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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

DECISION NOTICE

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Applicant:

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PARTICULARS OF DEVELOPMENT

Application: 25/01539/FP

Proposal: Extension and conversion of the existing barn into a four bedroom dwelling with associated landscaping, following demolition of non-original stable extension, car port and lean-to structure (as amended by drawing nos. 300-Pr; 301-Pr; 302-Pr; 303-Pr; 310-Pr; 311-Pr; 312-Pr; 313-Pr; 314-Pr; _ 315-Pr received 3rd October 2025)

Location: Holborn Farm, Dane End, Therfield, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9RH

Plan Nos: Arboricultural Impact Assessment - Rev F 100 101 200 201 210 211 212 300-Pr 301-Pr 302-Pr 303-Pr 310-Pr 311-Pr 312-Pr 313-Pr 314-Pr 315-Pr

PARTICULARS OF DECISION

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 30 June 2025, subject to the following condition(s):

Biodiversity Net Gain

1. The effect of paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 is that planning permission granted for the development of land in England is

deemed to have been granted subject to the condition "(the biodiversity gain condition)" that development may not begin unless:

- (a) a Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority, and
- (b) the planning authority has approved the plan.

The planning authority, for the purposes of determining whether to approve a Biodiversity Gain Plan if one is required in respect of this permission would be North Hertfordshire District Council.

There are statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements which mean that the biodiversity gain condition does not always apply

(<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-net-gain-exempt-developments>).

Based on the information available this permission is considered to be one which will require the approval of a biodiversity gain plan before development is begun because none of the statutory exemptions or transitional arrangements are considered to apply.

Planning Conditions

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 and the approved details shall be implemented on site.

Reason: To ensure that the development will have an acceptable appearance which does not detract from the appearance and character of the surrounding area and to comply with Policy D1 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011 to 2031.

4. All existing clay pantiles capable of reuse shall be stored on site and used in the re-roofing of the main barn unless otherwise agreed and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. In addition, details and/or samples of clay pantiles to

make up any shortfall shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before the re-roofing commences. Thereafter only salvaged tiles or the approved alternative shall be used on the re-roofing.

Reason: To ensure that the development will have an acceptable appearance which does not detract from the appearance and character of the surrounding area and to comply with Policy D1 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011 to 2031.

5. Notwithstanding approved drawing no. 313-Pr Elevation-West Rev P2, further details of the brick type and bond to the triple carport shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of that part of the development hereby consented. Thereafter, the brickwork shall be completed in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure that the development will have an acceptable appearance which does not detract from the appearance and character of the surrounding area and to comply with Policy D1 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011 to 2031

6. Details of all structural works to the barn's envelope shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of the development. Thereafter the structural works shall be undertaken in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To safeguard the character and appearance of the listed building to which this consent relates and to comply with Policies SP13 and HE1 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011 to 2031.

7. The method of external insulation to include materials to be used, hereby granted planning permission, shall be submitted to and agreed, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority before any works are commenced. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To safeguard the character and appearance of the listed building to which this consent relates and to comply with Policies SP13 and HE1 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011 to 2031

8. Notwithstanding the detail show on the submitted drawings further details of shutter doors to the primary entrance on the North Elevation shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of works. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To safeguard the character and appearance of the listed building to which this consent relates and to comply with Policies SP13 and HE1 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011 to 2031

9. No development to which this consent relates shall commence until an appropriate programme of historic building recording and analysis has been secured and implemented in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been

submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The development shall be carried out at all times in strict accordance with the approved scheme, or such other details as may be subsequently agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that an appropriate record is made of the historic building fabric that may be affected by the development

10. No development approved by this permission shall take place until the following has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority:
- A Phase 1 Desk Study report documenting the ground conditions of the site with regard to potential contamination;
 - A Phase 2 Site Investigation (where shown as necessary the Phase 1 Desk Study);
 - A Phase 3 Remediation Scheme (where shown as necessary by the Phase 2 Site Investigation)
- All such work shall be undertaken in accordance with BS:10175:2011 or other appropriate guidance issued by the regulatory authorities. The work shall be sufficient to ensure that measures will be taken to mitigate any risks to human health and the wider environment.

Reason: To protect human health and to ensure that no future investigation is required under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

11. Prior to any permitted dwelling being occupied a validation report shall be submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority to demonstrate the effectiveness of any agreed Remediation Strategy. Any such validation shall include responses to any unexpected contamination discovered during works.

Reason: To protect human health and to ensure that no future investigation is required under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

12. No works are in any circumstances to commence unless the local planning authority has been provided with either:
- o a licence issued by Natural England authorizing the specified activity/development to go ahead; or
 - o a statement in writing from the relevant licensing body to the effect that it does not consider that the specified activity/development will require a licence.

Reason: To ensure that works do not result in adverse impacts to protected species. To comply with Policy NE4 of the North Herts Local Plan 2011 - 2031

13. No development shall take place until an Ecological Enhancement Plan (EEP) detailing the inclusion of integrated swift boxes in buildings / structures as informed by the submitted April 2025 Ecological Appraisal has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The agreed measures are to be implemented on site prior to the first occupation of the first dwellinghouse hereby approved and shall remain on site thereafter.

Reason: To ensure development secures biodiversity enhancements in accordance with Policy NE4 of the Local Plan.

14. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the

recommended mitigation and enhancements set out in the submitted ecology report by Cherryfield Ecology dated June 2025 unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of nature conservation and to comply with Policy NE4 of the North Herts Local Plan 2011 - 2031

15. Prior to the first occupation of the dwelling hereby approved a scheme of sustainable energy saving measures to be incorporated into the dwelling shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority and implemented on site.

Reason: To address the climate emergency in accordance with Local Plan Policy D1 of the North Herts Local Plan

16. Prior to the relevant phase of works full details of all hard and soft landscaping measures, including boundary treatment, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To safeguard the setting of the listed building to which this permission relates and to comply with Policies SP13 and HE1 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011 to 2031

Proactive Statement:

Planning permission has been granted for this proposal. The Council acted proactively through positive engagement with the applicant during the determination process which led to improvements to the scheme. The Council has therefore acted proactively in line with the requirements of the Framework (paragraph 38) and in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.

Informative/s:

1. The applicants attention is drawn to the following Informatives:

Thames Water have advised as follows: (response dated 3rd July 2025)

Thames Water has reviewed this H4 consultation. Your client may require a build over agreement, as we believe the proposed development could be within 3 metres of a public sewer (of which, the internal diameter is less than or equal to 150mm). There are no mapped public sewers in the vicinity, however following the private sewer transfer in October 2011, it is likely that houses of this type and location will have unmapped public sewers within their boundary.

We therefore strongly recommend your client employs a professional to conduct a survey within their property to ascertain if any shared pipework is present. If there is, then please do contact us again to discuss the next steps.

For more information on locating sewers and drains, watch our video.

Watch our guide to the Private Sewer Transfer - note this only applied to existing drains and sewers that existed and were operational in 2011, not any new sewers or drains built since that time.

Please also advise your client, if applicable, that Thames Water do not permit driven piles within 15m of a public sewer. Our technical guidance can be found [here](#).

Signed:



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Date: 10 November 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 Applicants will need to pay a compliance fee where they request confirmation in writing of any planning consent, agreement or approval (commonly known as discharge of conditions) required by one or more conditions or limitations attached to a grant of planning permission.
- 3 The fee is £298 per request or £86 where the permission relates to an extension or alteration to a dwellinghouse or other development in the curtilage of the dwellinghouse.

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 via 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 (LPA) 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.

However, if an enforcement notice has been served for the same or very similar development the time limit is 28 days from the date of the LPA decision or 28 days from the date the enforcement notice was served.

Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision>

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.

8 **Cadent Gas Informative:**

Cadent Gas own and operate the gas infrastructure within the area of your development. Contact our Plant Protection Team for approval before carrying out any works on site and ensuring requirements are adhered to. Email plantprotection@cadentgas.com Alternatively you can register on www.beforeyoudig.cadentgas.com This service is free of charge.

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.