

Response to Planning Application 2025/2475FGPA

Skelsmergh and Scalthwaiterigg Parish Council do not in principle object to the change of use of the former presbytery at Dodding Green, Dodding Holme, Mealbank. Having consulted and listened to the concerns of parishioners, and having discussed the matter at the recent parish council meeting councillors would like to raise the following points for consideration.

It is apparent that better communication between 'The Well' and local residents would be beneficial. Greater transparency indicating exactly what activities will take place at the site would be appreciated by local residents.

The parish council would like to see a condition in the decision encouraging responsible liaison between 'The Well' and the local community, including the parish council.

In addition a condition in the form suggested by the applicant, restricting numbers of persons receiving residential care to seven at any time, is considered vital as one means of allaying local concerns.

There are also concerns that the application to change to a C2 classification would lay the site open to future residential developments by the landowners.