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PLANNING PERMISSION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND)
ORDER 2015

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Applicant:

GRO Living Ltd
C/O Agent

Date Application Received: 19-Nov-20

Application Reference: DC/20/05234

Date Registered: 23-Nov-20

Proposal & Location of Development:

Full Planning Application - Erection of 4no detached single storey dwellings with associated parking facilities, private access drive and landscaping.

Land At 241 Stowmarket Road, Great Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 0LY

Section A – Plans & Documents:

This decision refers to drawing no./entitled Site Location Plan received 19/11/2020 as the defined red line plan with the site shown edged red. Any other drawing showing land edged red whether as part of another document or as a separate plan/drawing has not been accepted or treated as the defined application site for the purposes of this decision.

The plans and documents recorded below are those upon which this decision has been reached:

Defined Red Line Plan Site Location Plan - Received 19/11/2020
Block Plan - Proposed 2037/1 - Received 19/11/2020
Proposed Plans and Elevations 2037/2 - Received 19/11/2020
Proposed Plans and Elevations 2037/3 - Received 19/11/2020
Proposed Plans and Elevations 2037/4 - Received 19/11/2020
Proposed Plans and Elevations 2037/5 - Received 19/11/2020

Section B:

Mid Suffolk District Council as Local Planning Authority, hereby give notice that **PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED** in accordance with the application particulars and plans listed in section A subject to the following conditions:

1. ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE:
COMMENCEMENT TIME LIMIT

The development hereby permitted shall be begun not later than the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason - To comply with the requirements 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. APPROVED PLANS & DOCUMENTS

The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the drawings/documents listed under Section A above and/or such other drawings/documents as may be approved by the Local Planning Authority in writing pursuant to other conditions of this permission or such drawings/documents as may subsequently be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority as a non-material amendment following an application in that regard. Such development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with any Phasing Plan approved under Section A, or as necessary in accordance with any successive Phasing Plan as may subsequently be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development pursuant to this condition.

Reason - For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper phased planning of the development.

3. ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE: VISIBILITY SPLAYS

Before the access is first used visibility splays shall be provided as shown on Drawing No. 2037/1 with an X dimension of 2.4m and a Y dimension of 90m and thereafter retained in the specified form. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part 2 Class A of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification) no obstruction over 0.6 metres high shall be erected, constructed, planted or permitted to grow within the areas of the visibility splays.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety.

4. ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFIC TIMETABLE: IMPROVING ACCESS

No other part of the development hereby permitted shall be commenced until the existing vehicular access has been improved, laid out and completed in all respects in accordance with drawing DM03 and with an entrance width of 4.5m. Thereafter the access shall be retained in the specified form.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety to ensure that the layout of the access is properly designed, constructed and provided before the development is commenced.

Note: drawing no.DM03 is available at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/planning-waste-and-environment/planning-and-development-advice/standard-drawings/>

5. ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE: ACCESS WIDTH

The vehicular access hereby permitted shall be a minimum width of 4.5 metres for a distance of 10 metres when measured from the nearby edge of the carriageway.

Reason: To ensure vehicles can enter and leave the site in a safe manner.

6. ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE: ACCESS SURFACE

Prior to first occupation of any of the dwellings, details of the bound material for the access onto Stowmarket Road shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The bound material shall be laid out for a minimum distance of 5 metres from the edge of the carriageway. The bound material as approved shall then be retained.

Reason: To secure appropriate improvements to the vehicular access in the interests of highway safety.

7. ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE: PARKING AND MANOEUVRING

Prior to first use, the area within the site shown on drawing No. 2037/1 for the purposes of loading, unloading, manoeuvring and parking (including garage spaces as applicable) of vehicles shall be provided and made functionally available. The parking area shall then be retained and remain free of obstruction.

Reason - To ensure the provision of adequate on-site space for the parking and manoeuvring of vehicles where on-street parking and manoeuvring would otherwise be detrimental to highway safety.

8. ACTION REQUIRED PRIOR TO SLAB LEVEL: LANDSCAPING SCHEME

No development above slab level shall take place until there has been submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority a scheme of hard, soft and boundary treatment landscaping works for the site, which shall include any proposed changes in ground levels and also accurately identify spread, girth and species of all existing trees, shrubs and hedgerows on the site and indicate any to be retained.

Reason - In the interests of visual amenity and the character and appearance of the area.

9. ON GOING REQUIREMENT OF DEVELOPMENT: TIMESCALE FOR LANDSCAPING

All changes in ground levels, hard landscaping, planting, seeding or turfing shown on the approved landscaping details shall be carried out in full during the first planting and seeding season (October - March inclusive) following the commencement of the development or in such other phased arrangement as may be approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority up to the first use or first occupation of the development. Any trees, hedges, shrubs or turf identified within the approved landscaping details (both proposed planting and existing) which die, are removed, seriously damaged or seriously diseased, within a period of 10 years of being planted or in the case of existing planting

within a period of 5 years from the commencement of development, shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species.

Reason - To ensure that the approved landscaping scheme has sufficient time to establish, in the interests of visual amenity and the character and appearance of the area.

10. ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE: AGREEMENT OF LEVELS

Prior to the commencement of works in association with the dwelling hereby approved and/or any change in ground levels, details of existing and proposed levels of the site, finished floor levels and identification of all areas of cut or fill as measured from a fixed off site datum point shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in its entirety in accordance with the levels agreed.

Reason - In order to secure a design in scale with development surrounding the site so as to protect the visual amenities, amenity of neighbouring properties and character of the area. This condition is required to be agreed prior to the commencement of works to buildings and/or ground levels as any construction process beyond this stage without this agreement risks having to be restarted resulting in delay and cost for the developer.

11. ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE: BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT

Prior to first occupation of any of the dwellings, a Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy for Protected and Priority species shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

The content of the Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy shall include the following:

- a) Purpose and conservation objectives for the proposed enhancement measures;
- b) detailed designs to achieve stated objectives;
- c) locations of proposed enhancement measures by appropriate maps and plans;
- d) persons responsible for implementing the enhancement measures;
- e) details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance (where relevant).

The works shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details and shall be retained in that manner thereafter.

Reason: To enhance Protected and Priority Species/habitats and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

12. ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE: WILDLIFE LIGHTING

Prior to first occupation of any of the dwellings, a lighting design scheme for biodiversity shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall identify those features on site that are particularly sensitive for bats and that are likely to cause disturbance along important routes used for foraging; and show how and where external lighting will be installed so that it can be clearly demonstrated that areas to be lit will not disturb or prevent bats using their territory. All external lighting shall be installed in accordance with the specifications and locations set out in the scheme and maintained thereafter in accordance with the scheme. Under no circumstances should any other external lighting be installed without prior consent from the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To conserve protected and Priority species and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 as amended and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

13. ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE: WRITTEN SCHEME OF INVESTIGATION

No development shall take place within the area indicated on the site location plan listed under Section A, until the implementation of a programme of archaeological work has been secured, in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The scheme of investigation shall include an assessment of significance and research questions; and:

- a. The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording
- b. The programme for post investigation assessment
- c. Provision to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording
- d. Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation
- e. Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation
- f. Nomination of a competent person or persons/organisation to undertake the works set out within the Written Scheme of Investigation.
- g. The site investigation shall be completed prior to development, or in such other phased arrangement, as agreed and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To safeguard archaeological assets within the approved development boundary from impacts relating to any groundworks associated with the development scheme and to ensure the proper and timely investigation, recording, reporting and presentation of archaeological assets affected by this development.

Note: The submitted scheme of archaeological investigation shall be in accordance with a brief procured beforehand by the developer from Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service.

14. ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE: SITE AND POST INVESTIGATION

No building shall be occupied until the site investigation and post investigation assessment has been completed, submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, in accordance with the programme set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation approved under part 1 and the provision made for analysis, publication and dissemination of results and archive deposition.

Reason: To safeguard archaeological assets within the approved development boundary from impacts relating to any groundworks associated with the development scheme and to ensure the proper and timely investigation, recording, reporting and presentation of archaeological assets affected by this development.

15. ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE: AGREEMENT OF MATERIALS

No development/works shall be commenced above slab level until precise details of the manufacturer and types and colours of the external facing and roofing materials to be used in construction have been submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority. Such materials as may be agreed shall be those used in the development and fully applied prior to the first use/occupation.

Reason - To secure an orderly and well-designed finish sympathetic to the character of the existing building(s) and in the interests of visual amenity and the character and appearance of the area.

16. ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE: BOUNDARY TREATMENTS

Prior to erection of any hard boundary treatments, precise details of the manufacturer, types and colours of the hard boundary treatments to be used shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority. Such materials as may be agreed shall be those used in the development and retained in the specified form.

Reason - To secure an orderly and well-designed finish sympathetic to the character of the existing building(s) and in the interests of visual amenity and the character and appearance of the area.

17. SPECIFIC RESTRICTION ON DEVELOPMENT: REMOVAL OF PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

Notwithstanding Section 55 (2)(a)(ii) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended and the provisions of Article 3, Schedule 2 Part 1 Classes A to E and H and Part 2 Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification):- - no enlargement, improvement, insertion of new openings or other alteration of the dwelling house(s) shall be carried out, - no garage, car port, fence, gate, wall or any other means of enclosure, building or structure shall be erected, except pursuant to the grant of planning permission on an application made in that regard.

Reason - To enable the Local Planning Authority to retain control over the development in the interests of the amenity of the locality and to safeguard local distinctiveness.

SUMMARY OF POLICIES WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO THE DECISION:

- FC01 - Presumption In Favour Of Sustainable Development
- FC01_1 - Mid Suffolk Approach To Delivering Sustainable Development
- CS01 - Settlement Hierarchy
- CS02 - Development in the Countryside & Countryside Villages
- CS05 - Mid Suffolk's Environment
- SB02 - Development appropriate to its setting
- GP01 - Design and layout of development
- H13 - Design and layout of housing development
- H14 - A range of house types to meet different accommodation needs
- H15 - Development to reflect local characteristics

H16 - Protecting existing residential amenity
H17 - Keeping residential development away from pollution
T09 - Parking Standards
T10 - Highway Considerations in Development
HB01 - Protection of historic buildings
NPPF - National Planning Policy Framework
NPPG-National Planning Policy Guidance

NOTES:

1. **Statement of positive and proactive working in line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**

The proposal has been assessed with regard to adopted development plan policies, the National Planning Policy Framework and all other material considerations. The NPPF encourages a positive and proactive approach to decision taking, delivery of sustainable development, achievement of high quality development and working proactively to secure developments that improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area. While the applicant did not take advantage of the service, the Council provides a pre-application advice service prior to the submission of any application. The opportunity to discuss a proposal prior to making an application allows potential issues to be raised and addressed pro-actively at an early stage, potentially allowing the Council to make a favourable determination for a greater proportion of applications than if no such service was available.

2. **GENERAL GOOD PRACTICE MITIGATION TO AVOID ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE**

To avoid killing or injuring small animals which may pass through the site during the construction phase, it is best practice to ensure the following measures are implemented:

- a) Trenches, pits or holes dug on site should be covered over at night. Alternatively, ramps (consisting of a rough wooden plank) or sloped/stepped trenches could be provided to allow animals to climb out unharmed;
- b) materials brought to the site for the construction works should be kept off the ground on pallets to prevent small animals seeking refuge;
- c) rubbish and waste should be removed off site immediately or placed in a skip, to prevent small animals using the waste as a refuge.

3. **NESTING BIRDS**

The applicant is reminded that, under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended (section 1), it is an offence to remove, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while that nest is in use or being built. Planning consent for a development does not provide a defence against prosecution under this act.

Trees and scrub are likely to contain nesting birds between 1st March and 31st August inclusive. Trees and scrub are present on the application site and are to be assumed to contain nesting birds between the above dates, unless a recent survey has been undertaken by a competent ecologist to assess the nesting bird activity on site during this period and has shown it is absolutely certain that nesting birds are not present.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have adopted Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging which affects planning permissions granted on or after 11th April 2016 and permitted development commenced on or after 11th April 2016. If your development is for the erection of a new building, annex or extension or the change of use of a building over 100sqm in internal area or the creation of a new dwelling or holiday let of any size your development may be liable to pay CIL and you must submit relevant documents to our Infrastructure Team telling us more about your development, who will pay CIL and when the development will start. You will receive advice on the amount you have to pay and what you have to do and you can find more information about CIL on our websites here:

[CIL in Babergh](#) and [CIL in Mid Suffolk](#) or by contacting the Infrastructure Team on: infrastructure@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

This relates to document reference: DC/20/05234

Signed: Philip Isbell

Dated: 18th January 2021

**Chief Planning Officer
Sustainable Communities**

Important Notes to be read in conjunction with your Decision Notice

Please read carefully

This decision notice refers only to the decision made by the Local Planning Authority under the Town and Country Planning Acts and DOES NOT include any other consent or approval required under enactment, bylaw, order or regulation.

Please note: depending upon what conditions have been attached to the decision, action may be required on your part before you can begin your development. Planning conditions usually require that you write to the Local Planning Authority and obtain confirmation that you have discharged your obligations. You should read your decision notice in detail and make a note of the requirements placed on you by any conditions. **If you proceed with your development without complying with these conditions you may invalidate your permission and put your development at risk.**

Discharging your obligations under a condition:

You should formally apply to discharge your conditions and the relevant application forms are available on the Council's website. The Local Planning Authority has 8 weeks to write to you after you submit the details to discharge your conditions. You should always account for this time in your schedule as the Local Planning Authority cannot guarantee that conditions can be discharged quicker than this. A fee is applicable for the discharge of planning conditions.

Building Control:

You are reminded that the carrying out of building works requires approval under the Building Regulations in many cases as well as a grant of planning permission. If you are in doubt as to whether or not the work, the subject of this planning permission, requires such approval, then you are invited to contact the Building Control Section of Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils.

Appeals to the Secretary of State

1. If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the Local Planning Authority to refuse permission or consent, or to grant permission or consent subject to condition, they may appeal to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The applicant's right of appeal is in accordance with the appropriate statutory provisions which follow:

Planning Applications: Section 78 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Listed Building Applications: Section 20 Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Advertisement Applications: Section 78 Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Regulation 15

Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 2007

Notice of appeal in the case of applications for advertisement consent must be served within eight weeks of receipt of this notice. Notice of Householder and Minor Commercial Appeals must be served within 12 weeks, in all other cases, notice of appeal must be served within six months of this notice. If this is a decision on a planning application relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice. If an enforcement notice is served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within: 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or within six months of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.

Appeals must be made on a form which is obtainable from The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN or online at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/modelnotification-notice-to-be-sent-to-an-applicant-when-permission-is-refused>

The Secretary of State has power to allow a longer period for the giving of a notice of appeal but he/she will not normally be prepared to exercise this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal. The Secretary of State is not required to entertain an appeal if it appears to him/her that permission for the proposed development could not have been granted by the Local Planning Authority, or could not have been so granted otherwise than subject to the conditions imposed by it, having regard to the statutory requirements*, to the provisions of the Development Order, and to any directions given under the Order. The Secretary of State does not in practise refuse to entertain appeals solely because the decision of the Local Planning Authority was based on a direction given by him/her.

2. If permission or consent to develop land or carry out works is refused or granted subject to conditions, whether by the Local Planning Authority or by the Secretary of State and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonable beneficial use by the carrying out of any development or works which has been or would be permitted they may serve on the Council of the district in which the land is situated, a purchase notice requiring the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Section 137 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or Section 32 Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

*The statutory requirements are those set out in Section 79(6) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, namely Sections 70 and 72(1) of the Act.