

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL VILLAGERS

PLANNING APPLICATION DC/21/4413/FUL

Change of use from former agricultural to mixed use of B2 and B8 | Part of Land South Side of A14 Felixstowe Road Levington Suffolk IP10 0LT

1. The Parish Council has received yet another planning application for the site on the old A45 being used by Eastern Structures as a storage depot, contrary to current planning permission. (This site is bounded by the Old Felixstowe Road, Bridge Road, and the railway line. It is to your left as you approach and turn into Bridge Road from the direction of Felixstowe.)

This application is a repeat of the application made last November which was refused, but with some additional 'supporting information'.

2. This site has been the subject of previous planning applications:
 - Until 2016 the site was a paddock and horses were kept on it.
 - **DC/16/1189/FUL May 2016** - application to replace the existing buildings which were by then in a poor condition. Replacement buildings for personal use.
 - **DC/16/3283/FUL September 2016** - another planning application, permitted by SCDC and heavily conditioned, for use for agricultural purposes.
 - It was clear that no agricultural activity was taking place and the site was being used as a storage depot by Eastern Structures. Parish Council informed ESC of this.
 - **DC/19/2148/COU August 2019** - an application for change of use from agricultural to building storage use was submitted and planning permission refused by ESC.
 - **DC/20/4526/FUL November 2020** – application for change of use from agricultural to B2 and B8 industrial use which was refused.
3. The new application is referenced **DC/21/4413/FUL** and as previously includes various purposes:
 - Eastern Structures will close its Ipswich depot to concentrate its activity on the Levington site. This includes for the storage and fabrication of steelwork, as well as the storage and associated hire of mobile cranes and plant hire
 - Seeks a mixture of B2 and B8; B8 being storage and warehousing
 - Construction of additional buildings
 - Outdoor storage including mobile cranes and plant hire.
 - 40 – 50 HGV movements per week
 - Employing 20 to 30 staff
 - Mitigating measures to shield the site.

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4. Villagers are encouraged to view the full details of the latest planning application which can be found on the East Suffolk Council website:

Search East Suffolk Council Planning applications – *click on search for planning applications on public access** – in Keyword *type DC/21/4413/FUL* – *click on Search* – *click on Documents and Comments* – *click on View Associated Documents* – *click on the blue references [left hand side of page].*

*** BUT PLEASE NOTE:**

Public Access will be unavailable between 23 – 25 October 2021 due to an essential system upgrade.

5. The Parish Council considers this application, if successful, will have a significant impact on our environment and would like to hear of your comments. A Village Meeting via Zoom will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 20th October 2021 (**Zoom Log in details are at the bottom of this document.**)
6. The Parish Council will then hold a Planning Meeting in the Village Hall starting at 7pm on Friday 22nd October 2021 when your comments can be considered.
7. The Parish Council understands that not everyone is able to access meetings via Zoom and apologises for this but whilst Covid-19 precautions prevail it is felt prudent to avoid large gatherings in the Village Hall.
8. While the Parish Council will respond to East Suffolk Council, your comments are important and should be made in writing or by e-mail directly to East Suffolk Council. The deadline for your comments on this planning application is 22nd October 2021. Since there is no change re planning issues, those who wrote in last time may wish to simply resubmit their letter.

Zoom Log in details (Parish Meeting, Wednesday 20th October 2021)

Topic: **Eastern Structures Zoom Meeting**

Time: Oct 20, 2021 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88317708431?pwd=VGRVa01qSVNud3VmWkJjcUgzOEV3QT09>

Meeting ID: 883 1770 8431

Passcode: 801665

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