



**North
Herts
Council**

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Application for Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Postcode

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)

Northing (y)

Description

3 farm buildings

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Sam

Surname

Sheppard

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Ashwell Bury

Address line 2

Mill Street

Address line 3

Town/City

Ashwell

County

Hertfordshire

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

SG7 5LX

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Aidan

Surname

Crawshaw

Company Name

Crawshaw Architects LLP

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27 Almeida Street

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Town/City

London

County

Country

Postcode

N1 1TD

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

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Email address

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Site Area

What is the measurement of the site area? (numeric characters only).

5735.00

Unit

Sq. metres

Description of the Proposal

Please note in regard to:

- **Fire Statements** - From 1 August 2021, planning applications for buildings of over 18 metres (or 7 stories) tall containing more than one dwelling will require a 'Fire Statement' for the application to be considered valid. There are some exemptions. [View government planning guidance on fire statements](#) or [access the fire statement template and guidance](#).
- **Permission In Principle** - If you are applying for Technical Details Consent on a site that has been granted Permission In Principle, please include the relevant details in the description below.
- **Public Service Infrastructure** - From 1 August 2021, applications for certain public service infrastructure developments will be eligible for faster determination timeframes. See help for further details or [view government planning guidance on determination periods](#).

Description

Please describe details of the proposed development or works including any change of use

Conversions of 3 agricultural buildings to 8 new dwellings including associated gardens and access arrangements

Has the work or change of use already started?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

not in use.

Is the site currently vacant?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

If Yes, please describe the last use of the site

Farm buildings used in association with Bluegates Farm

When did this use end (if known)?

dd/mm/yyyy

Does the proposal involve any of the following? If Yes, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment with your application.

Land which is known to be contaminated

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Land where contamination is suspected for all or part of the site

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Materials

Does the proposed development require any materials to be used externally?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Please provide a description of existing and proposed materials and finishes to be used externally (including type, colour and name for each material)

Type:

Roof

Existing materials and finishes:

Dwellings 1,2 and 3 have a mixture of slate tiles corrugated iron and cement fibre sheets. Dwelling 4 has slate tiles Dwelling 5-8 has corrugated iron and cement fibre sheets.

Proposed materials and finishes:

Dwellings 1,2 and 3 to have Slate tiles Dwelling 4 to have Slate tiles and Standing seam zinc roofing sheets (to extension and double height element). Dwelling 5-8 to have Standing seam zinc roofing sheets in a natural finish (light grey)

Type:

Walls

Existing materials and finishes:

Dwellings 1,2 and 3 have a mixture of brick and block walls. Dwelling 4 has a mixture of brick and block walls. Dwellings 5-8 has cement fibre cladding sheets

Proposed materials and finishes:

Dwellings 1,2 and 3 walls to be rendered Dwelling 4 walls to be rendered Dwelling 5-8 to have combination of horizontal and vertical timber cladding (black)

Type:

Windows

Existing materials and finishes:

various wooden framed windows

Proposed materials and finishes:

Aluminium framed windows

Type:

Doors

Existing materials and finishes:

wooden farm doors

Proposed materials and finishes:

Aluminium paneled and glazed doors

Type:

Boundary treatments (e.g. fences, walls)

Existing materials and finishes:

none

Proposed materials and finishes:

closed timber board picket fencing on garden boundaries. Rendered block walls where visual separation required.

Type:

Vehicle access and hard standing

Existing materials and finishes:

concrete hard standing

Proposed materials and finishes:

tarmac to driveway entrances and permeable paving to access road and car parking areas

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plans, drawings or a design and access statement?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, please state references for the plans, drawings and/or design and access statement

164 KIRBY MANOR_DAS
164 OS 00 LOCATION PLAN.pdf
164 SVY 01 SITE PLAN AS EXISTING.pdf
164 SVY 05 FLOOR PLANS AS EXISTING.pdf
164 SVY 06 ROOF PLANS AS EXISTING.pdf
164 SVY 10 ELEVATIONS AS EXISTING.pdf
164 SVY 20 SECTIONS AS EXISTING.pdf
164 LD 01 LANDSCAPE PLAN.pdf
164 PP 01 SITE PLAN AS PROPOSED.pdf
164 PP 05 FLOOR PLANS AS PROPOSED.pdf
164 PP 06 ROOF PLANS AS PROPOSED.pdf
164 PP 10 ELEVATIONS AS PROPOSED.pdf
164 PP 20 SECTIONS AS PROPOSED.pdf
25_BAT2_04_77 - BERS Report - July 2025_1.1_Final.pdf
25_PEA_BNG_03_58 - Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Report - April 2025 - Final_1.0.pdf
Kirby Manor Barns - 25_PEA_BNG_03_58 - Metric V1.xlsm
P2917_20240307_Kirby Manor Barns, Ashwell_Transport Statement.pdf
Speed tests.pdf

Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicular access proposed to or from the public highway?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Is a new or altered pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Are there any new public roads to be provided within the site?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Do the proposals require any diversions/extinguishments and/or creation of rights of way?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

If you answered Yes to any of the above questions, please show details on your plans/drawings and state their reference numbers

P2917_20240307_Kirby Manor Barns, Ashwell_Transport Statement.pdf
164 PP 01 SITE PLAN AS PROPOSED.pdf

Vehicle Parking

Does the site have any existing vehicle/cycle parking spaces or will the proposed development add/remove any parking spaces?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Vehicle Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

Tractors and farm vehicles

Existing number of spaces:

10

Total proposed (including spaces retained):

20

Difference in spaces:

10

Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?

☒ Yes

☐ No

And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If Yes to either or both of the above, you may need to provide a full tree survey, at the discretion of the local planning authority. If a tree survey is required, this and the accompanying plan should be submitted alongside the application. The local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations'.

Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding? (Check the location on the Government's [Flood map for planning](#). You should also refer to national [standing advice](#) and your local planning authority requirements for information as necessary.)

☐ Yes

☒ No

Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?

☐ Yes

☒ No

How will surface water be disposed of?

☒ Sustainable drainage system

☐ Existing water course

☒ Soakaway

☐ Main sewer

☐ Pond/lake

Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

Is there a reasonable likelihood of the following being affected adversely or conserved and enhanced within the application site, or on land adjacent to or near the application site?

To assist in answering this question correctly, please refer to the help text which provides guidance on determining if any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby; and whether they are likely to be affected by the proposals.

a) Protected and priority species

- ☒ Yes, on the development site
☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
☐ No

b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features

- ☐ Yes, on the development site
☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
☒ No

c) Features of geological conservation importance

- ☐ Yes, on the development site
☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
☒ No

Supporting information requirements

Where a development proposal is likely to affect features of biodiversity or geological conservation interest, you will need to submit, with the application, sufficient information and assessments to allow the local planning authority to determine the proposal.

Failure to submit all information required will result in your application being deemed invalid. It will not be considered valid until all information required by the local planning authority has been submitted.

Your local planning authority will be able to advise on the content of any assessments that may be required.

Biodiversity net gain

Biodiversity net gain is a legal requirement for planning permission introduced on 12 February 2024. All applications are required to either provide detailed information proving there will be a biodiversity increase; or explain why the requirement does not apply to the development.

[Find out more about biodiversity net gain, and access digital tools from our partners that can help determine if you are exempt, or produce the biodiversity metric information required.](#)

Do you believe that, if the development is granted permission, the general Biodiversity Gain Condition (as set out in [Paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 \(as amended\)](#)) would apply?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Based on your site details, you are likely eligible to [use our partner's online tool to create the metric sheet and all information and supporting documents and plans you need to comply with biodiversity net gain, including the metric sheet.](#) Estimated time to complete is 45 minutes.

Please provide the pre-development biodiversity value of onsite habitats on the date of calculation

0.37

Please provide the date the onsite pre-development biodiversity value was calculated

25/04/2025

Note: This should be either the date of the application, or an earlier proposed date

If an earlier date, to the date of the planning application, has been used, please provide details why this date has been used

The Planning application has had to wait 3 months for bat surveys to be completed.

When was the version of the biodiversity metric used published?

01/03/2023

Please provide the reference or supporting document/plan names for the:

- i. Biodiversity metric calculation
- ii. Onsite irreplaceable habitats (if applicable)
- iii. Onsite habitats existing on the date of the application for planning permission (if applicable)

Document/Plan:

Biodiversity metric calculation

Document name/reference:

Kirby Manor Barns - 25_PEA_BNG_03_58 - Metric V1

Document/Plan:

Onsite habitats existing on the date of the application for planning permission

Document name/reference:

25_BAT2_04_77 - BERS Report - July 2025_1.1_Final.pdf

Document/Plan:

Other (please specify)

Please specify:

Preliminary ecological assessment

Document name/reference:

25_PEA_BNG_03_58 - Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Report - April 2025 - Final_1.0.pdf

Note: You must supply a complete biodiversity metric calculation with your application. Plans must be drawn to an identified scale, and show the direction of North.

Has there been any loss (or degradation) of any onsite habitat(s), resulting from activities carried out before the date the onsite pre-development biodiversity value was calculated. Either:

- on or after 30 January 2020 which were not in accordance with a planning permission; or
- on or after 25 August 2023 which were in accordance with a planning permission?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Does the development site have irreplaceable habitats (corresponding to the descriptions in [Column 1 of the Schedule in the Biodiversity Gain Requirements \(Irreplaceable Habitat\) Regulations \(2023\)](#)) which are:

- i. on land to which the application relates; and
- ii. exist on the date of the application for planning permission, (or an earlier agreed date)

☐ Yes

☒ No

Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

☐ Mains sewer

☐ Septic tank

☒ Package treatment plant

☐ Cess pit

☐ Other

☐ Unknown

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No
☐ Unknown

Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please provide details:

2 dedicated bin storage areas have been incorporated into the landscaping proposals

Have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please provide details:

In same 2 dedicated bin storage areas incorporated into the landscaping proposals

Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or trade waste?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Residential/Dwelling Units

Does your proposal include the gain, loss or change of use of residential units?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Please note: This question is based on the current housing categories and types specified by government.

If your application was started before 23 May 2020, the categories and types shown in this question will now have changed. We recommend that you review any information provided to ensure it is correct before the application is submitted.

Proposed

Please select the housing categories that are relevant to the proposed units

- ☒ Market Housing
☐ Social, Affordable or Intermediate Rent
☐ Affordable Home Ownership
☐ Starter Homes
☐ Self-build and Custom Build

Market Housing

Please specify each type of housing and number of units proposed

Housing Type:	
Flats / Maisonettes	
1 Bedroom:	
0	
2 Bedroom:	
2	
3 Bedroom:	
6	
4+ Bedroom:	
0	
Unknown Bedroom:	
0	
Total:	
8	

Proposed Market Housing Category Totals	1 Bedroom Total	2 Bedroom Total	3 Bedroom Total	4+ Bedroom Total	Unknown Bedroom Total	Total
	0	2	6	0	0	8

Existing

Please select the housing categories for any existing units on the site

- ☐ Market Housing
- ☐ Social, Affordable or Intermediate Rent
- ☐ Affordable Home Ownership
- ☐ Starter Homes
- ☐ Self-build and Custom Build

Totals

Total proposed residential units	8
Total existing residential units	0
Total net gain or loss of residential units	8

All Types of Development: Non-Residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace?

Note that 'non-residential' in this context covers all uses except Use Class C3 Dwellinghouses.

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Totals	Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres) (a)	Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres) (b)	Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres) (c)	Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres) (d = c - a)
	1356.4	356.4	1000	-356.4000000000001

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Yes

☒ No

Does this proposal involve the carrying out of industrial or commercial activities and processes?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Is the proposal for a waste management development?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Hazardous Substances

Does the proposal involve the use or storage of Hazardous Substances?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- ☒ The agent
☐ The applicant
☐ Other person

Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):

Officer name:

Title

***** REDACTED *****

First Name

***** REDACTED *****

Surname

***** REDACTED *****

Reference

24/02712/PNQ

Date (must be pre-application submission)

20/01/2025

Prior approval granted on 20 January 2025 (24/02712/PNG). On the advice of Alex Howard this application follows up in order to include transportation, access, parking, refuse storage and collections, garden amenity and access, privacy (garden walls and planting), and ecology.

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
- (b) an elected member
- (c) related to a member of staff
- (d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Ownership Certificates and Agricultural Land Declaration

Certificates under Article 14 - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Please answer the following questions to determine which Certificate of Ownership you need to complete: A, B, C or D.

Is the applicant the sole owner of all the land to which this application relates; and has the applicant been the sole owner for more than 21 days?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Is any of the land to which the application relates part of an Agricultural Holding?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Can you give appropriate notice to all the other owners/agricultural tenants? (Select 'Yes' if there are no other owners/agricultural tenants)

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate B

I certify/ The applicant certifies that:

- ☒ I have/The applicant has given the requisite notice to everyone else (as listed below) who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was the owner* and/or agricultural tenant** of any part of the land or building to which this application relates; or
- ☒ The applicant is the sole owner of all the land or buildings to which this application relates and there are no other owners* and/or agricultural tenants**.

* "owner" is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run.

** "agricultural tenant" has the meaning given in section 65(8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Person Role

- ☐ The Applicant
- ☒ The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Aidan

Surname

Crawshaw

Hertfordshire Highways

Declaration Date

04/08/2025

☒ Declaration made

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Full planning permission as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Aidan Crawshaw

Date

19/08/2025