NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015

DECISION NOTICE

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Applicant:
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PARTICULARS OF DEVELOPMENT

Application:	18/01332/FP
Proposal:	Erection of 8 x 1-bed flats following demolition of existing surgery building
Location:	The Surgery, 1 Stevenage Road, Knebworth, Hertfordshire, SG3 6AN
Plan Nos:	Location Plan A801A 1A 2A 4 5A 6A

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In pursuance of its powers under the above Act and the associated Orders and Regulations, the Council hereby **GRANT PERMISSION** for the development proposed by you in your application received with sufficient particulars on 15 May 2018, subject to the following condition(s):

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 3 years from the date of this permission.

   Reason: To comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out wholly in accordance with the details specified in the application and supporting approved documents and plans listed above.

   Reason: To ensure the development is carried out in accordance with details which form the basis of this grant of permission.

3. Details and/or samples of materials to be used on all external elevations and the roof of the development hereby permitted shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before the development is commenced.

   Reason: To ensure that the development will have an acceptable appearance which does not detract from the appearance and character of the surrounding area.

4. The approved details of landscaping shall be carried out before the end of the first planting season following either the first occupation of any of the buildings or the completion of the development, whichever is the sooner; and any trees or plants which, within a period of 5 years from the completion of the development, die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased, shall be replaced during the next planting season with others of similar size and species, unless the Local Planning Authority agrees in writing to vary or dispense with this requirement.

   Reason: To safeguard and enhance the appearance of the completed development and the visual amenity of the locality.

5. Before the occupation of any of the dwellings hereby permitted, the car parking facilities shown on the approved plan shall be marked out and made available, and shall thereafter be kept available solely for the parking of motor vehicles.

   Reason: To ensure the provision of satisfactory car parking facilities clear of the public highway to meet the needs of the development.

6.

   No development shall commence until full details (in the form of scaled plans and written specifications) have been submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority to illustrate the following:

   o reinstating the kerb to a full height at the closure of the access on Station Road

   o alterations to the access/vehicle crossover on Stevenage Road and the reinstatement of the footway and full height kerb between the north side of the proposed access and the northern boundary line of the property.

   o the provision of a widened footway on the corner of Stevenage Road and Station Road to ensure that the footway is 2m wide for the full length between the pedestrian refuge island crossing on Station Road and the proposed vehicle access on Stevenage Road. The existing pedestrian footway is as narrow as 1.3m to 1.5m at the curve of the road and the footway would need to be widened to the back of the existing footway into the site. The extra width would need to be offered for dedication as highway and subsequently adopted once the works have been completed and any maintenance certificates have been signed.

   o at the location of the existing pedestrian refuge island crossing on Station Road to the south of the site the provision of:

   o tactile paving on the footway either side and on the refuge island;

o narrower pedestrian dropped kerbs to match the width of the tactile paving and no wider.
o The crossing point shall be provided with tactile paving to the standards laid out in Guidance on the use of Tactile Paving Surfaces and dropped kerbs flush with the carriageway Please refer to Sections 1.5.3 and 1.5.2 of the guidance for more information.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety

7. Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby permitted the vehicular access (indicated for improvement on drawing number A801A) and other necessary highway works shall be completed in accordance with the Highway Authority's construction specification. Prior to use arrangements shall be made for surface water drainage to be intercepted and disposed of separately so that it does not discharge from or onto the highway carriageway.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety and traffic movement.

8. Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby, the access from Station Road shall be permanently closed, and the footway shall be reinstated in accordance with a detailed scheme to be agreed with the Local Planning Authority, concurrently with the bringing into use of the new access.
Reason: In the interests of highway safety and amenity.

9. Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby permitted the proposed access, on-site car parking and turning area shall be laid out, demarcated, levelled, surfaces and drained in accordance with the approved plan and retained thereafter available for that specific use.
Reason: To ensure permanent availability of the parking / manoeuvring area, in the interests of highway safety.

10. The development shall not begin until full details of all proposed construction vehicle access, movements, parking arrangements and wheel washing facilities have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The relevant details should be submitted in the form of a Construction Management Plan and the approved details are to be implemented throughout the construction programme.
Reason: To minimise danger, obstruction and inconvenience to users of the highway.

Proactive Statement:

Planning permission has been granted for this proposal. Discussion with the applicant to seek an acceptable solution was not necessary in this instance. The Council has therefore acted proactively in line with the requirements of the Framework (paragraphs 186 and 187) and in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.

Informative/s:

HIGHWAY INFORMATIVE:

HCC recommends inclusion of the following highway informative / advisory note (AN) to ensure that any works within the public highway are carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Highway Act 1980:

AN) Agreement with Highway Authority: The applicant is advised that in order to comply with this permission it will be necessary for the developer of the site to enter into an agreement with Hertfordshire County Council as Highway Authority under Section 278 / 38 of the Highways Act 1980 to ensure the satisfactory completion of the access and associated road improvements. The construction of such works must be undertaken to the satisfaction and specification of the Highway Authority, and by a contractor who is authorised to work in the public highway. Before works commence the applicant will need to apply to the Highway Authority to obtain their permission and requirements. Further information is available via the website https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/business-and-developer-information/development-management/highways-development-management.aspx or by telephoning 0300 1234047.

Signed:



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Development & Conservation Manager
Date: 10 July 2018

NOTES

1 **Failure to satisfy conditions may invalidate this permission and/or result in enforcement action. Particular attention should be paid to the requirements of any condition in bold.**

2 Circular 04/2008 (Planning Related Fees) states that where an application is made under Article 21 of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995, a fee will be payable for any consent, agreement or approval required by condition or limitation attached to the grant of planning permission.

3 The fee is £116 per request or £34 where the permission relates to an extension or alteration to a dwellinghouse or other development in the curtilage of the dwellinghouse. No fee is required for applications resulting from a condition removing "permitted development rights".

The request can be informal through the submission of a letter or plans, or formal

through the completion of an application form and the submission of plans. Any number of conditions may be included on a single request. The form is available on the Council's website:
www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/planning/planning-applications/submit-planning-application

4 If the development hereby permitted is one that will require a new postal address/es then please contact the Council's **street naming and numbering service** on 01462 474431 or email SNN@north-herts.gov.uk who will advise you on how to apply for the new address/es.

Any proposed sales and/or marketing name to be adopted by the developer should be forwarded to the **street naming and numbering service,** prior to any publication of the site details and sales information.

5 If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice.

Appeals can be made online at: https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate. If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the local planning authority based their decision on a direction given by him.

6 **Purchase Notices**

If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council (District Council, London Borough Council or Common Council of the City of London) in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

7 The District Council and County Highway Authority wish to ensure that, in the implementation of the development, hereby approved, the highway verge adjacent to the property is not damaged or does not become unsightly due to the stationing of skips, parking of vehicles, storing of building materials etc thereon. Your attention is, therefore, drawn to the provisions of Section 131 of the Highways Act 1980 and to the Hertfordshire County Council Bylaws 1955 (specifically relating to grass margins and verges in Letchworth Garden City) by virtue of which such actions, unless authorised by the prior grant of a licence, constitute a prosecutable offence. Persons responsible for undertaking the development and any associated works are, therefore, strongly encouraged to take appropriate steps to ensure that no breach of the said legislation occurs during the course of such activities. In the event of any damage being caused it will be expected that suitable reinstatement is undertaken upon completion of the development. Failure to do so could also result in legal action being pursued. To obtain information regarding the issue of licences, contact Hertfordshire Highways, Hertfordshire County Council, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG138DQ or telephone 0300 1234 047.

THIS PLANNING PERMISSION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APPROVAL UNDER BUILDING REGULATIONS AND IS NOT A LISTED BUILDING CONSENT OR CONSERVATION AREA CONSENT. IT DOES NOT CONVEY ANY APPROVAL OR CONSENT WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED UNDER ANY ENACTMENT, BYE-LAW, ORDER OR REGULATION OTHER THAN SECTION 57 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990.

Consent for these works may be required from the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation (www.letchworth.com/heritage-foundation) under the Scheme of Management or leasehold covenants. If you do not already have their approval, you are advised to contact the Heritage Foundation on home@letchworth.com or 01462 476017 to confirm whether you also need to submit an application to them.