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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: 26/00524/FPH

Proposal: Single storey rear extension, open-sided side porch following demolition of existing side porch and C20th store. Alterations to external materials and fenestration throughout. Erection of detached double garage and installation of no.2 ASHP following removal of existing oil tank (as amended by plans received on 21/05/2026).

Location: The Thatched Cottage, Smiths End Lane, Barley, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 8LH

Plan Nos: 2541.PD.200D 2541.PD.204C 2541.SD.100A 2541.SD.101
2541.SD.102 2541.PD.201E 2541.PD.202D

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 13 March 2026, subject to the following condition(s):

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. The garage roof shall be covered using natural slates unless otherwise agreed and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that special regard is paid to character and appearance of the Barley Conservation Area under Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and Policy HE1 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011/2031.

4. The garage roof shall have an open eaves (exposed rafter feet), unless otherwise agreed and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that special regard is paid to character and appearance of the Barley Conservation Area under Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and Policy HE1 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011-2031.

5. The garage doors shall be black-painted timber, vertical-boarded doors with metal strap hinges unless otherwise agreed and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that special regard is paid to character and appearance of the Barley Conservation Area under Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and Policy HE1 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011-2031.

6. The garage hereby approved shall be used solely for the purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse (known as The Thatched Cottage) and shall not be used for any commercial or habitable purposes at any time.

Reason: To ensure that the building remains incidental to the host dwelling and in the interests of protecting residential amenity in accordance with Policy D3 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011-2031.

Biodiversity Net Gain

This development is not subject to the statutory Biodiversity Gain Plan condition because householder applications are exempt in respect of the biodiversity gain condition, under

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

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.

Signed:



Shaun Greaves
Development and Conservation Manager

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Date: 27 May 2026

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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 £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 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 on a householder application then you must do so within 12 weeks 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-householder-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.

