

Residents of the *parish of Toft Newton* are invited to a

Parish Meeting

This Parish Meeting will take place on:

Tuesday, the 7th of July 2026, starting at 6:00pm and will be held at Toft Newton Village Hall, Washington Drive, Newtoft, Lincolnshire, LN8 3NN.

This is your opportunity to raise issues that affect you within your parish.

Agenda:

- 1) Introduction of Councillors and Officers present.
- 2) Election of a Chair for this meeting only (if applicable).
- 3) Discussion about Faldingworth Defence Limited appeal hearing (now scheduled to take place in the autumn).
- 4) Open forum – residents discussion.

Anyone can attend this Parish Meeting, however, to be eligible to speak you must be a registered elector in the parish of Toft Newton.

If you wish to discuss anything about the parish, or about Faldingworth Defence Limited's appeal hearing please attend this meeting.

Should you require any further information, please e-mail our Parish Council Clerk on clerk@toftnewtonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Rob Nelson

**Councillor Rob Nelson
Chairperson of Toft Newton Parish Council**

Tuesday, 30th of June 2026

Upon the close of this Parish Meeting, Toft Newton Parish Council will meet for their July 2026 meeting, residents are encouraged to stay and observe this meeting.

Further details on how to register to vote can be found online at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>. There are also paper forms that you can fill in pinned to the notice board in the entrance of the Village Hall. If you are unsure if you are a registered elector, you can call the Elections Office at West Lindsey District Council on 01427 676576.

Toft Newton Parish Council

Website: <https://toft-newton.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>
E-mail address: clerk@toftnewtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Notes from the Clerk of Toft Newton Parish Council.

Original notice: received 21st of May 2026.

Notice of 'vacation' of hearing: received 28th of May 2026 – confirming the hearing will now be held in the autumn of 2026, as we don't yet know the date of any hearing, meeting to discuss this at the earliest opportunity means that any relevant views can be shared ahead of the hearing.

Public Notice of an appeal by Faldingworth Defence Limited against the imposed variation of their explosives licence by the Health and Safety Executive

Appellant Name: Faldingworth Defence Limited (FDL)

Site Location: Faldingworth Base, Spridlington Road LN8 3SQ.

Original Decision Authority/Respondent: The Health and Safety Executive (HSE)

Nature of the Appeal: FDL is appealing to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions against the HSE's decision to impose a variation on their explosives licence under the Explosives Regulations 2014.

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions has appointed Andrew Kinnier KC to hear the appeal on his behalf and to make recommendations about the outcome of the appeal so that he can make a determination in due course.

Grounds for Appeal: The grounds of the appeal are as follows:

1. That the HSE has failed to identify any change in circumstances on the Faldingworth site since the issue of Exemption Certificates and Explosives Licences to tenants on the site that has resulted in the health and safety of those working there being prejudiced.
2. That there has been no material change in site circumstances and therefore Regulation 16(1)(a) is not applicable.
3. That a number of the changes proposed by HSE are outside the provisions of Regulation 16(1)(a).
4. That HSE has failed to give appropriate consideration to representations made under Regulation 16(5).
5. That HSE is acting contrary to the Explosives Regulations in the enforcement of separation distances.
6. That HSE failed to consult on reasonable alternatives to the variation proposed.
7. The action taken is disproportionate and unnecessary.

Date of Hearing: This appeal will be heard in person at ~~Henderson Chambers, 2 Harcourt Buildings, Temple, London EC4Y 9DB on 15th and 16th June 2026~~

Persons wishing to attend or be heard: Persons wishing to attend the appeal or to apply to be heard at the appeal shall inform the Health and Safety Executive by ~~5th June 2026~~, either by emailing Explosives.Licensing@hse.gov.uk or by writing to:

Explosives licensing
1.2 Redgrave Court
Merton Road
Bootle
L20 7HS

Any persons applying to be heard must also serve on HSE a statement of their proposed submissions by ~~5th June 2026~~, which will then be shared with the Appellant and the Secretary of State's Appointed Person. The Secretary of State's Appointed Person will then decide the application to be heard.

I have crossed out the bits in the original public notice that are subject to change due to the hearing being "vacated".

Notes to provide further information on the Faldingworth Defence Limited appeal:

Post on the Toft Newton Parish Council website:

<https://toft-newton.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/article/18/public-notice-from-the-health-and-safety-executive-updated-28th-may-2026>.

The following information might explain the variations to the license.

From March 2026:

https://resources.hse.gov.uk/notices/notices/notice_details.asp?SF=CN&SV=315717480.

From October 2022:

https://resources.hse.gov.uk/noices/notices/notice_details.asp?SF=CN&SV=312887130.

Here is an educational explanation of the licencing appeal:

<https://www.safetynotes.net/explosives-licence-appeal-toolbox-talk-2026/>.

There were also Health and Safety Executive, Local Authority and Police involvement at other businesses / tenants on the former RAF Faldingworth Air Base in 2017 and 2024, which included the temporary suspension of explosive licences in 2017.

I have not been able to find the actual licence or the variation details due to the security and commercial sensitivities.