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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

DECISION NOTICE

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Applicant:

Mr I Turness

PARTICULARS OF DEVELOPMENT

Application: 25/03147/FP

Proposal: Erection of a second layer of storage units (17no. additional units) for self-storage above existing storage units.

Location: Land Adjacent To Unit 3 On The West Side Of, Cadwell Lane, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 0SA

Refused Plan Nos: 2512-00A 2512-01 2512-02A 2512-03A 2512-04A 2512-05A

PARTICULARS OF DECISION

In pursuance of its powers under the above Act and the associated Orders and Regulations, the Council hereby **REFUSE** the development proposed by you in your application received with sufficient particulars on 12 December 2025.

1. As a result of the increase in height of the second layer of containers, the design and siting of the development fails to relate adequately to the site's local context. It would be visually dominating and intrusive, particularly when viewed from the south and from the open recreation ground. It fails to respond positively to the site specific transitional character of the site from residential to employment/industrial use. The proposal is unacceptable in terms of design and appearance and fails to comply with Section 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework, and Policies SP9 and D1 of the North Herts Local Plan 2011 - 2031.

2. The proposed development would result in an overbearing impact on the amenity of the users of the recreation ground along the boundary with the site. The proposal is therefore unacceptable in terms of impact on neighbouring amenity and fails to comply with Section 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework, and Policy D3 of the North Herts Local Plan 2011 - 2031.

Proactive Statement:

Planning permission has been refused for this proposal for the clear reasons set out in this decision notice. The Council has not acted proactively through positive engagement with the applicant as in the Council's view the proposal is unacceptable in principle and the fundamental objections cannot be overcome through dialogue. Since no solutions can be found the Council has complied with the requirements of the Framework (paragraph 38) and in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.

Signed:



Shaun Greaves

Development and Conservation Manager

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Date: 6 February 2026

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NOTES

- 1 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.

If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. [Further details are on GOV.UK.](#)

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.