

Statement by Chairman of Ferriby Parish Council

Permission has been given twice for business development on this site - industry and warehousing - with only a small buffer strip of land alongside the Plantation. This despite Parish Council objections - the PC has long argued against the loss of this greenfield site. The decisions taken by the East Riding Council on this were contrary to the Local Plan and without any formal process involving local communities to amend the Local Plan. Now that the land owner apparently agrees with us that there is no real need for the industrial land, it seems even more clear that it shouldn't be developed.

Do people realise what has already been given up? The preservation of the village character, identity and setting was a major concern of the Parish Plan and had widespread support.

Housing development is against the latest strategies consulted upon by ERYC only last year, and it is hard to see how they can possibly accept this proposal without inviting masses of other applications around the County.

Those landowners who have put forward sites for consideration in the LDF will feel aggrieved if permission is given on new sites not subject to this exercise, and may well decide to apply themselves. The proper way to resolve this is through the Local Development Framework/ Local Plan process.

As reported elsewhere on this website, the Draft East Riding Local Plan has recently been published. This sets out the policy for future planning applications for the East Riding until 2029. This draft plan reconfirms that the land at Melton Fields is to be allocated for industrial use, with no provision for housing development identified on the site.

A planning application for housing development has now been received from the developers and as statutory consultee the Parish Council held a Special Meeting to determine its response to this application on the 14th January.

Please note that the Parish Council's status and power is only that of a consultee.