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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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Date Application Received: 22-Feb-22

Application Reference: DC/22/00958

Date Registered: 23-Feb-22

Proposal & Location of Development:

Full Planning Application - Erection of 3no. detached dwellings and detached garages (following demolition of existing buildings)

Brook Hall Farm Buildings , Church Road, Crowfield, IP6 9TG

Section A – Plans & Documents:

This decision refers to drawing no./entitled 19/070-101C received 15/07/2022 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:

Application Form - Received 22/02/2022
Proposed Plans and Elevations 19/070-204 - Received 22/02/2022
Site Clearance Plan 19/070-103 - Received 22/02/2022
Site Survey Plan 19/070-102 - Received 22/02/2022
Materials Schedule - Received 22/02/2022
Planning Statement - Received 22/02/2022
Preliminary Ecological Appraisal - Received 03/10/2022
Land Contamination Assessment - Received 22/02/2022
Great Crested Newt Assessment - Received 01/12/2022
Block Plan - Proposed 19/070-101 C - Received 15/07/2022
Proposed Site Layout Plan 19/070-104 D - Received 21/10/2022
Defined Red Line Plan 19/070-101 C - Received 15/07/2022

Proposed Plans and Elevations 19/070-203 C Plot 3 - Received 15/07/2022
Proposed Plans and Elevations 19/070-202 B Plot 2 - Received 09/08/2022
Proposed Plans and Elevations 19/070-201 A Plot 1 - Received 09/08/2022

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. Such development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with any Phasing Plan approved under Section A, or as necessary in accordance with any successive Phasing Plan as may subsequently be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development pursuant to this condition.

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

3. 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 Updated Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Skilled Ecology Consultancy Ltd, September 2022) as already submitted with the planning application and agreed in principle with the local planning authority prior to determination.

This may 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.

Reason: To conserve and enhance protected and Priority species and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 as amended and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

4. PRIOR TO ANY WORKS ABOVE 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 or product descriptions to achieve stated objectives;
- c) locations, orientations, and heights 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 prior to occupation 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 NPPF 2021 and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

5. 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 Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 as amended and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species)

6. SPECIFIC RESTRICTION ON DEVELOPMENT: ACCESS

No other part of the development hereby permitted shall be occupied until the existing vehicular access has been improved, laid out and completed in all respects in accordance with Suffolk County Council's standard access drawing DM01, with a minimum entrance width of 4.5 metres for a shared access and made available for use. Thereafter the access shall be retained in the specified form.

Reason: To ensure that the layout of the existing access is improved to an appropriate specification at an appropriate time in the interests of the safety of persons using the access and users of the highway.

7. SPECIFIC RESTRICTION ON DEVELOPMENT: PARKING

The use shall not commence until the area(s) within the site shown on Drawing No's. 19/070-201A, 19/070-202B, 19/070-203C and 19/070-104D for the purposes of manoeuvring and parking of vehicles including electric vehicle charging infrastructure has been provided and thereafter that area(s) shall be retained and used for no other purposes.

Reason: To ensure that sufficient space for the on-site parking of vehicles is provided and maintained to ensure the provision of adequate on-site space for the parking and manoeuvring of vehicles where on-street parking and manoeuvring would be detrimental to highway safety to users of the highway and promote sustainable modes of travel.

8. SPECIFIC RESTRICTION ON DEVELOPMENT: BICYCLE STORAGE

The use shall not commence until the area(s) within the site shown on Drawing No. 19/070-104D for the purposes of secure cycle storage has been provided and thereafter the area(s) shall be retained, maintained, and used for no other purposes.

Reason: To ensure that sufficient areas for secure cycle storage are provided in accordance with Suffolk Guidance for Parking (2019) to promote sustainable travel.

9. PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION: SURFACE WATER DISCHARGE DETAILS

Prior to construction of the development is commenced, details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority showing the means to prevent the discharge of surface water from the development onto the highway including any system to dispose of the water. The approved scheme shall be carried out in its entirety before the access is first used and shall be retained thereafter in its approved form.

Reason: To prevent hazards caused by flowing water or ice on the highway. This is a pre-commencement condition because insufficient details have been submitted at planning stage.

10. SPECIFIC RESTRICTION ON DEVELOPMENT: REFUSE BINS

The areas to be provided for the storage and presentation for collection/emptying of refuse and recycling bins as shown on Drawing No. 19/070-104D shall be provided in their entirety before the development is brought into use and shall be retained thereafter for no other purpose.

Reason: To ensure that space is provided for refuse and recycling bins to be stored and presented for emptying and left by operatives after emptying clear of the highway and access to avoid causing obstruction and dangers for the public using the highway.

11. PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT: DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PLAN

A Demolition and Construction Management Strategy shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to work commencing on site. The strategy shall include

- access and parking arrangements for contractors vehicles and delivery vehicles (locations and times)

- a methodology for avoiding soil from the site tracking onto the highway together with a strategy for remedy of this should it occur.
- Details of the hours of work/construction including delivery/collection times and overall construction period.
- Details of storage of construction materials on site, including details of their siting and maximum storage height.
- Details of any means of access to the site during construction.
- Method of demolition to take place, including the recycling and disposal of said materials resulting from demolition.
- Proposals in relation to dust suppression.

The development shall only take place in accordance with the approved strategy.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety to avoid the hazard caused by mud on the highway and to ensure minimal adverse impact on the public highway during the construction phase. This is a pre-commencement condition because an approved Management Strategy must be in place at the outset of the development. To minimise detriment to nearby residential and general amenity

12. ACTION REQUIRED PRIOR TO SLAB LEVEL: LANDSCAPING SCHEME

No development above slab level shall take place until there has been submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority a scheme of hard, soft and boundary treatment landscaping works for the site, which shall include any proposed changes in ground levels and also accurately identify spread, girth and species of all existing trees, shrubs and hedgerows on the site and indicate any to be retained.

Reason - In the interests of visual amenity and the character and appearance of the area.

13. 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.

14. SPECIFIC RESTRICTION ON DEVELOPMENT: DEMOLITION

All three existing barns shall be fully demolished prior to the commencement of works to any of the new dwellings.

Reason - in order to ensure the heritage benefit is fully implemented.

15. ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE: MATERIALS

Notwithstanding the submitted information, prior to the commencement of works above slab level to new dwellings and garages, details of proposed external roofing materials, to include manufacturer's literature as appropriate shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter, the works shall be carried out entirely as agreed.

(N.B. This condition is requested as notwithstanding as I consider that the proposed Lifestiles Ashbury Multi Weathered Clay Plain Tiles have too much colour variation, due to the presence of very dark, almost black tiles, and would thus look untraditional, particularly for a new building, and thus unsympathetic to the setting and thus significance of the listed building. A combination of the Ashbury Red, Heather, Brown and/or Orange would be more appropriate. In addition, I have not been able to locate manufacturer's details of Lifestiles Ashvale weathered Clay Pantiles to be used on the garages, and I consider that the photo does not provide enough detail on their appearance. Further photos or manufacturer's literature of this, or a different tile, would be required. The rest of the proposed materials are considered acceptable.)

Reason - To secure an orderly and well designed finish sympathetic to the character of the heritage asset.

16. ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE: BOUNDARY TREATMENTS

Notwithstanding the submitted information, prior to the erection of rear garden boundary treatments, details of these proposed boundary treatments, to include manufacturer's literature as appropriate shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter, the works shall be carried out entirely as agreed.

(N.B. this condition is requested as notwithstanding, as the currently proposed timber panel fences on concrete posts is considered a particularly unsympathetic suburban style boundary treatment that would be entirely out of keeping with the rural setting of Brook Hall. I therefore request alternative boundary treatments are selected. In this context, post and rail fences, plus planting, would seem feasible and would be the most sympathetic boundary treatment.

Reason - In the interests of visual amenity and the character and appearance of the area.

17. 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.

18. PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT: LAND CONTAMINATION

No development shall take place until:

1. A strategy for investigating any contamination present on site (including ground gases, where appropriate) has been submitted for approval by the Local Planning Authority.
2. Following approval of the strategy, an investigation shall be carried out in accordance with the strategy.
3. A written report shall be submitted detailing the findings of the investigation referred to in (2) above, and an assessment of the risk posed to receptors by the contamination (including ground gases, where appropriate) for approval by the Local Planning Authority. Subject to the risk assessment, the report shall include a Remediation Scheme as required.
4. Any remediation work shall be carried out in accordance with the approved Remediation Scheme.
5. Following remediation, evidence shall be provided to the Local Planning Authority verifying that remediation has been carried out in accordance with the approved Remediation Scheme.

Reason: To identify the extent and mitigate risk to the public, the wider environment and buildings arising from land contamination.

19. SPECIFIC RESTRICTION ON DEVELOPMENT: CONSTRUCTION HOURS

Operations related to the construction (including site clearance and demolition) phases) of the permitted development/use shall only operate between the hours of 08.00 and 18.00hrs Mondays to Fridays and between the hours of 09.00 and 13.00hrs on Saturday. There shall be no working and/or use operated on Sundays and Bank Holidays. There shall be no deliveries to the development/use arranged for outside of these approved hours.

Reason: to minimise detriment to nearby residential amenity

20. SPECIFIC RESTRICTION ON DEVELOPMENT: PROHIBITION ON BURNING

No burning shall take place on site at any stage during site clearance, demolition or construction phases of the project.

Reason - To minimise detriment to nearby residential amenity.

SUMMARY OF POLICIES WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO THE DECISION:

NPPF - National Planning Policy Framework
FC01 - Presumption In Favour Of Sustainable Development
FC01_1 - Mid Suffolk Approach To Delivering Sustainable Development
CS01 - Settlement Hierarchy
CS02 - Development in the Countryside & Countryside Villages
CS05 - Mid Suffolk's Environment
CS07 - Brown Field Target
GP01 - Design and layout of development
HB01 - Protection of historic buildings

HB03 - Conversions and alterations to historic buildings
HB14 - Ensuring archaeological remains are not destroyed
H07 - Restricting housing development unrelated to needs of countryside
H09 - Conversion of rural buildings to dwellings
H15 - Development to reflect local characteristics
H16 - Protecting existing residential amenity
H17 - Keeping residential development away from pollution
CL08 - Protecting wildlife habitats
T09 - Parking Standards
T10 - Highway Considerations in Development
RT12 - Footpaths and Bridleways

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. It is an OFFENCE to carry out works within the public highway, which includes a Public Right of Way, without the permission of the Highway Authority. Any conditions which involve work within the limits of the public highway do not give the applicant permission to carry them out. Unless otherwise agreed in writing all works within the public highway shall be carried out by Suffolk County Council or its agents at the applicant's expense.

Suffolk County Council must be contacted on Tel: 0345 606 6171.

For further information go to:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/parking/apply-and-pay-for-a-dropped-kerb/>
or;

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/planning-waste-and-environment/planning-and-development-advice/application-for-works-licence/>

Suffolk County Council drawings DM01 - DM14 are available from:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/planning-waste-and-environment/planning-and-development-advice/standarddrawings/>

A fee is payable to the Highway Authority for the assessment and inspection of both new vehicular crossing access works and improvements deemed necessary to existing vehicular crossings due to proposed development.

3. There is a suspicion that the site may be contaminated or affected by ground gases. You should be aware that the responsibility for the safe development and secure occupancy of the site rests with the developer. Unless agreed with the Local Planning Authority, you must not carry out any development work (including demolition or site preparation) until the requirements of the condition have been met, or without the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority. The developer shall ensure that any reports relating to site investigations and subsequent remediation strategies shall be forwarded for comment to the following bodies:

- Local Planning Authority
- Environmental Services
- Building Inspector
- Environment Agency

Any site investigations and remediation strategies in respect of site contamination (including ground gases, where appropriate) shall be carried out in accordance with current approved standards and codes of practice. The applicant/developer is advised, in connection with the above condition(s) requiring the submission of a strategy to establish the presence of land contaminants and any necessary investigation and remediation measures, to contact the Council's Environmental Protection Team.

4. Foul water is to be disposed of to a private foul drainage system. We would wish to draw the applications attention to the requirements of the Governments updated General Binding Rules for small sewage discharge which must be met General binding rules: small sewage discharge to a surface water - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) .

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

This relates to document reference: DC/22/00958

Signed: Philip Isbell

Dated: 9th December 2022

**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/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 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.