

Application No: DC/22/1073/FUL

APPLICANT

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Town And Country Planning Act 1990 (as Amended)

**Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)
(England) Order 2015**

**Proposal: Planning application - a. Conversion of barns to two dwellings;
b. change of use of agricultural land to residential garden and
associated external works as amended by plans received 23
November 2022.**

Location: Hall Farm, Church Lane, Freckenham, Suffolk, IP28 8JF

Permission is hereby **GRANTED** by the Council as Local Planning Authority for the purpose of the above Act and Orders for development in complete accordance with the approved plans, specifications and information contained in the application, and subject to compliance with the following condition(s):

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

Reason: In accordance with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

- 2 The development hereby permitted shall not be carried out except in complete accordance with the details shown on the following approved plans and documents, unless otherwise stated below:

Reason: To define the scope and extent of this permission.

Reference number	Plan type	Date received
HF_000	Proposed block plan	15 June 2022
HF_202 23-11-22	Proposed ground floor plan	23 November 2022
HF_206 15-11-22	Proposed elevations	15 November 2022
HF_207 15-11-22	Proposed elevations	15 November 2022
HF_209 23-11-22	Proposed elevations	23 November 2022
HF_203 15-11-22	Proposed ground floor plan	15 November 2022
HF_204 15-11-22	Proposed first floor plan	15 November 2022
13-0410	Ex elevations & floor plans	15 June 2022
13-0410	Site plan	15 June 2022
LS4511/2a	Building survey	15 June 2022
HF_201 15-11-22	General arrangement	15 November 2022
HF_205 15-11-22	Roof plans	15 November 2022
LS4544/1a	Topographic survey	15 June 2022
(-)	Location plan	15 June 2022
Version 2	Bat report	13 July 2022
HF_208 23-11-22	Proposed elevations	23 November 2022

- 3 The building envelope, glazing and ventilation of the dwellings hereby permitted shall be constructed so as to provide appropriate sound attenuation against noise. The acoustic insulation of the dwelling shall be such to ensure noise does not exceed an LAeq (16hrs) of 35dB (A) within bedrooms and living rooms between 07:00 and 23:00hrs and an LAeq (8hrs) of 30dB(A) within bedrooms and living rooms between 23:00 and 07:00hrs. The noise levels specified in this condition shall be achieved with the windows closed and other means of ventilation provided as necessary.

Reason: To protect the amenities of future occupiers of the dwelling, in accordance with policies DM2 and DM14 of the West Suffolk Joint Development Management Policies Document 2015, Chapters 12 and 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework and all relevant Core Strategy Policies.

- 4 Any site preparation, demolition, construction or conversion works and ancillary activities, including access road works and deliveries to / collections from the site in connection with the works shall only be carried out between the hours of:

08:00 to 18:00 Mondays to Fridays

08:00 - 13.00 Saturdays

And at no times during Sundays or Bank / Public Holidays without the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To protect the amenity of occupiers of adjacent properties from noise and disturbance, in accordance with policies DM2 and DM14 of the West Suffolk Joint Development Management Policies.

- 5 Prior to commencement of development the following components to deal with the risks associated with contamination of the site shall each be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority:

- a. A site investigation scheme,
- b. The results of a site investigation based on i) and a detailed risk assessment, including a revised Conceptual Site Model (CSM),
- c. Based on the risk assessment in ii), a remediation strategy giving full details of the remediation measures required and how they are to be undertaken. The strategy shall include a plan providing details of how the remediation works shall be judged to be complete and arrangements for contingency actions.

Reason: To protect and prevent the pollution of controlled waters, future end users of the land, neighbouring land, property and ecological systems from potential pollutants associated with current and previous land uses in accordance with policy DM14 of the West Suffolk Joint Development Management Policies Document 2015, paragraphs 170,178 and 179 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), Environment Agency Groundwater Protection: Principles and Practice (GP3) and all relevant Core Strategy Policies. This condition requires matters to be agreed prior to commencement since it relates to consideration of below ground matters that require resolution prior to further development taking place, to ensure any contaminated material is satisfactorily dealt with.

- 6 No occupation of any part of the permitted development shall take place until a verification report demonstrating completion of works as set out in the remediation strategy is submitted to and approved, in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To protect and prevent the pollution of controlled waters, future end users of the land, neighbouring land, property and ecological systems from potential pollutants associated with current and previous land uses in accordance with policy DM14 of the West Suffolk Joint Development Management Policies Document 2015, paragraphs 170,178 and 179 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), Environment Agency Groundwater Protection: Principles and Practice (GP3) and all relevant Core Strategy Policies.

- 7 If, during development, contamination not previously identified is found to be present at the site then no further development (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority) shall be carried out until the developer has submitted a remediation strategy to the Local Planning Authority detailing how this unsuspected contamination shall be dealt with and obtained written approval from the Local Planning Authority. The remediation strategy shall be implemented as approved.

Reason: To protect and prevent the pollution of controlled waters, future end users of the land, neighbouring land, property and ecological systems from potential pollutants associated with current and previous land uses in accordance with policy DM14 of the West Suffolk Joint Development Management Policies Document 2015, paragraphs 170,178 and 179 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), Environment Agency Groundwater Protection: Principles and Practice (GP3) and all relevant Core Strategy Policies.

- 8 Prior to first occupation, all dwellings with off street parking shall be provided with an operational electric vehicle charge point at reasonably and practicably accessible locations, with an electric supply to the charge point capable of providing a 7kW charge.

Reason: To promote and facilitate the uptake of electric vehicles on the site in order to minimise emissions and ensure no deterioration to the local air quality, in accordance with Policy DM14 of the Joint Development Management Policies Document, paragraphs 107 and 112 of the National Planning Policy Framework and the Suffolk Parking Standards.

- 9 No works involving new/replacement windows shall take place until elevation(s) to a scale of not less than 1:10 and horizontal and vertical cross-section drawings to a scale of 1:2 fully detailing the new/ replacement windows to be used (including details of glazing bars, sills, heads and methods of opening and glazing) have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The works shall be carried out in complete accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To protect the special character, architectural interest and integrity of the building, in accordance with policies DM15 and DM17 of the West Suffolk Joint Development Management Policies Document 2015, Chapter 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Section 16 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and all relevant Core Strategy Policies.

- 10 Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015 (or any order amending, revoking or re-enacting that Order), no windows, doors, dormer windows,

roof lights or openings of any other kind, other than those expressly authorised by this permission shall be constructed on the main barn and outbuildings.

Reason: To safeguard the residential amenity of neighbouring occupiers, in accordance with policies DM2, DM17 and DM22 of the West Suffolk Joint Development Management Policies Document 2015, Chapter 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework and all relevant Core Strategy Policies.

- 11 No development above ground level shall take place until details of the treatment of the boundaries of the site have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The details shall specify the siting, design, height and materials of the screen walls/fences to be constructed or erected and/or the species, spacing and height of hedging to be retained and / or planted together with a programme of implementation. Any planting removed, dying, being severely damaged or becoming seriously diseased within five years of planting shall be replaced by soft landscaping of similar size and species to those originally required to be planted. The works shall be completed prior to first use/occupation in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To safeguard the residential amenity of neighbouring occupiers, in accordance with policy DM2 of the West Suffolk Joint Development Management Policies Document 2015, Chapters 12 and 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework and all relevant Core Strategy Policies.

- 12 Prior to the commencement of development, the local planning authority shall have 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 method statement supplied by an individual registered to use a Bat Mitigation Class Licence; or c) 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.

Reason: To ensure that the land is used in such a manner as to improve its ecological and nature conservation value, in accordance with policies DM11 and DM12 of the West Suffolk Joint Development Management Policies Document 2015, Chapter 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework and all relevant Core Strategy Policies.

- 13 All ecological measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the details contained in BiOME Nocturnal Bat Survey Report 2022, V2 (12 July 2022) as already submitted with the planning application and agreed in principle with the Local Planning Authority prior to determination.

Reason: To secure biodiversity enhancements commensurate with the scale

of the development, in accordance with policy DM12 of the West Suffolk Joint Development Management Policies Document 2015, Chapter 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework and all relevant Core Strategy Policies.

- 14 Prior to occupation details of biodiversity enhancement measures to be installed at the site, including details of the timescale for installation, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Any such measures as may be agreed shall be installed in accordance with the agreed timescales and thereafter retained as so installed. There shall be no occupation unless and until details of the biodiversity enhancement measures to be installed have been agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To secure biodiversity enhancements commensurate with the scale of the development, in accordance with policies DM11 and DM12 of the West Suffolk Joint Development Management Policies Document 2015, Chapter 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework and all relevant Core Strategy Policies.

- 15 Prior to occupation, a "lighting design strategy for biodiversity" shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The strategy shall:
- a. Identify those areas/features on site that are particularly sensitive for Bats and that are likely to be disturbed by lighting;
 - b. Show how and where external lighting will be installed (through the provision of appropriate lighting contour plans and technical specifications) to demonstrate that areas to be lit will not disturb or prevent the above species using their territory or having access to their breeding sites and resting places.

All external lighting shall be installed in accordance with the specifications and locations set out in the strategy, and these shall be maintained thereafter in accordance with the strategy. No other external lighting be installed without prior consent from the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To safeguard the visual amenities of the locality and the ecological value of the area, in accordance with policies DM2 and DM12 of the West Suffolk Joint Development Management Policies Document 2015, Chapter 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework and all relevant Core Strategy Policies.

- 16 The dwelling(s) hereby approved shall not be occupied until the requirement for water consumption (110 litres use per person per day) in part G of the Building Regulations has been complied with and evidence of compliance has been obtained.

Reason: To ensure that the proposal meets with the requirements of

sustainability, in accordance with policy DM7 of the West Suffolk Joint Development Management Policies Document 2015, Chapter 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework and all relevant Core Strategy Policies. The higher standards for implementation of water efficiency measures set out in the Building Regulations are only activated if they are also a requirement of a planning condition attached to a planning permission.

The Following policies are considered relevant to the current decision:

Core Strategy Policy CS5 - Design quality and local distinctiveness

NPPF 2021

Development Management Policy DM1 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development

Development Management Policy DM2 Creating Places Development Principles and Local Distinctiveness

Development Management Policy DM5 Development in the Countryside

Development Management Policy DM7 Sustainable Design and Construction

Development Management Policy DM11 Protected Species

Development Management Policy DM12 Mitigation, Enhancement, Management and Monitoring of Biodiversity

Development Management Policy DM16 Local Heritage Assets and Building Protected by an Article 4 Direction

Development Management Policy DM17 Conservation Areas

Development Management Policy DM22 Residential Design

Development Management Policy DM28 Residential use of Redundant Buildings in the Countryside

Development Management Policy DM33 Re-Use or Replacement of Buildings in the Countryside

Development Management Policy DM46 Parking Standards

Development Management Policy DM18 New Uses for Historic Buildings

Development Management Policy DM14 Protecting and Enhancing Natural Resources, Minimising Pollution and Safeguarding from Hazards

Informatives:

- 1 Any failure to adhere to approved plans or to comply with any conditions or limitation attached to this permission/consent may lead to enforcement action being taken. This permission may be invalidated if conditions requiring compliance before commencement are not complied with.
- 2 The project may be subject to the requirements of the Building regulations 2010. Advice and assistance can be obtained from our Building Control Team on 01284 757387 or building.control@westsuffolk.gov.uk. They will work with you offering competitive fee quotations and pre-application advice upon request.
- 3 This permission does not grant any approval or consent which may be required under any enactment, byelaw, order or registration other than the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or under any covenant.

- 4 The development hereby approved should be built in accordance with the approved plans as a further planning permission will be required where material alterations or revisions are proposed to an approved scheme. An application for non-material changes to the planning permission can be submitted in writing to the Local Planning Authority under Section 96A(4) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. A specific form will be required for that purpose and these are available via the Planning Portal or they can be downloaded from the council's website at www.westsuffolk.gov.uk. A fee of £34 for a householder application or £234 for all other applications will be required in order to register the application.
- 5 Any works to a watercourse (i.e. main river, ordinary watercourse, ditches, dykes, cuts) require separate permits or consents from the local drainage authority before construction takes place. Please contact the following drainage authority if works affect:-
 - Main river – may require environmental permit from the Environment Agency
 - Non-main river – may require land drainage consent under section 23 of the Land Drainage Act 1991 either from the Lead Local Flood Authority or IDB.
- 6 When determining planning applications The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 requires Local Planning Authorities to explain how, in dealing with the application they have worked with the applicant to resolve any problems or issues arising. In this case amended plans were secured.
- 7 The principal contractor and any sub-contractors must ensure compliance with current legislation on noise and dust control including the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the Control of Pollution Act 1974. Relevant Codes of Practice set out procedures for dealing with the control of noise on construction and demolition sites are contained in BS5228: 2009 Noise and Vibration Control on Construction and Open Sites.

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Date: 16 December 2022

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NOTES

- 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 online at: <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision>

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.
3. If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. [Further details are on GOV.UK.](#)

*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.