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Sent: 10 September 2026 17:19:16 UTC+01:00
To: "Nikki Paul" <Nikki.Paul@north-herts.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: 26/00261/FP - Validation assistance - Fee Dispute

Hi Nikki – given the appeal decision, I think my view is to accept his point and fee. I cannot find anything to counter argue that.

Thanks
Anne

From: Nikki Paul <Nikki.Paul@north-herts.gov.uk>
Sent: 10 September 2026 10:35
To: Anne McDonald <Anne.McDonald@north-herts.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: 26/00261/FP - Validation assistance - Fee Dispute
Importance: High

Hi Anne

Please see below from agent disputing fee for the permanent storage containers. Helen advised that the fee would be based upon floor area or change of use of land whichever is the greater. I have also attached advice given on a different site under ref 25/01237/FP for storage containers.

Proposal - Change of use land and siting of 8 storage containers. (Development already carried out).

Thanks



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From: William Bly <william.bly@blydevelopments.co.uk>
Sent: 10 September 2026 09:44
To: Nikki Paul <Nikki.Paul@north-herts.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: 26/00261/FP -Nup End Industrial Estate

Hi Nikki

Thanks for passing that on. The attached decision deals with exactly this point: at paragraph 7 the Inspector accepted the containers were likely to remain for many years and still found, as a matter of fact and degree, that unfixed units resting on the ground are not buildings. Weight alone isn't attachment, and there's nothing here beyond weight – no fixing, foundations or services.

Could the Council confirm whether it is treating the containers as operational development or not? If it isn't, the change of use fee applies and has been paid. If it is, I'd be grateful for the reasoning on which this case is distinguished from the attached.

Many thanks

William

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On Thu, 10 Sep 2026 at 09:26, Nikki Paul <Nikki.Paul@north-herts.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi William

Shaun Greaves comments re storage containers.

If a containers are proposed to be permanently sited on land (whilst they are not normally fixed to the land they are anchored by their own considerable weight) then it may be operational development and not the use of land and the fee should be based upon the floorspace of the operational development rather than change of use.

Kind regards



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From: William Bly <william.bly@blydevelopments.co.uk>
Sent: 09 September 2026 17:41
To: Nikki Paul <Nikki.Paul@north-herts.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: 26/00261/FP -Nup End Industrial Estate

Hi Nikki,

Thanks for this. Before anything further is paid, could you clarify why a floor-area fee has been applied? The containers are individual units resting on the existing planings with no fixing, foundations or services, so they aren't buildings, and the application is framed as a change of use of land on that basis. The attached appeal decision deals with the same point on very similar facts and confirms the change of use fee is the correct one.

On that footing the £588 already paid covers the fee?

Many thanks

William

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On Wed, 9 Sep 2026 at 16:11, Nikki Paul <Nikki.Paul@north-herts.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi William

As mentioned in the invalid letter the fee would be based upon floor area or change of use of land whichever is the greater. Please see attached (based on April 2025 fee)

£298 x 8 = £2,384

Outstanding balance £1,796.00

The only current method of payment is online via our website using your reference number 26/00261/FP, please use the link below and scroll down to other payments.

<https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/pay-online>

Kind regards



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From: William Bly <william.bly@blydevelopments.co.uk>
Sent: 08 September 2026 16:42
To: Nikki Paul <Nikki.Paul@north-herts.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: 26/00261/FP -Nup End Industrial Estate

Hi Nikki,

We have resubmitted the application can you please amend the description on the portal to:

Change of use land and siting of 8 storage containers (Development carried out)

Kind Regards

William

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On Wed, 2 Sep 2026 at 11:53, Nikki Paul <Nikki.Paul@north-herts.gov.uk> wrote:

Good morning

Can you advise when you will be submitting the requested information

Proposal- Change of use land and siting of 8 storage containers for a period of 12 months. (Development already carried out).

Invalid letter attached

Kind regards



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