

Email of 24 March 2021 from Paul and Marian Evans

Subject: Comments on planning application 2021/0165/MAF

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Re: Eight Arches Farm, Seaton Road, Barrowden LE15 8EN

We wish to support planning application 2021/0165/MAF submitted by Jamie and Sue Wild. Due to the sale of their existing property, this is a necessary re-location in order to maintain their established farming business.

Through no fault of their own, this family's future as well as the future of their business is in jeopardy due to residential re-development.

It is a rural business, a family business and a farming business, all pre-requisites to maintain a sustainable rural economy within Rutland. It would be perverse that the Council's permission to re-develop their existing property could put a successful rural business at risk and thereby defeat one of the Council's own strategic objectives (RCC Local Plan Strategic Objective 9).

Historically Barrowden was predominantly a farming village, however over the years many of the village farms have been sold for residential development. This is a great opportunity to re-establish a truly rural business into the Barrowden Parish.

The proposal is agricultural in nature and modest in design and whilst the location is outside the village PLD, it is clearly not a residential planning application and should be considered a worthwhile exception to the Local Plan guidelines.

I trust that RCC and the planning committee will recognise the necessity of the application and the value of its addition to the village community and favourably consider the planning application of this well run local family business.

Paul and Marian Evans