision of satisfactory surface and foul water drainage is provided in accordance with Policy EN5 of the adopted South Kesteven Local Plan.

9 Before the end of the first planting/seeding season following the occupation/first use of any part of the development hereby permitted, all soft landscape works shall have been carried out in accordance with the approved soft landscaping details.

Reason: Soft landscaping and tree planting make an important contribution to the development and its assimilation with its surroundings and in accordance with Policies DE1, EN3 and OS1 of the adopted South Kesteven Local Plan.

10 Before any part of the development hereby permitted is brought into use, the external elevations shall have been completed using only the materials stated in the planning application forms unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory appearance to the development and in accordance with Policy DE1 of the adopted South Kesteven Local Plan.

Ongoing Conditions

11 The external areas of the development hereby permitted shall be used for parking, turning and unloading. There shall be no manufacturing or fabrication undertaken outside of the buildings hereby permitted.

Reason: To define the permission, for the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of the amenity of neighbouring occupiers.

12 Within a period of five years from the first occupation of the final dwelling/unit of the development hereby permitted, any trees or plants provided as part of the approved soft landscaping scheme, that die or become, in the opinion of the Local Planning Authority, seriously damaged or defective, shall be replaced in the first planting season following any such loss with a specimen of the same size and species as was approved in condition above unless otherwise agreed by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure the provision, establishment and maintenance of a reasonable standard of landscape in accordance with the approved designs and in accordance with Policies DE1, EN3 and OS1 of the adopted South Kesteven Local Plan.

33. Application S23/0401

Proposal: Proposed Industrial Park

Location: Frognall Livery, Village Streets, Hards Lane, Frognall

Recommendation: That the application is approved conditionally

Together with:

- Provisions within SKDC Local Plan 2011-2036, National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), and Deepings Neighbourhood Plan.

- Comments received from Environmental Protection Services (SKDC)
- Comments received from LCC Highways & SuDS Support
- Comments received from Welland & Deepings IDB
- Comments received from Environment Agency
- Comments received from Heritage Lincolnshire
- Comments received from Deeping St James Parish Council

During questions to officers and debate, Members commented on the following:

- One Member was disappointed at the lack of pedestrian and cyclist provision could have provided a link from the site to Frognall.
- Concern was raised around biodiversity net gain. Policy EN2 of the Local Plan required a net gain, however, evidence of net gain from this proposal had been deferred and not received.

The Senior Planning Officer confirmed the application was several years old and had been submitted prior to the new requirements of biodiversity net gain. The application was exempt from any requirement to demonstrate the 10% BNG net gain. There was a nine-metre easement at the rear of the site which would remain as a wildflower meadow.

- Concern was raised on the increase of HGV and traffic movements due to the adjacent site and the number of units on this proposed site.
- A query was raised on whether an impact assessment had taken place on the wider road network rather than the incoming and access for the site.

The Highway Authority had assessed the application and had reviewed entrance, access and the wider road network. They had not raised any objections with the application.

Final Decision:

It was proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the application, subject to the following conditions:

Time Limit for Commencement

- 1 The development hereby permitted shall be commenced before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: In order that the development is commenced in a timely manner, as set out in Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

Approved Plans

- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following list of approved plans:

- v. Site Plan, Location Plan, Street Scene – Proposed – Drawing No. 01E
- vi. Units 1-5 Ground Floor – Elevations Proposed Drawing No. 02C
- vii. Units 6-10 Ground Floor – Elevations – Proposed Drawing No. 05A
- viii. Units 11-13 Ground Floor - Elevations – Proposed Drawing No. 03C
- ix. Units 14-17 Ground Floor - Elevations – Proposed Drawing No. 04A

Unless otherwise required by another condition of this permission.

Reason: To define the permission and for the avoidance of doubt.

Pre-commencement

3 No development (including any site clearance/preparation works) shall be carried out until a Construction Environmental Management Plan has been submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing. Details shall provide the following, which shall be adhered to throughout the period of development:

- a) the parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors;
- b) loading/unloading and storage of construction materials
- c) wheel cleaning facilities and road cleaning arrangements;
- d) measures to control the emission of dust and noise during construction;
- e) a scheme for recycling/disposing of waste resulting from site preparation and construction works;
- f) hours of construction work, site opening times, hours of deliveries and removal of materials; and
- i) routeing of construction traffic

Reason: To minimise detrimental effects to the neighbouring amenities and the amenities of the area in general, having regard to Local Plan Policy DE1 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

4 Prior to the commencement of the development hereby permitted details demonstrating how the proposed units would comply with the requirements of Local Plan Policy SB1 and SD1 must be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall include details of how carbon dioxide emissions would be minimised through the design; the provision of charging points and a timescale for implementation.

The approved sustainable building measures shall be completed in full, in accordance with the agreed scheme prior to the occupation of each unit.

Reason: To ensure the building includes sustainable building measures in accordance with Policy SB1 of the adopted South Kesteven Local Plan

5 Prior to the commencement of the development hereby permitted an ecological survey of the site shall be undertaken, the findings of which shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

Any identified mitigation shall be undertaken in accordance with details to be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

The development shall be undertaken in accordance with the approved details.

During building works

6 The surface and foul water drainage works shall be undertaken in accordance with Dwg No. 0335-JCE-00-SI-DR-C-3000 and Dwg. No. 0335-JCE-00-SI-DR-C-3001

with Drainage General Arrangement Extended View Dwg. No. : 0335-JCE-00-SI-DR-C-3002.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory means of drainage including connection to the mains system.

7 Notwithstanding the submitted details before any construction work above ground is commenced, details of any soft landscaping works shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Details shall include:

- i. planting plans;
- ii. written specifications (including cultivation and other operations associated with plant and grass establishment);
- iii. schedules of plants, noting species, plant sizes and proposed numbers/densities where appropriate;

Reason: Soft landscaping and tree planting make an important contribution to the development and its assimilation with its surroundings and in accordance with Policies DE1, EN3 and OS1 of the adopted South Kesteven Local Plan.

Before the development is occupied

8 Before any part of the development hereby permitted is occupied/brought into use, the works to provide the surface and foul water drainage shall have been completed in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure the provision of satisfactory surface and foul water drainage is provided in accordance with Policy EN5 of the adopted South Kesteven Local Plan.

9 Before the end of the first planting/seeding season following the occupation/first use of any part of the development hereby permitted, all soft landscape works shall have been carried out in accordance with the approved soft landscaping details.

Reason: Soft landscaping and tree planting make an important contribution to the development and its assimilation with its surroundings and in accordance with Policies DE1, EN3 and OS1 of the adopted South Kesteven Local Plan.

10 Before any part of the development hereby permitted is brought into use, the external elevations shall have been completed using only the materials stated in the planning application forms unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory appearance to the development and in accordance with Policy DE1 of the adopted South Kesteven Local Plan.

Ongoing Conditions

11 Within a period of five years from the first occupation of the final dwelling/unit of the development hereby permitted, any trees or plants provided as part of the approved soft landscaping scheme, that die or become, in the opinion of the Local Planning Authority, seriously damaged or defective, shall be replaced in the first planting season following any such loss with a specimen of the same size and species as was approved in condition above unless otherwise agreed by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure the provision, establishment and maintenance of a reasonable standard of landscape in accordance with the approved designs and in accordance with Policies DE1, EN3 and OS1 of the adopted South Kesteven Local Plan.

12 The external areas of the development hereby permitted shall be used for parking, turning and unloading. There shall be no manufacturing or fabrication undertaken outside of the buildings hereby permitted.

Reason: To define the permission, for the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of the amenity of neighbouring occupiers.

34. Application S25/1123

Proposal: Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire Grid Upgrade stage 1 consultation
Recommendation: That the Committee endorse the draft response to the National Grid and delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Planning & Growth, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to issue the final response.

Noting comments in the public speaking session by:

District Councillors

Councillor David Bellamy
Councillor Richard Dixon- Warren

Together with:

- Provisions within National Policy Statements South Kesteven Local Plan and NPPF

During questions to Public Speakers, Members commented on the following:

- Clarification over whether the Public Speaker felt as if the pylons should be underground or a reduced amount rather than 50-metre lattice pylons.

It was noted that there were several areas of ancient woodland, close to the area of the proposed pylons and that all should be protected.

- Whether the main objection was to the wires being overhead.

Objections related to the wires being overhead, when wires underground would be preferred. Another objection was that 44 renewable grid connections could facilitate further development, including solar farms.

- Whether the Public Speaker felt the application would impact the history and heritage of the area. It was queried whether any work had been undertaken to identify actual impact upon the history and heritage on the site.
- It was queried how many hectares of agricultural land would be taken by the proposal.

It was confirmed the exact route of the pylons had not yet been decided.

It was confirmed that some constituents within Aveland Ward had voted against the proposal at Parish meetings.

- Whether feedback from residents outlined any concerns of health and wellbeing.

The Public Speaker highlighted that several concerns raised were due to health and wellbeing. Reports had been reviewed online regarding potential health hazards from pylons, however, pylons had not been scientifically proven to cause health risk.

During questions to officers and debate, Members commented on the following:

- One Member requested any concerns raised by the Public Speakers be included within the final response.
- It was felt that an assumption had been made on the increased number of solar farms due to substations being on site.

The Development Management & Enforcement Manager clarified there was one substation within South Kesteven, which was near Corby Glen. However, the concern raised was with the proposed 44 new renewable energy connecting points and what this meant for the local area.

The final response would include a note to request further information in this respect.

It was clarified that a formal pre-application consultation would take place in 2026. If the proposal be accepted for examination in 2028, there would be several opportunities to engage in the process as Local Planning Authority.

The following questions were raised in relation to the introduction section of the report:

- Where would the grid connections be and what purpose would they serve?
- What repercussions for the area may occur in relation to the substation at Corby Glen?
- How much area needed for solar and wind to produce wattage required?
- What radius around the substation would be vulnerable to solar wind applications and how many gigawatts could it support?
- What is the evidence for the application boosting economy and jobs in the area?
- How many pylons would be required?

The following questions were raised in relation to the policy context section of the report:

- A query was raised on why a renewable energy appendix 3 had not been included within the list of relevant policies.

The Development Management & Enforcement Manager confirmed the renewable energy appendix specifically related to forms of renewable energy production in a more detailed analysis of wind turbines, solar farms and biomass.

It was suggested that Neighbourhood Plans be included within the response for the relevant areas.

- A query was raised on whether any policies indicated how the health and wellbeing aspects could be satisfied when making planning decisions.

It was confirmed that reference to the following policies would be included within the response in relation to health and wellbeing:

- Good Design Policy
- Policy SD1
- Various policies - National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
- One Member questioned whether there would be any financial gain on having the pylons within South Kesteven.

It was confirmed that landowners may be compensated through a form of compulsory purchase order. National Grid were also exploring community benefit packages, meaning an ongoing grant would be available to the local communities.

As part of the development, an environmental impact assessment would take place at a later stage in order to protect heritage and history.

- A question was raised on whether a note could be included on the possible impact on airspace.

The Assistant Director of Planning and Growth suggested that National Grid consult with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and the Ministry of Defence as statutory consultees on any issues with the pylons and airspace.

A suggestion was made to switch points 16.1 and 16.2 around within the report and for the inclusion of the word 'any' to be included as below:

Full Exploration of Alternatives

- 6.16.1 'It is imperative that the final design of any pylons must be carefully considered to minimise their visual and environmental impact. The use of traditional steel lattice pylons may not be appropriate in areas of high sensitivity. Alternatives designs or reduced-height structures should be prioritised where they help reduce visual intrusion and better integrate the infrastructure into the landscape.'
- 6.16.2 'SKDC requests that National Grid fully explore and transparently assess alternative options, including sensitive routing and the undergrounding of cables, particularly in environmentally or visually sensitive areas. While the Council understands the cost and engineering considerations involved, the long-term impacts on the landscape, ecology and biodiversity, local amenity, and heritage assets must be given appropriate weight in the decision-making process.'

However, the new installation of pylons of any design across this rural area will have a significant impact on the character of the countryside which can not be underestimated. Therefore, SKDC regards it as essential that National Grid revisits their plans to fully explore, assess and cost transparently the alternative options of the underground routing of cables, particularly in environmentally or visually sensitive areas.

Whilst the Council understands the need for cost complications driving National Grid, the wider long term local cost implications and impacts on the landscape, land use, ecology and biodiversity, ancient woodlands and SSSI's, local amenity, heritage assets, local economies, community wellbeing, use of imported steel, plus vulnerability to weather damage impacting national resilience will all be mitigated by this option. This must therefore be given overriding

consideration and appropriate weight in the decision-making process including consideration of cost sharing.

6.16.3. Skdc requires full transparency on the currently unknown, wider planning implications, cost repercussions, loss of farmland, tourism and impact on settlements, community wellbeing for pressure on land use for:

- i) **Additional renewable energy, battery storage sites feeding into the 44 individual grid connections to the substations. How much power is it anticipated to produce?**
- ii) **Use of power by industry, data centres etc**
- iii) **Will there be more pylons on feeder routes?**

Final Decision:

That the Committee **ENDORSE** the draft response to the National Grid and delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Planning & Growth, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to issue the final response and include:

(The Committee had a 15-minute break).

35. Application S25/0760

Proposal: Replacement of existing glass shop front with black painted aluminium frame and glazing

Location: 6 High Street, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 6PN

Recommendation: To authorise the Assistant Director – Planning & Growth to GRANT planning permission, subject to conditions.

Together with:

- Provisions within SKDC Local Plan 2011-2036 and National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
- Comments received from Grantham Town Council
- Comments received from LCC Highways and SuDs
- Comments received from SKDC Conservation Officer
- Comments received from Historic England

(Councillor Tim Harrison left the Chamber, due to a personal interest in this application).

During questions to officers and debate, Members commented on the following:

- Members felt the application would be an improvement to the existing building.

Final Decision:

It was proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to authorise the Assistant Director – Planning & Growth to **GRANT** planning permission, subject to conditions:

Time Limit for Commencement

1 The development hereby permitted shall be commenced before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: In order that the development is commenced in a timely manner, as set out in Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

Approved Plans

2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following list of approved plans:

- i. Location Plan – received 25/04/25
- ii. Site Plan – dwg no. 205 CP02 – received 25/04/25
- iii. Proposed Ground Floor Plan – dwg no. 205 CP03 – received 25/04/25
- iv. Internal Elevations – dwg no. 205.WD 07 F – received 24/07/25
- v. Updated Proposed Front Elevation – dwg no. 205.PS01A – received 24/07/25

Before the Development is Occupied

3 Before any part of the development hereby permitted is brought into use, the external elevations shall have been completed using only the materials stated in the planning application forms, design and access statement (received 25/04/25) and approved drawings unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory appearance to the development and in accordance with Policy DE1 of the adopted South Kesteven Local Plan.

4 Before any part of the development hereby permitted is brought into use, the joinery shall be implemented as shown in the submitted joinery details unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved joinery details are as follows:

- i. Glazing and Joinery Plan – received 29/07/25
- ii. Commercial Framing System (prepared by Kestral Aluminium Systems) – received 29/07/25

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory appearance to the development, and preserve the character and setting of heritage assets in accordance with Policy DE1 and EN6 of the adopted South Kesteven Local Plan.

36. Application S25/1268

Proposal: Use of the existing basketball court as a skate park

Location: Wyndham Park, Avenue Road, Grantham

Recommendation: To authorise the Assistant Director – Planning & Growth to GRANT the Lawful Development Certificate

Together with:

- Provisions within The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015

(Councillor Tim Harrison returned to the Chamber).

During questions to officers and debate, Members commented on the following:

- Clarification was sought as to why current usage of the site could not be considered.

The application was for a Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed use. The Officer had assessed the use as a skateboard park against the permitted development rights and therefore, the existing use was not being assessed as part of the application.

- Whether the basketball court could remain and whether the skateboard park could be installed adjacent to the basketball court.

The Assistant Director of Planning and Growth clarified the Certificate was for whether a planning permission was needed for the creation of a skateboard park as proposed. The Certificate was a legal test when looking at the general permitted development order. It was not the responsibility of the Committee to decide whether the Applicant should progress with the proposal.

Due to the height of the proposal, it did not require permission or change of use due to the use of open space activities being covered within the permitted development rights.

- One Member noted that the site had been a skateboard park in the past.

Final Decision:

It was proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to authorise the Assistant Director – Planning & Growth to **GRANT** the Lawful Development Certificate.

37. Application S25/0254

Proposal: Single storey rear extension

Location: 28 Canberra Crescent, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 9RD

Recommendation: To authorise the Assistant Director – Planning to GRANT the prior notification

Together with:

- Provisions within The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

During questions to officers and debate, Members commented on the following:

- A query was raised on why the application was not a planning permission for an extension to an existing property.

The Senior Planning Officer clarified under the general permitted development order, a larger home extension (larger than 4-6 metres from the rear) would be a householder application, however, if there were no objections to the application, it would be dealt with via prior notification.

Final Decision:

It was proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to authorise the Assistant Director – Planning to **GRANT** the prior notification.

38. Any other business, which the Chairman, by reason of special circumstances, decides is urgent

There were none.

39. Close of meeting

The Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 15:20.