

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

DECISION NOTICE

Correspondence Address:

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Applicant:

Mr and Mrs Watts

Application:

25/00174/LBC

Proposal:

Replacement fenestration including alterations to fenestration arrangement; internal alterations and demolition of existing conservatory. Insertion of 3no. rooflights and external weatherboarding to existing rear element (annexe),

Location:

The Old Rectory, Stevenage Road, Little Wymondley, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 7HY,

Approved Plan Nos:

2411_00
2411_01
2411_02

PARTICULARS OF DECISION

In pursuance of its powers under the above Act and the associated Orders and Regulations, the Council hereby **GRANT LISTED BUILDING CONSENT** to the works described above and proposed by you in your application received with sufficient particulars on 20 January 2025.

The consent is subject to the following conditions:

1. The work to which this consent relates shall be begun by not later than the expiration of the period of 3 years from the date of this notice.

Reason: To comply with the provisions of Section 18 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. Listed Building Consent hereby granted EXCLUDES windows W01 and W11 on as shown and listed in the schedule on submitted drawing No. 2411-02.

Reason: The Old Rectory is a detached, 18th century, grade II listed building. Windows W01 and W11 possess special interest and contribute positively to the listed building's special character. The removal of these windows will occasion harm to the listed building's special character, therefore, will fail to satisfy the provisions of Section 16(2) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, the aims of Section 16 of the NPPF and the aims of Policy HE1 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011-2031. The degree of harm is considered moderate to low on the less than substantial harm continuum. The building is considered to have an optimum viable use and there are no public benefits to outweigh the harm identified.

3. Prior to the manufacture and installation of those proposed windows that have been hereby granted consent, detailed metric scale section drawings of the replacement windows including 1:1 scale drawing of proposed glazing bars and glazing system and method of opening shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter, the windows shall be installed in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure that special regard is paid to protecting the special architectural and historic interest and integrity of the grade II listed building under Section 16 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and Policy HE1 of the Local Plan.

Signed:



Shaun Greaves

Development and Conservation Manager

Development Management
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Date: 6 May 2025

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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 No fee is payable for any consent, agreement or approval required by condition or limitation attached to the grant of a Listed Building Consent. 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 you are aggrieved by this decision, you may appeal to The Planning Inspectorate, , within 6 months of this decision or, in exceptional circumstances, such longer period as the Secretary of State may agree.

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.
- 5 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) 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 the Hertfordshire Highways, Northern Area Office, Antelope House, Gates Way, Stevenage, SG1 3HL or telephone 01438 757800.

