

## **NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

### **DECISION NOTICE**

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### **PARTICULARS OF DEVELOPMENT**

**Application:** 25/02335/S73

**Proposal:** Change to wording of conditions 2, 12 and 15 of planning permission reference 24/02563/S73 granted 10.01.2025 for Variation of condition 2 (revised plans) of planning permission 24/01031/S73 granted for erection of eight dwellings comprising of 3 pairs of semi-detached dwellings (6 x 3-bed) and two detached 4-bed dwellings including integral garages (plots 1 and 8) with a new access spur from the Lodge Court, on-site parking, landscaping.

**Location:** Land At Turnpike Lane And Adjacent To 4 Manor Close, Turnpike Lane, Ickleford, Hertfordshire,

**Plan Nos:** TH152\_A\_PL\_08\_001\_C5 TH152\_A\_PL\_08\_002\_C8  
TH152\_A\_SE\_08\_001\_C4 TH152-A\_EL\_06-07\_001\_C3  
TH152\_A\_S\_XX\_001\_C3 TH152\_A\_SE\_06-07\_001\_C4  
TH152\_A\_PL\_06-07\_001\_C7 TH152\_A\_PL-06-07\_002\_C8  
TH152\_A\_EL\_-08\_001\_C3

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### **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 29 September 2025, subject to the following condition(s):

### **Biodiversity Net Gain**

1. This development is not subject to the statutory Biodiversity Gain Plan condition because it is considered exempt under the statutory exemptions (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-net-gain-exempt-developments>) or transitional arrangements in respect of the biodiversity gain condition.

### **Planning Conditions**

1. 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.

2. The external materials are to be in accordance with the schedule of materials approved under application reference number 24/02583/DOC unless otherwise agreed in writing.

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.

3. The hard surfacing materials shall be in accordance with the details set out on the submitted plan, drawing number TH152\_A\_S\_XX\_001\_C3, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

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. None of the trees to be retained on the application site shall be felled, lopped, topped, uprooted, removed or otherwise destroyed or killed without the prior written agreement of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To safeguard and enhance the appearance of the completed development and the visual amenity of the locality, and to comply with Policy NE2 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011 to 2031.

5. The tree protection measures are to remain on site for the duration of the construction works. No building materials shall be stacked or mixed within 10 metres of the tree. No fires shall be lit where flames

could extend to within 5 metres of the foliage, and no notices shall be attached to trees.

Reason: To prevent damage to or destruction of trees to be retained on the site in the interests of the appearance of the completed development and the visual amenity of the locality, and to comply with Policy NE2 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011 to 2031

6. The landscaping of the development is to be in accordance with the schedule of landscaping approved under application reference number 24/02668/DOC unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Reason: To ensure the submitted details are sufficiently comprehensive to enable proper consideration to be given to the appearance of the completed development.

7. No gate(s) shall be erected across the access to the site for the life of the development without prior written consent from the Council first being obtained.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety so that vehicles are not forced to wait in the carriageway while the gates are being opened or closed

8. Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby permitted all internal vehicular access roads (5.5m wide), footways and parking areas shall be provided and thereafter retained at the position as shown on the drawing number 301.A3 PL05.

Arrangement shall be made for surface water drainage to be intercepted and disposed of separately so that it does not discharge from or onto the highway carriageway.

Reason: To ensure satisfactory access into the site and avoid carriage of extraneous material or surface water from or onto the highway in accordance with Policy 5 of Hertfordshire's Local Transport Plan (adopted 2018)

9. Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby permitted the a pedestrian crossing with tactile provision onto Turnpike Lane, shall be provided. These works shall be constructed to the specification and satisfaction of the Highway Authority in consultation with the Local Planning Authority and shall be secured and undertaken as part of the S278 works.

Reason: To ensure satisfactory pedestrian access into the site in accordance with Policy 5 of Hertfordshire's Local Transport Plan (adopted 2018).

10. Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby permitted visibility splays

measuring 2.4 metres x 43 metres shall be provided to each side of the access where it meets the highway and such splays shall always be maintained free from any obstruction between 600mm and 2.0 metres above the level of the adjacent highway carriageway.

Reason: To ensure that the level of visibility for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles is satisfactory in the interests of highway safety in accordance with Policy 5 of Hertfordshire's Local Transport Plan (adopted 2018)

11. The development shall be built in accordance with the details agreed in the Construction Traffic Management Plan agreed under application ref. no. 23/00736/DOC.

Reason: In order to protect highway safety and the amenity of other users of the public highway and rights of way in accordance with Policies 5, 12, 17 and 22 of Hertfordshire's Local Transport Plan (adopted 2018).

12. Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby permitted, each dwelling shall have installed one electric vehicle charging point that is ready for use by the occupier, which shall be maintained and retained for the life of the development.

Reason: To contribute to the objective of providing a sustainable transport network and to provide the necessary infrastructure to help off-set the adverse impact of the operational phase of the development on local air quality.

13. Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby permitted, secure cycle storage is to be provided in the rear gardens of plots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Reason: To comply with the requirements of the Vehicle Parking SPD.

14. Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby permitted, bin stores are to be provided in the side / rear garden of all the houses in accordance with the details agreed under application ref. no. 25/00147/DOC.

Reason: To prevent bins from being stored in the frontage of the houses in accordance with LP Policies D1 and D3.

15. The ecology measures to be implemented on site prior to the first occupation of the development hereby approved shall be in accordance with the scheme of measures approved under application 24/02669/DOC.

Reason: To protect bio-diversity on the site in accordance with LP Policy NE4.

16. Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby permitted, the surface water drainage works shall have been implemented in accordance with details that are to be agreed under case ref. no. 25/00592/DOC.

Reason: To prevent surface water flooding. LP Policy NE8.

17. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 as amended no development as set out in Classes A, B, C and E of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Order, (or any subsequent

Statutory Instrument which revokes, amends and/or replaces those provisions) shall be carried out without first obtaining a specific planning permission from the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: Given the nature of this development, the Local Planning Authority considers that development which would normally be "permitted development" should be retained within planning control in the interests of the character and amenities of the area

18. In the event that contamination not identified in the ground investigations to date is found at any time when carrying out the approved development, it shall be reported in writing immediately to the Local Planning Authority. An investigation and risk assessment shall then be undertaken by a competent person. A written report of the findings should be forwarded for approval to the Local Planning Authority. Following completion of remedial measures a verification report shall be prepared that demonstrates the effectiveness of the remediation carried out. No part of the development should be occupied until all remedial and validation works are approved in writing.

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

19. The sustainability measures, as set out in the Sustainability Statement dated July 2025, shall be implemented in the development hereby approved.

Reason: To address the climate emergency in accordance with Local Plan Policy D1.

#### **Proactive Statement:**

Planning permission has been granted for this proposal. Discussion with the applicant to seek an acceptable solution was not necessary in this instance. 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. HIGHWAYS INFORMATIVES:**

1. Works within the highway (section 278): The applicant is advised that in order to comply with this permission it will be necessary for the developer of the site to enter into an agreement with Hertfordshire County Council as Highway Authority under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980 to ensure the satisfactory completion of the access and associated road improvements. The construction of such works must be undertaken to the satisfaction and specification of the Highway Authority, and by a contractor who is authorized to work in the public highway. Before works commence the applicant will need to apply to the Highway Authority to obtain their permission and requirements. Further information is available via the County Council website at:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roadsandpavements/businessanddeveloperinformation/developmentmanagement/highways-developmentmanagement.aspx> or by telephoning 0300 1234047.

2. Obstruction of highway: It is an offence under section 137 of the Highways Act 1980 for any person, without lawful authority or excuse, in any way to wilfully obstruct the free passage along a highway or public right of way. If this development is likely to result in the public highway or public right of way network becoming routinely blocked (fully or partly) the applicant must contact the Highway Authority to obtain their permission and requirements before construction works commence.

Further information is available via the County Council website at:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roadsandpavements/business-anddeveloper-information/businesslicences/businesslicences.aspx> or by telephoning 0300 1234047.

3. Construction Management Plan (CMP): The purpose of the CMP is to help developers minimise construction impacts and relates to all construction activity both on and off site that impacts on the wider environment. It is intended to be a live document whereby different stages will be completed and submitted for application as the development progresses. A completed and signed CMP must address the way in which any impacts associated with the proposed works, and any cumulative impacts of other nearby construction sites will be mitigated and managed. The level of detail required in a CMP will depend on the scale and nature of development.

The CMP would need to include elements of the Construction Logistics and Community Safety (CLOCS) standards as set out in our Construction Management template, a copy of which is available on the County Council's website at:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roadsandpavements/businessanddeveloperinformation/developmentmanagement/highways-developmentmanagement.aspx>

4. Debris and deposits on the highway: It is an offence under section 148 of the Highways Act 1980 to deposit compost, dung or other material for dressing land, or any rubbish on a made up carriageway, or any or other debris on a highway to the interruption of any highway user. Section 149 of the same Act gives the Highway Authority powers to remove such material at the expense of the party responsible. Therefore, best practical means shall be taken at all times to ensure that all vehicles leaving the site during construction of the development and use thereafter are in a condition such as not to emit dust or deposit mud, slurry or other debris on the highway. Further information is available by telephoning 0300 1234047.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INFORMATIVES:

1. During the construction phase the guidance in BS5228-1:2009 (Code of Practice for noise Control on construction and open sites) should be adhered to.
2. During the change of use phase no activities should take place outside the following hours: Monday to Friday 08:00-18:00hrs; Saturdays 08:00-13:00hrs and Sundays and Bank Holidays: no work at any time.

3. EV CHARGING POINT SPECIFICATION INFORMATIVE:

Each charging point shall be installed by an appropriately certified electrician/electrical contractor in accordance with the following specification. The necessary certification of electrical installation should be submitted as evidence of appropriate installation to meet the requirements of Part P of the most current Building Regulations.

Cable and circuitry ratings should be of adequate size to ensure a minimum continuous current demand for the vehicle of 16A and a maximum demand of 32A (which is recommended for Eco developments).

- o A separate dedicated circuit protected by an RBCO should be provided from the main distribution board, to a suitably enclosed determination point within a garage or an accessible enclosed termination point for future connection to an external charge point.

- o The electrical circuit shall comply with the Electrical requirements of BS7671: 2008 as well as conform to the IET code of practice on Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment installation 2012 ISBN 978-1-84919-515-7 (PDF). This includes requirements such as ensuring the Charging Equipment integral protective device shall be at least Type A RCD (required to comply with BS EN 61851 Mode 3 charging).

- o If installed in a garage all conductive surfaces should be protected by supplementary protective equipotential bonding. For vehicle connecting points installed such that the vehicle can only be charged within the building, e.g. in a garage with a (non-extended) tethered lead, the PME earth may be used. For external installations the risk assessment outlined in the IET code of practice must be adopted, and may require additional earth stake or mat for the EV charging circuit. This should be installed as part of the EV ready installation to avoid significant on cost later.

Signed:



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**Date:** 21 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 £145 per request or £43 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](http://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](mailto: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 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 (LPA) 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/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.

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](mailto:plantprotection@cadentgas.com) Alternatively you can register on [www.beforeyoudig.cadentgas.com](http://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.**

*Consent for these works may be required from the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation ([www.leitchworth.com/heritage-foundation](http://www.leitchworth.com/heritage-foundation)) under the Scheme of Management or leasehold covenants. If you do not already have their approval, you are advised to contact the Heritage Foundation on [home@leitchworth.com](mailto:home@leitchworth.com) or 01462 476017 to confirm whether you also need to submit an application to them.*