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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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**Correspondence Address:**

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**Applicant:**

Ms Clarkson  
Oak Tree Farm  
Debenham Road  
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IP14 6JZ

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**Date Application Received:** 02-Sep-19

**Application Reference:** DC/19/04118

**Date Registered:** 03-Sep-19

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**Proposal & Location of Development:**

Planning Application. Change of use and conversion of barn to dwellinghouse and erection of single storey extensions to north. Erection of linked cartlodge structure. Installation of sewage treatment plant. Associated landscaping.

Oak Tree Farm, Debenham Road, Kenton, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6JZ

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**Section A – Plans & Documents:**

This decision refers to drawing no./entitled 01A received 02/09/2019 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 01 A - Received 02/09/2019  
Structural Survey - Received 02/09/2019  
Land Contamination Assessment - Received 02/09/2019  
Land Contamination Questionnaire - Received 02/09/2019  
Ecological Survey/Report - Received 02/09/2019  
Design and Access Statement - Received 02/09/2019  
Frame Survey 11 A - Received 02/09/2019  
Frame Survey 10 - Received 02/09/2019  
Plans - Existing Existing GA Plans, Sections, Elevations 03 B - Received 02/09/2019  
Block Plan - Existing Existing Site Block Plan 02 - Received 02/09/2019  
Heritage Statement - Received 02/09/2019

Block Plan - Proposed 12 B - Received 07/10/2019  
Elevations - Proposed 09 E - Received 07/10/2019  
Site Plan 08 D - Received 07/10/2019  
Floor Plan - Proposed 07 E - Received 07/10/2019

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**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.

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

3. ACTION REQUIRED PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT -  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKS

No development shall take place on site 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. Timetable for the site investigation to 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. This condition is required to be agreed prior to the commencement of any development to ensure matters of archaeological importance are preserved and secured early to ensure avoidance of damage or lost due to the development and/or its construction. If agreement was sought at any later stage there is an unacceptable risk of lost and damage to archaeological and historic assets.

4. ACTION REQUIRED PRIOR TO THE FIRST OCCUPATION OF DEVELOPMENT - ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKS

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 as may be agreed by the Local Planning Authority. Provision shall be 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.

5. ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ECOLOGICAL APPRAISAL RECOMMENDATIONS

All mitigation and enhancement measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the details contained in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Parker Planning Services Ltd, July 2019), as already submitted with the planning application and agreed in principle with the local planning authority prior to determination. This will include the appointment of an appropriately competent person e.g. an ecological clerk of works (ECoW,) to provide on-site ecological expertise during construction. The appointed person shall undertake all activities, and works shall be carried out, in accordance with the approved details. II

Reason - To conserve and enhance Protected and Priority species and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the UK Habitats Regulations, the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 as amended and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

6. PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT: SUBMISSION OF A COPY OF THE EPS LICENCE FOR BATS

The following works to the barn shall not in in any circumstances commence unless the local planning authority has been provided with either:

a) a licence issued by Natural England pursuant to Regulation 55 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 authorizing the specified activity/development to go ahead; or

b) a statement in writing from the relevant licensing body to the effect that it does not consider that the specified activity/development will require a licence. n

Reason - To conserve Protected and Priority species and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the UK Habitats Regulations 2017, the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 as amended and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 and s17 Crime & Disorder Act 1998.

7. PRIOR TO SLAB LEVEL: BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT STRATEGY

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).

8. PRIOR TO OCCUPATION: WILDLIFE SENSITIVE LIGHTING DESIGN SCHEME

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 (through the provision of appropriate technical specifications) 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 allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the UK Habitats Regulations 2017, the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 as amended and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species)

9. ACTION REQUIRED PRIOR TO USE/OCCUPATION - HIGHWAYS: PROVISION OF PARKING.

The building shall not be occupied until the area within the site shown on Drawing Number 08 Rev D for the purposes of loading, unloading, manoeuvring and parking (including garage spaces as applicable) of vehicles has been provided and made functionally available. Thereafter that area/s shall be retained and remain free of obstruction except for the purpose of manoeuvring and parking of vehicles.

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.

10. 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.

11. 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:**

H09 - Conversion of rural buildings to dwellings  
H16 - Protecting existing residential amenity  
H17 - Keeping residential development away from pollution  
HB01 - Protection of historic buildings  
T09 - Parking Standards  
T10 - Highway Considerations in Development  
CL08 - Protecting wildlife habitats  
NPPF - National Planning Policy Framework  
CS05 - Mid Suffolk's Environment  
FC01 - Presumption In Favour Of Sustainable Development  
FC01\_1 - Mid Suffolk Approach To Delivering Sustainable Development  
GP01 - Design and layout of development

## 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. Environmental Health at the District Councils should be contacted in the event of unexpected ground conditions / contamination being encountered during construction. The developer should be aware that the responsibility for the safe development of the site lies with them at all times.

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](mailto:infrastructure@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk)

This relates to document reference: DC/19/04118

**Signed: Philip Isbell**

**Dated: 19th November 2019**

**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 practice 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.