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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 LAWFUL USE CERTIFICATE

Reference: H09-1053-25 **Date of Decision:** 22nd December 2025

Applicant: Silver Birch Care (Residential Services) Ltd.
Sbch House
212 Ballards Lane
London
N3 2LX

Location: Threeways Northons Lane Holbeach Spalding

Description: Use of Dwelling (Class C3a) as Childrens Home for up to 2 children with a manager and 2 carers (Class C2)

South Holland District Council hereby give notice that on the date of the application the use, operations or matter described below was LAWFUL within the meaning of Section 192 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the reasons set out below:

1 Schedule 1 - Description of Use or Operation

Use of Dwelling (Class C3a) as Children's Home for up to 2 children, one manager and 2 cares (Class C2)

Schedule 2 - Land Specified

Threeways, Northons Lane, Holbeach

Reason for determining the use, operations or other matters to be lawful:

Notwithstanding that a change of use between Use Class C3 to Use Class C2 would occur on site; case law including that of North Devon District Council v The Secretary of State (2003) EWHC 157 Admin outline that a proposal such as this, subject to specific circumstances, may not constitute a 'material' change of use due to there not being a change or impact to the character of the area.

The built form would not be altered, the vehicle movements on site would not be significantly altered and there would not be a material increase in activity, in comparison to the movements on site through the current C3a use.

- 2 This certificate is issued solely for the purpose of Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended. It certifies that the use, operations or matter specified in Schedule 1 taking place on the land described in Schedule 2 was or would have been lawful on the date of the application, and thus was not or would not have been liable to enforcement action under Section 172 of the 1990 Act on that date.

This Certificate applies only to the extent described in Schedule 1 and to the land specified in Schedule 2 and on the attached plan. Any use, operation, or other matter which is materially different from that described, or which relates to other land, may render the owner or occupier liable to enforcement action. For a Section 192 Certificate, the lawfulness is only conclusively presumed where there has been no material change in any relevant matter before the use or operations are begun.

Notes:

The determined plans are:

- Site Location Plan
- 667SD01-2 - Existing Site & Location Plan
- 667SK01-2 - Proposed First Floor
- 667SK01-1 - Proposed Ground Floor Plan
- Planning Statement
- Management Plan



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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 team for further information on 01775 764557 or bcadmin@sholland.gov.uk

BUILDING REGULATIONS 2010:

The plans given approval as part of this application, may require the provision of additional information or amendment to show compliance the relevant requirements of the Building Regulations 2010. Typical circumstances include, highly glazed extensions achieving compliance with

requirement L1 (Conservation of fuel and power) which may influence the areas of glazed elements/ building elevations, or requirement B1 (Means of warning and escape) which may influence an internal layout for fire safety purposes. Please contact the Building Control team for further information on 01775 764557 or 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) 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.