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Supporting Statement

Project: Proposed erection of earth bunds
Location: '8 Acres' Land adjacent to The Old School House, Bardney Road, Gautby
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1.0 Introduction

This statement is submitted in support of a retrospective planning application for the proposed implementation of several earth bunds to a privately owned field.

The application follows a site meeting involving the applicant, their legal representatives, and the Environment Agency.

Planning Enforcement at East Lindsey District Council has requested an application be submitted, and this statement is intended to provide explanation of the particulars.

2.0 Existing site

2.1 Location

'8 Acres' is an 8-acre field situated adjacent to The Old School House, Bardney Road, Gautby.



2.2 Existing topography & use

The land has been enjoyed by the applicant for private recreational use, including the riding of off-road motorcycles. The field is generally flat in nature, with a dyke located along the west boundary.

2.3 Current use

It is understood the previous activities were a nuisance to the neighbouring property use – which is believed to accommodate horses. Considering this, the applicant erected several earth bunds to act as noise attenuation barriers to mitigate disturbance. Reference should be made to the submitted drawings for the location, size, and geometry of these physical landscaping additions.

Most recently the site has been used for baling hay, using farm machinery to compress a cut and raked hay / flax straw crop into compact bales – for easy handling, transport, and storage.

2.4 Proposed use

The applicant acknowledges the earth bunds require some grading works to provide on-site uniformity. At present they are not consistent in their appearance. The mounds have become unsightly through a general lack of maintenance to subdue the overgrown nature of weeds which have infested throughout.

It is the applicants desire to regularise the bunds, by removal of unwanted vegetation, installation of a geotextile membrane to stabilise the bunds, and apply a screened topping of suitable grass seed mix to minimise ongoing maintenance issues.

The land will be continually used for seasonal baling, as described above.



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