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## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 FULL

**Reference:** H08-0516-25 **Date of Decision:** 1st September 2025  
**Applicant:** Miss E Claridge  
Sparrow Cottage  
Birds Drove  
Surfleet  
Spalding  
PE11 4BE  
**Location:** Opposite Sparrow Cottage Birds Drove Surfleet Spalding  
**Description:** Part change of use to equestrian to include menage, erection of stable block & lean-to - Retrospective

**South Holland District Council, in pursuance of the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), hereby give notice that permission has been GRANTED (or equivalent) for the development referred to above, subject to the following condition(s):**

- 1 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and/or documents:
  - Location Plan
  - Block Plan
  - Site photo showing area to be resurfaced, facing west view
  - Site photo showing area to be resurfaced, facing south view
  - Site photo showing stable block
  - Site photo showing lean to with side panels from shed attached, south view
  - Site photo showing lean to with side panels from shed attached, west view
  - Site photo showing lean to with side panels from shed attached, north end
  - Site photo showing muck heap, south east of lean to
  - Site photo showing lean to, side facing looking towards the west

- Site photo showing muck heap
- Flood Risk Assessment, dated 05 June 2025, produced by FloodPlan Limited
- Stable Flooring Statement for Planning Application
- BNG Exemption Statement

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

- 2 The materials of the external surfaces (including brickwork, finish, roof tiles and windows) of the development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the details outlined within the application form and approved plans.

Reason: In the interests of the architectural and visual integrity of the overall development and the visual amenity of the area in which it is set.

This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policies 2 and 3 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019.

- 3 The equestrian use hereby permitted shall be used and operated for the personal benefit of the occupants of Sparrow Cottage, Birds Drove only, and at no time shall function as a commercial equestrian use.

Reason: To reinforce the terms of the permission and to mitigate against amenity impacts.

This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policies 2, and 3 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019

- 4 No floodlights or other forms of external lighting shall be installed to serve the proposed use/development.

Reason: To ensure that the Local Planning Authority retains control over these matters, in the interests of the visual amenity of the overall development, to prevent light pollution and to ensure that the development is adequately lit.

This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policies 2, 3 and 30 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019.

- 5 Manure, stable sweepings and other waste shall only be stored and disposed of in the location and manner specified in the application, and no burning of manure, stable sweepings or other waste shall take place anywhere on the site. Provision for such waste storage and disposal shall be made before the first use of the development hereby permitted and shall be so maintained at all times thereafter.

Reason: To prevent pollution and to protect the amenity of nearby residents.

This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policies 2, 3 and 30 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019.

Notes:

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing it against all material considerations, including national guidance, planning policies and representations that have been received during the public

consultation exercise, and subsequently determining to grant planning permission.

This decision notice, the relevant accompanying report and the determined plans can be viewed online at <http://planning.sholland.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningSearch>

### **Biodiversity Net Gain**

The applicant's attention is drawn to the following Biodiversity Net Gain requirement.

The effect of Paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 is that planning permission is deemed to have been granted subject to the "biodiversity gain condition". The effect of this "biodiversity gain condition" is that development granted by this notice must not begin unless:

- (a) a Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority, and
- (b) the planning authority has approved the plan, or
- (c) the development is exempt from the biodiversity gain condition.

For guidance on the contents, in respect of the details that must be submitted and agreed by the Local Planning Authority, prior to the commencement of the consented development, please see the GOV.uk website and Planning Practice Guidance.

### Statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements

There are statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements which mean that the biodiversity gain condition does not always apply. These can be found at Paragraph: 003 Reference ID: 74-003-20240214 of the Planning Practice Guidance, which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-net-gain>.

Based on the information available and submitted in support of this application, the Local Planning Authority considers that the development hereby permitted is exempt and therefore will not require the approval of a biodiversity gain plan, prior to the commencement of development; with the development comprising a statutory exemption as listed below: -

The development would impact less than 25 square metres of onsite habitat that has biodiversity value greater than zero; and less than 5 metres in length of onsite linear habitat. The proposal therefore would be exempt under the de minimis exemption outlined in Regulation 4 of the Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Exemptions) Regulations 2024.

As such, the development hereby permitted will not be subject to the biodiversity gain condition.

### Irreplaceable habitat

If the onsite habitat includes irreplaceable habitat (within the meaning of the Biodiversity

Gain Requirements (Irreplaceable Habitat) Regulations 2024) there are additional requirements for the content and approval of Biodiversity Gain Plans.

For clarity the LPA do not consider that irreplaceable habitats are present at this site.

The Biodiversity Gain Plan must include, in addition to information about steps taken or to be taken to minimise any adverse effect of the development on the habitat, information on arrangements for compensation for any impact the development has on the biodiversity of the irreplaceable habitat.

The planning authority can only approve a Biodiversity Gain Plan if satisfied that the adverse effect of the development on the biodiversity of the irreplaceable habitat is minimised and appropriate arrangements have been made for the purpose of compensating for any impact which do not include the use of biodiversity credits.

#### Effect of Section 73(2D) of the 1990 Act

Under Section 73(2D) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) where

(a) a biodiversity gain plan was approved in relation to the previous planning permission ("the earlier biodiversity gain plan"), and

(b) the conditions subject to which the planning permission is granted:

(i) do not affect the post-development value of the onsite habitat as specified in the earlier biodiversity gain plan, and

(ii) in the case of planning permission for a development where all or any part of the onsite habitat is irreplaceable habitat within the meaning of regulations made under paragraph 18 of Schedule 7A, do not change the effect of the development on the biodiversity of that onsite habitat (including any arrangements made to compensate for any such effect) as specified in the earlier biodiversity gain plan.

- the earlier biodiversity gain plan is regarded as approved for the purposes of paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) in relation to the planning permission.



**Phil Norman**  
**Assistant Director - Planning and Strategic Infrastructure**  
**South Holland District Council**

#### **BUILDING REGULATIONS:**

This decision refers only to planning permission as granted under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The works that you are proposing may also require Building Regulations and this planning

permission does not give authority under Building Regulations to commence work. Please contact the Building Control section for further information on 01775 764557 or [bcadmin@sholland.gov.uk](mailto:bcadmin@sholland.gov.uk)

## 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](mailto: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://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>. 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.