

Environment & Planning

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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

Mr

First name

James

Surname

Francis-Brown

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Bellador Church Road

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Ten Mile Bank

County

Norfolk

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

PE38 0EJ

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

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.

If Yes, to either 'an existing use' or 'an existing use in breach of a condition', please select the relevant Use Class.

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

The land to the rear of our property Bellador is officially designated as agricultural land on the HM Land Registry Title, This land has not been in use for any form of agriculture for at least 25 years.

Having spoken to the previous owner Mr Richard Coates who is now our next door neighbour, he has confirmed that the land was used for agriculture until 1998 at which point his ex-wife began keeping horses on the land and a stable was built to house the horses, this use continued till 2008.

From 2008 till the present day the land has been in continuous use as residential garden land that has been kept as a mown lawn and small orchard, there is no boundary separating the area from the garden curtilage of Bellador.

Since the current use of the land would constitute a Material change of use that has continued for more than the ten years the enforcement period stipulated in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 under section 171B part 3 has now lapsed and this Development is now unenforceable under the Act.

For your consideration we would like to highlight the fact that this is a small area of land that is enclosed by residential properties to the east and dykes and hedgerows to the other three aspects rendering it land-locked except for a narrow access tract that would be impracticable for farming machinery to use and would require vehicles to pass across our garden curtilage within inches of our home.

We feel that the continued use of the area as garden would not cause any harm to the character or appearance of the land or surrounding area since it has been in that use for over 15 years now.

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 fact that the current use of the land has continued for a period of over 10 years means that the enforcement time limit stipulated in section 171B part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 has now lapsed.

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)?

01-06-2008

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

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 the questions answered, details provided, and the 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 opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published 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

James Francis-Brown

Date

24/09/2023

