
APPLICATION NO: F/YR22/0337/F

SITE LOCATION: Land south and west of March Enterprise Park, 33 Thorby Avenue, March

UPDATE

The Council's Business and Economic Growth Team have commented in support of the proposal due to there being a short supply of light industrial units within the district. They will provide opportunities for local residents for startups and small scale enterprises.

Officer Response: Unfortunately, the comments received are based on the premise that this is an application for light industrial units when in fact the proposal is for any use within class E, which (as set out in the report) could include retail, leisure, restaurant/café and nurseries as well as light industrial units. This could be any mix of any of these uses. As many of these uses are town centre uses and the applicant has failed to provide both the sequential and impact assessments required by policy LP6 of the Local Plan in addition to the potential loss of light industrial employment land, the application is recommended for refusal.

An email was sent to the Business and Economic Growth Team pointing out the apparent misunderstanding of this application and inviting further comment.

A further response has been received that states that the Business and Economic Growth Team will support light industrial units due to the shortage in the district but that sequential and impact information is needed to assess the impact upon the town centre.

Resolution: No change to the recommendation which is to refuse the application as per Agenda item 6 on page 78.