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**Your reference:**  
**Our reference:** DC/20/02207  
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**Date:** 30th July 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

**PRIOR APPROVAL - AGRICULTURAL TO DWELLING - DC/20/02207**

**Notification under Schedule 2 Part 3 Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015**

**Proposal:** An application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to Dwellinghouses (Class C3), and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion. The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q - Erection of 1No dwelling and integral garage.

**Location:** Modern Barn At Rose Farm, Rose Green Road, Lindsey, IP7 6PX

**Section A – Plans & Documents:**

This decision refers to drawing no./entitled received 04/06/2020 as the defined red line plan with the site shown edged red. Any other drawing showing land edged red whether as part of another document or as a separate plan/drawing has not been accepted or treated as the defined application site for the purposes of this decision.

The plans and documents recorded below are those upon which this decision has been reached:

Defined Red Line Plan - Received 04/06/2020  
Floor Plan - Existing 1909-01 - Received 04/06/2020  
Elevations - Existing 1909-02 - Received 04/06/2020  
Floor Plan - Proposed 1909-03 - Received 04/06/2020  
Elevations - Proposed 1909-04 - Received 04/06/2020  
EA Flood Map - Received 04/06/2020  
Ecological Survey/Report CLASSQAPPROSEFARMBARN/2020/ESR/002 - Received 04/06/2020  
Land Contamination Assessment 243173607\_1\_1 - Received 04/06/2020  
Land Contamination Questionnaire - Received 04/06/2020  
MHE Consulting Ecological Statement - Received 24/07/2020  
Block Plan - Proposed Rev D - Received 24/07/2020

## **Section B:**

The **Babergh District Council** hereby give notice in pursuance of the above legislation:

- 1) That prior approval to the development is required
- 2) Prior approval has been **GIVEN** subject to the following conditions:
  1. ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE: COMPLETION TIME LIMIT

The development hereby approved must be completed within a period of 3 years starting with the prior approval date.

Reason - To comply with the requirements of paragraph Q.2.-(3) of Part 3, of Schedule 2, of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) England Order 2015 (as amended).

2. APPROVED PLANS & DOCUMENTS

The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the drawings/documents listed under Section A above and/or such other drawings/documents as may be approved by the Local Planning Authority in writing pursuant to other conditions of this approval or such drawings/documents as may subsequently be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority as a non material amendment following an application in that regard.

Reason - To comply with the requirements of paragraph W-(12) of Part 3, of Schedule 2, of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) England Order 2015 (as amended).

3. ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ECOLOGICAL APPRAISAL RECOMMENDATIONS

All mitigation measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the details contained in the Ecology Survey Report (MHE Consulting Ltd, May 2020) and the Ecological Statement in regard to Great Crested Newts (MHE Consulting Ltd, July 2020) as already submitted with the planning application and agreed in principle with the local planning authority prior to determination.

This may include the appointment of an appropriately competent person e.g. an ecological clerk of works (ECoW,) to provide on-site ecological expertise during construction. The appointed person shall undertake all activities, and works shall be carried out, in accordance with the approved details.

Reason - To conserve Protected and Priority species and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the UK Habitats Regulations, the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 as amended and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

#### 4. PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT: NON-LICENCED METHOD STATEMENT FOR GREAT CRESTED NEWTS

No development shall take place (including any demolition, ground works, site clearance) until a Non-Licensed Method Statement for Great Crested Newts has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

The content of the method statement shall include the following:

- a) purpose and objectives for the proposed works;
- b) detailed design(s) and/or working method(s) necessary to achieve stated objectives (including, where relevant, type and source of materials to be used);
- c) timetable for implementation, demonstrating that works are aligned with the proposed phasing of construction;
- d) persons responsible for implementing the works;
- e) initial aftercare and long-term maintenance (where relevant);
- f) disposal of any wastes arising from works.

The works shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the approved details and shall be retained in that manner thereafter.

Reason - To conserve protected and Priority species and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 as amended, s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species) and s17 Crime & Disorder Act 1998.

#### 5. PRIOR TO OCCUPATION: BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT STRATEGY

A Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy for Protected and Priority species shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

The content of the Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy shall include the following:

- a) Purpose and conservation objectives for the proposed enhancement measures;
- b) detailed designs to achieve stated objectives;
- c) locations of proposed enhancement measures by appropriate maps and plans;
- d) persons responsible for implementing the enhancement measures;
- e) details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance (where relevant).

The works shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details and shall be retained in that manner thereafter.

Reason - To enhance Protected and Priority Species/habitats and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

#### 6. PRIOR TO OCCUPATION: WILDLIFE SENSITIVE LIGHTING DESIGN SCHEME

A lighting design scheme for biodiversity shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The scheme shall identify those features on site that are particularly sensitive for bats and that are likely to cause disturbance along important routes used for

foraging; and show how and where external lighting will be installed so that it can be clearly demonstrated that areas to be lit will not disturb or prevent bats using their territory.

All external lighting shall be installed in accordance with the specifications and locations set out in the scheme and maintained thereafter in accordance with the scheme. Under no circumstances should any other external lighting be installed without prior consent from the local planning authority.

Reason - To allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the UK Habitats Regulations 2017, the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 as amended and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

7. ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT AND ONGOING REQUIREMENT OF DEVELOPMENT: HIGHWAYS - ACCESS LAYOUT

No other part of the development hereby permitted shall be commenced until the existing vehicular access has been improved, laid out and completed in all respects in accordance with DM01; and with an entrance width of 3 metres. Thereafter the access shall be retained in the specified form.

Reason - In the interests of highway safety to ensure that the layout of the access is properly designed, constructed and provided before the development is commenced.

8. ACTION REQUIRED PRIOR TO FIRST OCCUPATION: HIGHWAYS - ACCESS SURFACE TREATMENT

Prior to the new dwelling hereby permitted being first occupied, the improved access onto the highway shall be properly surfaced with a bound material for a minimum distance of 5 metres from the edge of the metalled carriageway, in accordance with details previously submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason - To secure appropriate improvements to the existing vehicular access in the interests of highway safety.

9. ACTION REQUIRED PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT: REFUSE BINS AND COLLECTION AREAS

Before the development is commenced details of the areas to be provided for storage of Refuse/Recycling bins shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority. The approved scheme shall be carried out in its entirety before the development is brought into use and shall be retained thereafter for no other purpose.

Reason - To ensure that refuse recycling bins are not stored on the highway causing obstruction and dangers for other users.

10. ACTION REQUIRED PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT: HIGHWAYS - SURFACE WATER DISCHARGE PREVENTION DETAILS REQUIRED

Prior to the commencement of development, details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority showing the means to prevent the discharge of surface water from the development onto the highway. The approved scheme shall be carried out in its entirety before the access is first used and shall be retained and maintained thereafter in its approved form.

Reason - To prevent hazards caused by flowing water or ice on the highway.

11. ACTION REQUIRED PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT - HIGHWAYS: PROVISION OF PARKING AND TURNING

Prior to the commencement of development details of the areas to be provided for the loading, unloading, manoeuvring and parking of vehicles including secure cycle storage shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority. The approved scheme shall be carried out in its entirety before the development is brought into first occupied and shall be retained thereafter and used for no other purpose.

Reason - To ensure the provision and long term maintenance of adequate on-site space for the parking and manoeuvring of vehicles in accordance with Suffolk Guidance for Parking (2015) where on-street parking and manoeuvring would be detrimental to highway safety.

12. ACTION REQUIRED PRIOR TO FIRST USE OF ACCESS: HIGHWAYS - PROVISION OF VISIBILITY SPLAYS

Before the access is first used visibility splays shall be provided as shown on Drawing Reference Block Plan Rev D and thereafter retained in the specified form. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part 2 Class A of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification) no obstruction over 0.6 metres high shall be erected, constructed, planted or permitted to grow within the areas of the visibility splays.

Reason - To ensure vehicles exiting the drive would have sufficient visibility to enter the public highway safely and vehicles on the public highway would have sufficient warning of a vehicle emerging in order to take avoiding action.

## NOTES:

The applicant is reminded that this approval is subject to the development being:-

In accordance with Class Q Part 3, Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (as amended);

1. If you have applied for a change of use only (class Q (a) only) before you begin development you must apply to the local planning authority to determine whether the prior approval of the authority will be required in relation to:
  - a) Highways impacts
  - b) Noise impacts
  - c) Contamination risks
  - d) Flooding risk
  - e) Whether the location and siting of the building makes it impractical or undesirable
  - f) The development under class Q (a) and (b) must be completed within a period of 3 years starting with the prior approval date.

## Informative Notes:

1. **Statement of positive and proactive working in line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**

The proposal has been assessed with regard to adopted development plan policies, the National Planning Policy Framework and all other material considerations. The NPPF encourages a positive and proactive approach to decision taking, delivery of sustainable development, achievement of high quality development and working proactively to secure developments that improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area. While the applicant did not take advantage of the service, the Council provides a pre-application advice service prior to the submission of any application. The opportunity to discuss a proposal prior to making an application allows potential issues to be raised and addressed pro-actively at an early stage, potentially allowing the Council to make a favourable determination for a greater proportion of applications than if no such service was available.

2. **Highways Note**

It is an OFFENCE to carry out works within the public highway, which includes a Public Right of Way, without the permission of the Highway Authority.

Any conditions which involve work within the limits of the public highway do not give the applicant permission to carry them out. Unless otherwise agreed in writing all works within the public highway shall be carried out by the County Council or its agents at the applicant's expense.

The County Council's Central Area Manager must be contacted on Telephone: 0345 6066171. Further information go to: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/parking/apply-for-a-dropped-kerb/>

A fee is payable to the Highway Authority for the assessment and inspection of both new vehicular crossing access works and improvements deemed necessary to existing vehicular crossings due to proposed development.

3. Environmental Health at the District Councils should be contacted in the event of unexpected ground conditions / contamination being encountered during construction. The developer should be aware that the responsibility for the safe development of the site lies with them at all times.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have adopted Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging which affects planning permissions granted on or after 11th April 2016 and permitted development commenced on or after 11th April 2016. If your development is for the erection of a new building, annex or extension or the change of use of a building over 100sqm in internal area or the creation of a new dwelling or holiday let of any size your development may be liable to pay CIL and you must submit relevant documents to our Infrastructure Team telling us more about your development, who will pay CIL and when the development will start. You will receive advice on the amount you have to pay and what you have to do and you can find more information about CIL on our websites here: CIL in Babergh and CIL in Mid Suffolk or by contacting the Infrastructure Team on: [infrastructure@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:infrastructure@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully

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## **Important Notes to be read in conjunction with your Decision Notice**

### **Please read carefully**

This decision notice refers only to the decision made by the Local Planning Authority under the Town and Country Planning Acts and DOES NOT include any other consent or approval required under enactment, bylaw, order or regulation.

**Please note: depending upon what conditions have been attached to the decision, action may be required on your part before you can begin your development.** Planning conditions usually require that you write to the Local Planning Authority and obtain confirmation that you have discharged your obligations. You should read your decision notice in detail and make a note of the requirements placed on you by any conditions. **If you proceed with your development without complying with these conditions you may invalidate your permission and put your development at risk.**

### **Discharging your obligations under a condition:**

You should formally apply to discharge your conditions and the relevant application forms are available on the Council's website. The Local Planning Authority has 8 weeks to write to you after you submit the details to discharge your conditions. You should always account for this time in your schedule as the Local Planning Authority cannot guarantee that conditions can be discharged quicker than this. A fee is applicable for the discharge of planning conditions.

### **Building Control:**

You are reminded that the carrying out of building works requires approval under the Building Regulations in many cases as well as a grant of planning permission. If you are in doubt as to whether or not the work, the subject of this planning permission, requires such approval, then you are invited to contact the Building Control Section of Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils.



## Appeals to the Secretary of State

1. If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the Local Planning Authority to refuse permission or consent, or to grant permission or consent subject to condition, they may appeal to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The applicant's right of appeal is in accordance with the appropriate statutory provisions which follow:

Planning Applications: Section 78 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Listed Building Applications: Section 20 Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Advertisement Applications: Section 78 Town and Country Planning Act 1990  
Regulation 15

Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 2007

Notice of appeal in the case of applications for advertisement consent must be served within eight weeks of receipt of this notice. Notice of Householder and Minor Commercial Appeals must be served within 12 weeks, in all other cases, notice of appeal must be served within six months of this notice. If this is a decision on a planning application relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice. If an enforcement notice is served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within: 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or within six months of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier. Appeals must be made on a form which is obtainable from The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN or online at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/modelnotification-notice-to-be-sent-to-an-applicant-when-permission-is-refused>

The Secretary of State has power to allow a longer period for the giving of a notice of appeal but he/she will not normally be prepared to exercise this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal. The Secretary of State is not required to entertain an appeal if it appears to him/her that permission for the proposed development could not have been granted by the Local Planning Authority, or could not have been so granted otherwise than subject to the conditions imposed by it, having regard to the statutory requirements\*, to the provisions of the Development Order, and to any directions given under the Order. The Secretary of State does not in practise refuse to entertain appeals solely because the decision of the Local Planning Authority was based on a direction given by him/her.

2. If permission or consent to develop land or carry out works is refused or granted subject to conditions, whether by the Local Planning Authority or by the Secretary of State and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonable beneficial use by the carrying out of any development or works which has been or would be permitted they may serve on the Council of the district in which the land is situated, a purchase notice requiring the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Section 137 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or Section 32 Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

\*The statutory requirements are those set out in Section 79(6) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, namely Sections 70 and 72(1) of the Act.