

Section 16 of the Commons Act 2006

Proposed deregistration of common land at:

Hempton Green, Hempton, Norfolk (CL294)

Raynham Trust Company Number One Limited, Raynham Trust Company Number Two Limited and Norfolk County Council acting in their capacity as the Highways Authority have applied to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs under section 16 of the Commons Act 2006 for land forming part of the above-mentioned registered common land to cease to be so registered (the "Release Land"). The Planning Inspectorate will decide the application on behalf of the Secretary of State.

The purpose of this application is for the de-registration of the Release Land to enable Norfolk County Council to construct a four-armed roundabout at the crossroads of Hempton – B1146/C550 Hempton Green Road/Dereham Road with the aim of improving highway safety and reducing congestion.

It is proposed that land (the "Replacement Land") be registered as common land in place of the Release Land which is adjacent to the junction with safety concerns. By contrast the Replacement Land is sheltered from traffic by woodland and is expected to be able to provide a better-quality space for public use.

The Release Land is described in the First Schedule to this notice, and the Replacement Land is described in the Second Schedule.

A copy of the application form and accompanying documents can be inspected at Norfolk County Council, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH, between the hours of 09:00 and 17:00, Monday to Friday, until 21st June 2024. A copy of the application and accompanying documents may be obtained by writing to Mr Jordan Hulse at Nplaw, Norfolk County Council, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH, or email at CommonLandHempton@norfolk.gov.uk.

Any representations in respect of the proposed deregistration and exchange should be sent in writing ON or BEFORE that date to: Common Land Team, The Planning Inspectorate, 3A Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN or commonlandcasework@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

Representations sent to The Planning Inspectorate **cannot be treated as confidential**. They will be copied to the applicant and possibly to other interested parties. To find out more about how the Planning Inspectorate uses and manages personal data, please go to the privacy notice.

FIRST SCHEDULE
(The Release Land)

The Release Land is an area of land [10,830 m²] at the [north-eastern end of Hempton Green as shown shaded red on the s16 drawing (Drawing number: 70082151-WSP-HGN-ZZ-DR-CH-0001)]. It is partly intersected where public vehicular highways B1146 Hempton Green Road and C550 Hempton Green Road meet at the existing crossroads. As such, much of this land already consists of metalled road surfacing suitable for sustaining vehicular traffic or mown highway verge. The shape of the Release Land reflects the shape of the four-arm roundabout proposed to be constructed which will replace the current crossroads. The western limb begins below the Hempton Memorial Hall and stretches eastwards to meet the south-western and north-eastern limbs which largely follow the route of the existing C550 Hempton Green Road. From the intersect the two north eastern limbs stretch northwards towards Bakery Court following the routes of the C550 Hempton Green Road and Pond Road. Whereas the south-western limb stretches southwards from the intersect towards the B1146 Dereham Road which sits on the western boundary of the remains of St Stephen's Priory (although this does not overlap with the Release Land).

The area which is not already public highway is open grassland or shrub land consisting of bracken and gorse. There is one mature tree which falls within this land which will require felling.

SECOND SCHEDULE
(The Replacement Land)

The replacement land is agricultural land [11,300 m²] to the [southwest of Hempton Green as shown hatched light green on the s16 drawing (Drawing number: 70082151-WSP-HGN-ZZ-DR-CH-0001)]. It lies to the east of where roads C550 Hempton Green Road and A1065 Raynham Road meet and is bordered by further arable land to the southeast. It is contiguous with Hempton Green on its north and eastern side and the landscape is consistent with the existing common land and will be a good match for existing species. There are no notable features and no dedicated rights of access exist.

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