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Town and Country Planning Act 1990

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PARTICULARS OF DEVELOPMENT

Application:	26/01115/PNQ
Proposal:	Change of use of an agricultural barn to one dwelling to include alterations to fenestration and provision of two parking spaces.
Location:	Land Located To The Southwest Of Deadman's Hill, Gannock Road, Sandon, Hertfordshire
Plan Nos:	DR-A-0001, DR-A-1001, DR-A-1002, DR-A-1003 DR-A-2001, DR-A-2002, DR-A-2003

North Herts Council, as local planning authority, hereby confirm that conditional **prior approval is given** under Class Q, part 3 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 for the proposed development at the address shown above, as described by the description shown above.

The development must be carried out wholly in accordance with the information and details that the developer provided to the local planning authority on 18.05.2026 and in compliance with the conditions listed below.

1. The development hereby permitted shall be completed before the expiration of 3 years from the date of this decision notice.

Reason: As required by The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended), Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. Prior to the first use of the development, all access arrangements serving the development as shown on in principle plan drawing number DR-A-2003 Rev 1 shall be constructed and completed to the specification of the Highway Authority and Local Planning Authority's satisfaction. Prior to its use commencing, arrangements 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 the provision of an access appropriate for the development in the interest of highway safety.

5. Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby permitted the vehicular visibility splays shall be provided in full accordance with the details indicated on the approved drawing number(s) DR2. The splay shall thereafter be retained at all times free from any obstruction between 600mm and 2m 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).

6. Prior to the commencement of the development hereby permitted, details of the design and location of a barn owl box to be located within the vicinity of the site 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 and permanently provided and maintained for the lifetime of the development.

Reason: In order to comply with Policy NE4 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011-2031.

7. All ecological measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the recommendations contained in the April 2026 Badger Survey as already submitted with the planning application and agreed in principle with the local planning authority prior to determination.

Reason: In order to comply with Policy NE4 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011-2031.

Informative/s:

1. It is understood from the material change ecology report dated March 2026 that previous bat survey outcomes were likely unchanged with no presence of bats recorded. However, the applicant is advised during the proposed works to the buildings, should bats or evidence of roosting bats be found, works to the buildings should cease immediately and Natural England be contacted for advice.
2. AN1) Storage of materials: The applicant is advised that the storage of materials associated with the construction of this development should be provided within the site on land which is not public highway, and the use of such areas must not interfere with the public highway. If this is not possible, authorisation should be sought from the Highway Authority before construction works commence.

AN2) 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.

AN3) 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.

AN4) Avoidance of surface water discharge onto the highway: The applicant is advised that the Highway Authority has powers under section 163 of the Highways Act 1980, to take appropriate steps where deemed necessary (serving notice to the occupier of premises adjoining a highway) to prevent water from the roof or other part of the premises falling upon persons using the highway, or to prevent so far as is reasonably practicable, surface water from the premises flowing on to, or over the footway of the highway.

AN5) 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 authorised 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-roads-and-pavements/business-and-developer-information/development-management/highways-development-management.aspx> or by telephoning 0300 1234047.

Signed:



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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 The fee is £309 per request or £89 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 on the Council's website:
www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/planning/planning-applications/submit-planning-application
- 4 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.

Appeals must be made using a form which you can get from the Planning Inspectorate at Suite C, 4th Floor, Spectrum Building, Bond Street, Bristol, BS1 3LG or online at www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals.

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.

5 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.

- 6** 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.

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.