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Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing Use or Operation or Activity,
 including those in breach of a planning condition

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Postcode

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)

Northing (y)

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Ms

First name

Frances

Surname

Abbott

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

The Cottage

Address line 2

The Street

Address line 3

Wattisfield

Town/City

Diss

Country

Postcode

IP22 1NS

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Country

Postcode

Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

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Reason for Lawful Development Certificate

Please indicate why you are applying for a lawful development certificate

- An existing use
- Existing building works
- An existing use, building work or activity in breach of a condition

Being a use, building works or activity which is still going on at the date of this application.

Description of Existing Use, Building Works or Activity

Please fully describe each existing use, building works or activity for which you want the lawful development certificate. Where appropriate, show to which part of the land each use, building works or activity relates

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for existing building works to establish that the single-storey side/rear extension, including open porch to the principal elevation, and replacement windows at The Cottage, The Street, Wattisfield, Diss, IP22 1NS, were substantially completed prior to the buildings listing, and more than four years before the date of this application.

Grounds for application for a Lawful Development Certificate

Under what grounds is the certificate being sought

- The use began more than 10 years before the date of this application
- The use, building works or activity in breach of condition began more than 10 years before the date of this application
- The use began within the last 10 years, as a result of a change of use not requiring planning permission, and there has not been a change of use requiring planning permission in the last 10 years
- The building works (for instance, building or engineering works) were substantially completed more than four years before the date of this application.
- The use as a single dwelling house began more than four years before the date of this application
- Other - please specify (this might include claims that the change of use or building work was not development, or that it benefited from planning permission granted under the Act or by the General Permitted Development Order).

Is the certificate being sought for a use, operation, or activity in breach of a condition or limitation?

- Yes
- No

Please state why a Lawful Development Certificate should be granted

The plan of the property accords with a building survey undertaken at the point of purchase in 1989, which also refers to defects in rooms not consistent with them being new at the time. It is therefore considered highly likely that the works were undertaken prior to 15th July 1988, when the property was listed (a description of the internal plan within the listing also in part bears this out), and that the extensions were undertaken under Schedule 1 of The Town and Country Planning General Development Order 1973, which would have applied at the time. We therefore believe that a Lawful Development Certificate should be granted, given that the building works were substantially completed prior to the date of listing, and more than four years before the date of this application. See also supporting evidence accompanying this application.

Information in support of a Lawful Development Certificate

When was the use or activity begun, or the building works substantially completed (date must be pre-application submission)?

31-12-1987

In the case of an existing use or activity in breach of conditions has there been any interruption?

- Yes
 No

In the case of an existing use of land, has there been any material change of use of the land since the start of the use for which a certificate is sought?

- Yes
 No

Residential Information

Does the application for a certificate relate to a residential use where the number of residential units has changed?

- Yes
 No

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- Yes
 No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- The agent
 The applicant
 Other person

Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

- Yes
 No

If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):

Officer name:

Title

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First Name

***** REDACTED *****

Surname

***** REDACTED *****

Reference

Unknown

Date (must be pre-application submission)

28/04/2022

Details of the pre-application advice received

Officer advised that an application for a Lawful Development Certificate would be the most appropriate vehicle to give a prospective purchaser immunity from any enforcement action and make the existing building work 'lawful'.

Interest in the Land

Please state the applicant's interest in the land

- Owner
 Lessee
 Occupier
 Other

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
(b) an elected member
(c) related to a member of staff
(d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- Yes
 No

Declaration

I / We hereby apply for Lawful development: Existing use as described in this form and accompanying plans/drawings and additional information. I / We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine options of the persons giving them. I / We also accept that: Once submitted, this information will be transmitted to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be made available as part of a public register and on the authority's website; our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

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Date

10/06/2022