

	NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 191 CERTIFICATE OF EXISTING LAWFUL USE OR DEVELOPMENT	Town Planning Ref.No. 25/01487/LDCE
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Applicant:

Mr David Lazenby

Date of Receipt of Application: 06.06.2025

Site: **Hitchin Garden Centre, Cambridge Road, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 0JX,**

Description of development: Confirmation of material start on site of planning permission Ref: 21/03016/FP - granted on 16.12.2021, (Side extension to provide additional retail building following demolition of existing detached outbuilding)

The North Hertfordshire District Council, in pursuance of their powers under the above-mentioned Act and the associated Orders and Regulations, hereby CERTIFY that on the date of receipt of the application the matter described above in respect of the aforementioned land and edged in red on the plan attached hereto, would have been lawful within the meaning of Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

The reason for this determination is as follows :-

The Local Planning Authority is satisfied that sufficient evidence has been provided to establish that the planning permission ref: 21/03016/FP has commenced within the 3 year time period set out in the decision notice (i.e. by 16th December 2024) and that the works undertaken constitute 'material operations' as defined in Section 56 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Signed:



Shaun Greaves
Development and Conservation Manager

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Date: 18 July 2025

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NOTES

1. The certificate is issued solely for the purpose of Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
2. It certifies that the use*/operations*/matter specified taking place on the land described would have been lawful, on the specified date and, thus, would not have been liable to enforcement action under section 172 of the 1990 Act on that date.
3. This certificate applies only to the extent of the use*/operations*/matter described and to the land specified and identified on the attached plan. Any use*/operations*/matter which is/are materially different from that/those described or which relate(s) to other land may render the owner or occupier liable to enforcement action.
4. The effect of the certificate is also qualified by the proviso in section 192(4) of the 1990 Act, as amended, which states that the lawfulness of a described use or operation is only conclusively presumed where there has been no material change, before the use is instituted or the operations begun, in any of the matters relevant to determining such lawfulness.

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