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Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3), and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q

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)

603234

264556

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

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Surname

Robinson

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Belle View Farm

Address line 2

Wassicks Lane

Address line 3

Old Newton

Town/City

Stowmarket

County

Suffolk

Country

UK

Postcode

IP14 3NP

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

Contact Details

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Title

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Eligibility

Permitted development rights are subject to conditions set by legislation to ensure that only appropriate proposals are eligible. The need to apply to the Local Planning Authority to see if prior approval is required is one such condition.

The questions below will help determine if the proposals are eligible for this permitted development right.

Please note, there are further eligibility criteria that will be covered in subsequent questions.

Please note: Any new dwellinghouse will only be eligible for permitted development rights if it has a gross internal floor area of at least 37 square metres, and complies with the [nationally described space standard](#).

Was the use of the site on 20 March 2013 (or the last use before that date) solely for an agricultural use as part of an established agricultural unit?

- Yes
 No

Has any work under the permitted development rights for the erection, extension or alteration of a building reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture been carried out on the agricultural unit:

- Since 20 March 2013; or
- Where the development covered by this application will begin after 20 March 2023, during the 10 year period before development begins.

- Yes
 No

Will the external dimensions of the resulting building(s) extend beyond the existing building(s) at any point?

- Yes
 No

Is any part of the land, site or building:

- in a conservation area;
- in an area of outstanding natural beauty;
- in an area specified by the Secretary of State for the purposes of enhancement and protection of the natural beauty and amenity of the countryside;
- in the Broads;
- in a National Park;
- in a World Heritage Site;
- in a site of special scientific interest;
- in a safety hazard area;
- in a military explosives storage area;
- a scheduled monument (or the site contains one);
- a listed building (or within the curtilage of a listed building)

Yes

No

Agricultural tenants

To be eligible for this permitted development right, all parties to any agricultural tenancy agreements that are currently in place, or that have been terminated in the year before development is proposed to begin, need to provide consent.

This is to help ensure that agricultural tenants are not displaced to allow a change of use to be carried out.

Is the site currently occupied under any agricultural tenancy agreements?

Yes

No

Have any agricultural tenancy agreements been terminated in the year before development is proposed to begin for the purpose of carrying out the proposed change of use?

Yes

No

Dwellinghouses and floor space

To be eligible for this permitted development right, the number and size of dwellinghouses developed has to be within the limits set by legislation. This includes any dwellinghouses that were previously developed under this permitted development right.

- No more than a total of 5 dwellinghouses (including no more than 3 larger dwellinghouses) can be developed;
- No single dwellinghouse can exceed 465 square metres of floor space; and
- The total combined floor space of all the larger dwellinghouses developed cannot exceed 465 square metres.

For the purposes of this permitted development right:

- 'Smaller dwellinghouse' means a dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) which has a floor space of no more than 100 square metres
- 'Larger dwellinghouse' means a dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) which has a floor space of more than 100 square metres but no more than 465 square metres.

Please note: For prior approval applications submitted from 6 April 2021 onwards - Any new dwellinghouse will only be eligible for permitted development rights if it has a gross internal floor area of at least 37 square metres, and complies with the [nationally described space standard](#).

How many smaller dwellinghouses will be created by this proposal?

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How many larger dwellinghouses will be created by this proposal?

3

What will be the net increase in dwellinghouses?

This figure should be the number of dwellinghouses proposed by the development that is additional to the number of dwellinghouses on the site immediately prior to the development.

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Previous development

How many smaller dwellinghouses have previously been created under this permitted development right on this established agricultural unit?

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How many larger dwellinghouses have previously been created under this permitted development right on this established agricultural unit?

0

Floor space of larger dwellinghouse(s)

Will the total combined floor space (previously and in this proposal) changed to Larger Dwellinghouses under this permitted development right on this established agricultural unit exceed 465 square metres?

(Select 'No' if no larger dwellinghouses have been or will be created).

Yes

No

Description of Proposed Works, Impacts and Risks

Please describe the proposed development, including:

- The siting and location of the building(s); and
- From 1 August 2020, details on the provision of adequate natural light in all habitable rooms of the dwellinghouses

Rookery Farm is located at the north end of Haughley Green, set back 40m from Haughley Green Road. There are a collection of existing buildings on site consisting of a farmhouse to the north, four modern metal frame barns which surround an older timber frame barn in the centre of the site. This proposal relates to three of the modern barns, positioned to the Northeast, East and West on site, as shown on the submitted drawings.

All habitable rooms have been provided with windows or glazed doors to supply them with natural light. Please refer to the plans and elevations for sizes and locations.

Are any associated building works or other operations required to make this change?

Note that such works are restricted to those listed below that are reasonably necessary to convert the building(s) for use as a dwellinghouse:

- the installation or replacement of windows, doors, roofs, or exterior walls;
- the installation or replacement of water, drainage, electricity, gas or other services;
- partial demolition to the extent reasonably necessary to carry out the works listed above.

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details of the design and external appearance of the building(s) in regard to these building works or other operations:

It is proposed that there will be partial demolition of the lean-to section of Barn 1 but the forms of Barns 2 and 3 will remain as they are. The cladding will be replaced to provide insulation beneath new vertical timber boarding and standing seam metal cladding. The standing seam cladding will also cover the roofs. These materials will enhance the barns' appearances whilst retaining an agricultural theme to the buildings. Gutters and downpipes will be installed to match the metal cladding colour.

New openings will be formed for windows and doors. The frames will be grey aluminium. External doors are either glazed, grey metal or timber finish.

Please provide details of any transport and highways impacts and how these will be mitigated:

The site is accessed by an existing driveway which serves the farmhouse and barns. The proposed new dwellings will use this existing point of access. This joins the highway on a straight section of 30mph road with good visibility in both directions.

The site access can accommodate the intensification of use, is compliant with the Local Highways Authority design guidance and the required number of parking spaces will be provided.

Please provide details of any noise impacts and how these will be mitigated:

Most of the site is surrounded by agricultural fields however there are residential dwellings to the south of the site and one over the road to the north.

It is not expected that there will be any adverse noise impacts following the conversion of the 3 barns into dwellings. There will be reduction in noise related to the agricultural use of the site e.g. large vehicles and machinery.

Please provide details of any contamination risks and how these will be mitigated:

No known contamination issues. Please refer to the Envirosearch report.

Please provide details of any flooding risks and how these will be mitigated.

A flood risk assessment should accompany the application where the site:

- is in Flood Zones 2 or 3; or
- is in an area with critical drainage problems (such areas will have been notified to the Local Planning Authority by the Environment Agency).

[Check if your site location is in Flood Zone 2 or 3 online.](#)

Check with your Local Planning Authority to see if your site is in an area with critical drainage problems.

The site is located in Flood Zone 1.

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Prior Approval: Change of use - agriculture to dwellinghouses 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

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Date

06/02/2024