

PLANNING & LICENSING COMMITTEE

18TH JULY 2023

ADDENDUM REPORT

Report no.	Item no.	Application no.	Applicant	Parish
108/2023	2	2022/0449/FUL	MR J MACCARTNEY	BRAUNSTON IN RUTLAND

Additional Comments:

A further letter has been received in relation to the proposal sent anonymously. It states the following:

1. All Liberal Democrat Councillors on the committee have a conflict of interest due to the applicant's connection to Cllr MacCartney (now Cllr West).
2. The plans do not show the existing house at the farm, which is now vacant.
3. The business owns another vacant premises at America Lodge approximately 1 mile away, which could meet the need.
4. What will happen with the existing house at Flitteriss Park Farm?
5. The Parish Council considered the design was out of keeping with the area.
6. The letters of support were all from people away from Braunston. The website information was removed 2/3 months ago and there is no longer any information out there, preventing anyone from commenting on the contents.

Officer Comments:

The Officer would respond to these points as follows:

1. Being a member of the same political party as a relative of the applicant is not a conflict of interest. Cllr West has indicated they will not take part in the debate for this application.
2. There is no requirement for the plans to show the existing house, which became vacant upon the death of the applicant's mother. That house is not the subject of the application and is not tied to the agricultural business by means of any restrictive occupation condition.
3. America Lodge is 3.6 miles away by road and would therefore not satisfy the animal welfare need to be on site.
4. See the response to point 2.
5. The Parish Council comment on the application made no reference to design matters.
6. There is no requirement for respondents on a planning application to be neighbours or resident in the immediate vicinity. The recommendation in relation to the application is made on the planning merits of the proposal and not in relation to the number of comments in support of the proposal.