

LEVINGTON AND STRATTON HALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Natalie

**DC/24/0449/FUL Part Land at Foxburrow Farm Waldringfield Road Brightwell IP10 0BZ
Change of use of land for the storage of containers (associated with Port of Felixstowe), including
erection of associated fencing**

The Parish Council **strongly objects** to this Planning Application which is in the countryside and adjacent to the ANOB. The Parish Council held a Parish Council Meeting on Monday, 25th March 2024 when this application formed part of the agenda and both residents and Parish Councillors made their views known.

Very little information has been provided, particularly in view of the fact that the applicant would be storing a large number of containers (up to 1200) in a rural setting and the Parish Council would make the following observations:

1. How will the containers be loaded and unloaded from lorries?
2. The height to which the containers will be stacked?
3. How many lorry movements per day, per week or per year?

In addition, the applicant has failed to provide a Traffic Plan to anticipate the net impact in terms of HGV movements to and from the site.

If this Planning Application were to be approved, we request that the Planning Officer considers prohibiting all HGVs from using the C375 Brightwell Road and that measures are put in place to ensure that vehicles use the A12/A14 route to and from Felixstowe Dock. The Parish Council are concerned about the impact the additional HGV movements will have at the Seven Hills Junction. If this Planning Application were allowed, coupled with the Planning Applications already approved, such as Brightwell Lakes and those which are in the planning process such as the Land Opposite the Seven Hills Roundabout for a Business Park, this would result in even more congestion at this already junction bottleneck.

This application would appear to be in breach of **SCLP4.2: New Employment Development**; in that where a need for additional employment development has been demonstrated or it can be

demonstrated that there is no sequentially preferable land available adjacent to existing Employment Areas, within existing Employment Areas or within Settlement Boundaries and: a) It would not have an unacceptable adverse impact on surrounding land use; and b) It avoids, or adequately mitigates, any adverse impact on the character of the surrounding area and landscape, the AONB and its setting or the natural or historic environment.

As stated previously, for all the above reasons the Parish Council **strongly objects** to this application. In particular, the Parish Council **strongly objects** to the extension of the plan onto agricultural land that is not designated for development in the Local Plan.

Kind regards

Angie

Angie Buggs
Clerk to Levington and Stratton Hall Parish Council