

**Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee – Planning Update Report - 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**24/0857/FUL Hunters Holme, Grove Lane, Higham, Lancashire**

**Officer Comments**

**Public Safety**

There are public footpaths running along the application site, including to the side and rear of the target area. Additionally, an agricultural building is situated behind the bund, and a caravan is stationed on land to its side, with a track leading from the parking area to the east towards the bund. A risk assessment and a method of operating was requested from the applicant to ensure that the development would not result in any public safety issues. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has also now been consulted.

A risk assessment, method statement and standard operating procedure has been submitted on the day of the Committee. However, these have not been found satisfactory and further discussions are ongoing with the applicant.

It is therefore recommended that the decision be **deferred** to allow these discussions to conclude and to allow time to receive comments from the HSE.