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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
LAWFUL USE CERTIFICATE

Reference: H02-0058-26 **Date of Decision:** 13th March 2026

Applicant: G Khan
Alderlands
James Road
Crowland
PE6 0AA

Location: Alderlands James Road Crowland Spalding

Description: Confirmation that the existing use of land for Vehicle Storage is Lawful

South Holland District Council hereby give notice that the use, operations or matter as specified in the application, is NOT LAWFUL within the meaning the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), for the following reason(s):-

1 The applicant has failed to demonstrate, on the balance of probabilities, that the existing use of the land for vehicle storage has subsisted continuously for a period of at least 10 years, such that it would be immune from enforcement action under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The evidence submitted indicates that the historic lawful use of the site comprised an operational bus/coach depot with ancillary industrial activities, which is materially different in character and function from the current use described as vehicle storage. The Local Planning Authority is not satisfied that the current use has been carried on continuously for the requisite period. As such, the requirements of Section 191 of the Act have not been met and the certificate cannot be granted.

Notes:

The determined plans are:

January 2026 - Supporting Statement
Location Plan
P1 - Site Location, Block Plan as Pre-Existing Before New Ownership
P2 - Site Location, Block as Existing
P3 - Site Layout Block Plan as Proposed
Application Form



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South Holland District Council

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RIGHTS OF APPEAL

Appeals to the Secretary of State

If you are aggrieved by the decision of your Local Planning Authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or grant consent subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or Section 20 of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

Timescales for appealing

The deadlines for appeals are calculated from the **date of decision** and are as follows for the types of applications below:

12 Weeks	6 Months	8 Weeks
Householder Applications	Planning Permission	Consent to Display Adverts
Minor Commercial Development	Listed Building Consent	
Agricultural Determinations	Other Prior Approval Applications	
Householder Prior Approval Applications		

https://www.gov.uk/appeal-householder-planning-decision

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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@planning inspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. Further details are on GOV.UK.

Enforcement Notices

If an enforcement notice was served prior to the planning application being determined then the deadline for appealing is 28 days from the date of the **planning refusal**.

If an enforcement notice is served after the planning application is determined then the deadline for appealing is 28 days from the date of the **enforcement notice** OR **the timescales stated above for each application type** from the date of the planning refusal - whichever is sooner.

Appeals can be made online at: **https://appeal-planning-decision.service.gov.uk/before-you-start**. If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in

giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the Local Planning Authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under the order.

Purchase Notices

If either the Local Planning Authority or the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land or grant it subject to conditions the owner may claim that he can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor can he render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

In these circumstances the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of the Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or Section 32 of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

Compensation

In certain circumstances compensation may be claimed from the Local Planning Authority if permission is refused or granted subject to conditions by the Secretary of State on appeal or on reference of the application to him.

These circumstances are set out in Section 114 and related provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Section 27 of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.