

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES)
REGULATIONS 1999**

ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT REGULATION 21

PLANNING APPLICATION: N/132/02687/ 09

APPLICANT: Environment Agency,

PROPOSAL: Planning Permission – Donna Nook managed realignments scheme which includes the construction and operation of a flood defence embankment 6.0 metres in height (AOD), removal of tidal sluice, existing flood banks and associated infrastructure to create a breach in the existing defence embankment, change of use of existing agricultural land seawards of the new embankment to form wildlife habitats, including the creation of intertidal habitat, islands and creeks, reduction in the land levels, refurbishment of existing Porter's sluice pumping station to include a surge chamber and pipework, construction of 3no. new head walls, construction of a temporary construction site compound to include handling areas, storage area for plant and materials, portable site offices, welfare facilities and car parking, enclosed by a fence 2.0 metres in height, provision of 6no. temporary satellite compounds across site, construction of an embankment 6.0 metres in height to tie into existing sand dunes, construction of a new car park with existing car park to be removed, construction of a temporary access road to site compound and construction of replacement paths.

LOCATION: LAND AT, MARSH LANE, NORTH SOMERCOTES

In accordance with Regulation 21 of the above mentioned Regulations please note that the above mentioned application was determined as follows:

DATE OF DECISION: 08 July 2010

DECISION: Refused for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development would involve the loss of about 130 hectares of grades one and two equivalent agricultural land. Policy 26 in the East Midlands Regional Plan makes clear that, as part of the aim to protect and enhance the region's natural heritage, the best and most versatile agricultural land should be protected from permanent loss or damage. This proposal is, therefore, in direct conflict with this policy.
2. The approval of the proposed development would be premature pending the publication and adoption of the replacement Humber Estuary Shoreline Management Plan and the East Lindsey Local Development Framework, which would be the appropriate vehicles for determining if a managed coastal re-alignment site is required in East Lindsey and where such a site might best be located.

The documents can be inspected free of charge during the working hours of 8.45a.m. - 5.00p.m. Monday - Friday at Department of Planning and Built Environment, East Lindsey District Council, Tedder Hall, Manby Park, LOUTH, Lincolnshire. LN11 8UP

14th July 2010