

The Planning Inspectorate

QUESTIONNAIRE (s78) and (s20) PLANNING AND LISTED BUILDING CONSENT (Online Version)

You must ensure that a copy of the completed questionnaire, together with any attachments, are sent to the appellant/agent by the date given in the start letter. **You must include details of the statutory development plan, even if you intend to rely more heavily on some other emerging plan.**

If notification or consultation under an Act, Order or Departmental Circular would have been necessary before granting permission and has not yet taken place, please inform the appropriate bodies of the appeal now and ask for any comments to be sent direct to us by the date your statement is due.

Appeal Reference

APP/X1925/Y/25/3369314

Appeal By

MR JOHN GASS

Site Address

Keepers Cottage, 2A Orchard Way
Breachwood Green
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG4 8NT

PART 1

1.a. Do you consider the written representation procedure to be suitable? Yes ☒ No ☐

*Note: If the written procedure is agreed, the Inspector will visit the site **unaccompanied** by either party unless the relevant part of the site cannot be seen from a road or other public land, or it is essential for the Inspector to enter the site to check measurements or other relevant facts.*

2.a. If the written procedure is agreed, can the relevant part of the appeal site be seen from a road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land? Yes ☐ No ☒

2.b. Is it essential for the Inspector to enter the site to assess the impact of the proposal? Yes ☒ No ☐

Please explain

This application is based on replacement windows to front, side and rear of the listed building. Those on the side and rear cannot be viewed from a road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land.

2.c. Are there any known health and safety issues that would affect the conduct of the site inspection? Yes ☐ No ☒

3.a. Are there any other appeals or matters relating to the same site still being considered by us or the Secretary of State? Yes ☐ No ☒

3.b. Are there any other appeals or matters adjacent or close to the site still being considered by us or the Secretary of State? Yes ☐ No ☒

PART 2

4. Does the appeal relate to an application for approval of reserved matters? Yes ☐ No ☒

5. Was a site ownership certificate submitted with the application? Yes ☒ No ☐

6. Did you give publicity to the application in accordance with either Article 15 of Yes ☒ No ☐

the DMPO 2015, Section 67/73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 or Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990?

6.a. If a press advert notice was published, please upload a copy

☒ see 'Questionnaire Documents' section

7. Does the appeal relate to a county matter?

Yes ☐ No



8. Please indicate the development type for the application to which the appeal relates.

Major Developments



Minor Developments



Other Developments



8.c. Other Developments

Mineral working



Change of use



Householder developments



Is the appeal site within:

9.a. A Green Belt?

Yes ☐ No



9.b. An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty?

Yes ☐ No



10. Is there a known surface or underground mineral interest at or within 400 metres of the appeal site which is likely to be a material consideration in determining the appeal?

Yes ☐ No



PART 3

11. Would the development require the stopping up or diverting of a public right of way?

Yes ☐ No



12.a. Is the site in a Conservation Area?

Yes ☐ No



12.b. Is the site adjacent to a Conservation Area?

Yes ☐ No



12.c. Does the appeal proposal include the demolition of a non-listed building within a conservation area?

Yes ☐ No



13.a. Does the proposed development involve the demolition, alteration or extension of a Grade I / II* / II listed building?

Yes ☒ No



☐ Grade I

☐ Grade II*

☒ Grade II

Date of the listing

08/02/1988

Please attach a copy of the relevant listing description from the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest

☒ see 'Questionnaire Documents' section

13.b. Would the proposed development affect the setting of a listed building?

Yes ☐ No



13.c. If YES to 13.a or 13.b, was Historic England consulted?

Yes ☐ No



14. Has a grant been made under s3A or s4 of the Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments Act 1953?

Yes ☐ No



15.a. Would the proposals affect an Ancient Monument (whether scheduled or not)?	Yes	☐ No	☒
16. Is any part of the site subject to a Tree Preservation Order?	Yes	☐ No	☒
17. Have you made a Local Development Order under s61A to 61C of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as inserted by s40 of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) relating to the application site?	Yes	☐ No	☒
18. Does the appeal involve persons claiming Gypsy/Traveller status, whether or not this is accepted by the planning authority?	Yes	☐ No	☒
19.a. Is the appeal site in or adjacent to or likely to affect an SSSI or an internationally designated site (ie. cSAC, SAC, pSPA, SPA Ramsar)?	Yes	☐ No	☒
19.b. Are any protected species likely to be affected by the proposals?	Yes	☐ No	☒

PART 4

Environmental Impact Assessment - Schedule 1

20.a.i. Is the proposed development Schedule 1 development as described in Schedule 1 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011?	Yes	☐ No	☒
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Environmental Impact Assessment - Schedule 2

20.b.i. Is the proposed development Schedule 2 development as described in Column 1, Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011?	Yes	☐ No	☒
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20.c.i. Have you issued a screening opinion (SO)	Yes	☐ No	☒
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Environmental Impact Assessment - Environmental Statement (ES)

20.d. Has the appellant supplied an environmental statement?	Yes	☐ No	☒
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Environmental Impact Assessment - Publicity

20.e. If applicable, please attach a copy of the site notice and local advertisement published as required for EIA development.	Applies	☐ N/A	☒
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21. Have all notifications or consultations under any Act, Order or Departmental Circular, necessary before granting permission, taken place?	Yes	☐ No	☒
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Please inform the appropriate bodies of the appeal now and ask for any comments to be sent to us by the date your statement is due.

PART 5

22. Do you wish to attach your statement of case?	Yes	☐ No	☒
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For appeals dealt with by written representations only

23. If this appeal is not following the written representations expedited procedure, do you intend to send a statement of case about this appeal?	Yes	☐ No	☐
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Copies of the following documents must, if appropriate, be attached to this questionnaire

24.a. a copy of the letter with which you notified people about the appeal;



☒ [see 'Questionnaire Documents' section](#)

24.b. a list of the people you notified and the deadline you gave for their comments to be sent to us;



☒ [see 'Questionnaire Documents' section](#)

Deadline

29/08/2025

24.c. all representations received from interested parties about the original application;



24.d. the planning officer's report to committee or delegated report on the application and any other relevant documents/minutes;



☒ [see 'Questionnaire Documents' section](#)

24.e. any representations received as a result of a service of a site ownership notification;



24.f. extracts from any relevant statutory development plan policies (even if you intend to rely more heavily on the emerging plan);



You must include the front page, the title and date of the approval/adoption, please give the status of the plan. Copies of the policies should include the relevant supporting text. You must provide this even if the appeal is against non-determination.

☒ [see 'Questionnaire Documents' section](#)

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List of policies

SP13 HE1

24.g. extracts of any relevant policies which have been 'saved' by way of a Direction;



24.h. extracts from any supplementary planning guidance, that you consider necessary, together with its status, whether it was the subject of public consultation and consequent modification, whether it was formally adopted and if so, when;



24.i. extracts from any supplementary planning document that you consider necessary, together with the date of its adoption;



In the case of emerging documents, please state what stage they have reached.

24.j. a comprehensive list of conditions which you consider should be imposed if planning permission is granted;



Only tick that this applies if you intend to submit a list of conditions with the questionnaire. If you do not submit the list with the questionnaire, then this should be submitted by the date your statement is due. This list must be submitted separately from your appeal statement.

24.k. if any Development Plan Document (DPD) or Neighbourhood Plan relevant to this appeal has been examined and found sound/met the basic conditions and passed a referendum, the date the DPD or Neighbourhood Plan is likely to be adopted and, if you consider this date will be before the Inspector's decision on this appeal is issued, an explanation of the Council's policy position in respect of this appeal upon its adoption. You should also include an explanation of the status of existing policies and plans, as they relate to this appeal, upon adoption and which (if any) will be superseded;



24.l. if any DPD or Neighbourhood Plan relevant to this appeal has been submitted for examination, or in the case of a Neighbourhood Plan has been examined and is awaiting a referendum, an explanation of any substantive changes in the progress of the emerging plan, and their relevance to this appeal if it is considered that the plan will not be adopted before the Inspector's decision on this appeal is issued;



24.m. your Authority's CIL charging schedule is being/has been examined;



24.n. your Authority's CIL charging schedule has been/is likely to be adopted;



24.o. any other relevant information or correspondence you consider we should know about.



see 'Questionnaire Documents' section

For the Mayor of London cases only

25.a. Was it necessary to notify the Mayor of London about the application?

Yes

☐ No



25.b. Did the Mayor of London issue a direction to refuse planning permission?

Yes

☐ No



LPA Details

I certify that a copy of this appeal questionnaire and any enclosures will be sent to the appellant or agent today.



LPA's reference

25/00956/LBC

Completed by

Mark Simmons

On behalf of

North Hertfordshire District Council

Please provide the details of the officer we can contact for this appeal, if different from the Planning Inspectorate's usual contact for this type of appeal.

Name

Kerry Andrews

Phone no (including dialling code)

01462 474835

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planning.appeals@north-herts.gov.uk

Please advise the case officer of any changes in circumstances occurring after the return of the questionnaire.

QUESTIONNAIRE DOCUMENTS

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Relates to Section: PART 2

Document Description: 6.a. A copy of the notice published.

File name: comet and additional 05-06-25.pdf

Relates to Section: PART 3

Document Description: 13.a. A copy of the relevant listing description from the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest.

File name: List entry as revised 07.11.2023.pdf

Relates to Section: PART 5

Document Description: 24.a. A copy of the letter with which you notified people about the appeal.

File name: Copy of appeal notification letter 2500956BC.pdf

Relates to Section: PART 5

Document Description: 24.b. A document containing a list of the people you notified of the appeal.

File name: List of those notified of appeal 2500956LBC.pdf

Relates to Section: PART 5

Document Description: 24.d. The planning officer's report to committee or delegated report on the application and any other relevant documents/minutes.

File name: Officer delegated file note.pdf

Relates to Section: PART 5

Document Description: 24.f. Copies of extracts from any relevant statutory development plan policies.

File name: North Hertfordshire Local Plan - front page and forward .pdf

Relates to Section: PART 5

Document Description: 24.f. Copies of extracts from any relevant statutory development plan policies.

File name: Local Plan Policies.pdf

Relates to Section: PART 5

Document Description: 24.o. Copies of any other relevant information or correspondence you consider we should know about.

File name: Recent relevant decisions and outstanding applications.pdf

File name: Site notice.pdf

File name: Secretary of State's decision 10.12.2024.pdf

File name: Site notice displayed 02.06.2025.pdf

File name: Inspector's Report 26.11.2024.pdf

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