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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PRIOR NOTIFICATION

Reference: H09-1184-25 **Date of Decision:** 20th March 2026
Applicant: Mrs Wheatley
Derene
Damgate
Holbeach
Spalding
PE12 8QL
Location: Rear Of Derene Damgate Holbeach Spalding
Description: Proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling

South Holland District Council hereby give notice that permission has been GRANTED (or equivalent) subject to the following condition(s):

- 1 The development shall be completed within a period of three years from the date of this decision.

Reason: As required by the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (or any Order or Statutory Instrument revoking and re-enacting that Order).

- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and/or documents:
 - 4440-25 01 - Floor Plan Existing, Elevations Existing, Site & Location Plan Existing
 - 4440-25 02 - Floor Plan Proposed, Elevations Proposed, Site Plan Proposed
 - 4440-25 - Supporting Statement
 - 4440-25 - BNG Statement
 - Flood Risk Assessment

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

- 3 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 Supporting Statement under drawing number 4440-25.

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.

- 4 Before any development beyond oversite is commenced, full details of the proposed means of foul and surface water disposal shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the details so approved shall be implemented in full before there are any flows into the receiving systems.

Reason: To ensure that the site is adequately drained, to avoid pollution, and to prevent increased risk of flooding.

This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policies 2, 3 and 30 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019 and Section 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework, December 2024.

- 5 Before the commencement of the development hereby permitted beyond oversite, the approval of the Local Planning Authority is required to a scheme of landscaping and tree planting for the site (including screening of bin collection points) indicating, inter alia, the number, species, heights on planting and positions of all the trees, together with details of post-planting maintenance.

Such scheme as is approved by the Local Planning Authority shall be carried out and completed in its entirety during the first planting season following practical completion of the development. All trees, shrubs and bushes shall be maintained by the owner or owners of the land on which they are situated for the period of five years beginning with the date of completion of the scheme and during that period all losses, in the opinion of the Local Planning Authority, shall be made good as and when necessary.

Reason: To ensure that the development is adequately landscaped, in the interests of its visual amenity and that of the area in which it is set, and that Biodiversity Net Gain will be achieved.

This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policies 2, 3 and 28 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019 and the Environment Act 2021.

- 6 Prior to its installation, details of the proposed boundary treatments, including a schedule of fencing levels, heights and materials, and details of the size and species of any hedging, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, and the details so approved shall be implemented in full before the development is first brought into use and retained thereafter.

Note: Where levels are raised above existing ground levels, the submission shall be supported by cross-sectional drawings showing the relationship with adjoining uses and buildings to enable the Local Planning Authority to be satisfied that sufficient mitigation

measures will be in place.

Reason: In the interests of the character and appearance of the development and the amenity of the area in which it is set including the amenity of nearby occupiers.

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

- 7 Prior to the first occupation of the dwelling hereby permitted, the access as shown on drawing number 4440-25 02, shall be upgraded to Lincolnshire County Council Specification, in accordance with details that shall first be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety, suitable access provision and for the avoidance of doubt.

This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policies 2, 3 and 36 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019 and Section 9 of the National Planning Policy Framework, December 2024.

- 8 In the event that contamination is found at any time when carrying out the approved development that was not previously identified, it must be reported immediately to the Local Planning Authority (LPA). An investigation and risk assessment must be undertaken in accordance with details to be agreed with the LPA.

Where remediation is necessary, a remediation scheme must be submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA. Following completion of measures identified in the approved remediation scheme a verification report shall be submitted to and approved by the LPA.

No deviation shall be made from this scheme without the express written agreement of the LPA. If during redevelopment contamination not previously considered is identified, then the LPA shall be notified immediately and no further work shall be carried out until a method statement detailing a scheme for dealing with the suspected contamination has been submitted to and agreed in writing by the LPA.

Reason: To assess whether the site is polluted and to address any pollution to ensure a satisfactory development. This issue is integral to the development and therefore full details need to be finalised prior to the commencement of works.

This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policy 30 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019.

- 9 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the measures set out in the Flood Risk Assessment forming part of this planning application, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. In particular, the following measures shall be fully implemented before the property is first occupied:

- The finished floor level of the proposed dwelling shall be set no lower than 3.2m above Ordance Datum which is 500mm above the existing floor level of the barn

Note: The above approved plan does not constitute final approval of detailed site levels or finished floor levels.

Reason: To ensure that the development does not increase the risk of flooding or be at risk of flooding.

This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policies 3 and 4 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019 and Section 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework, December 2024.

- 10 Prior to the commencement of any development on site, and prior to any site clearance, a Barn Owl roosting/nesting box shall be appropriately provided for Barn Owls within 200 metres of the development site. Such provision shall be provided for a minimum period of 30 days prior to the commencement of development, in consultation with a suitably knowledgeable ecologist. This provision must be kept free from disturbance and remain in place until at least 30 days after permanent provision has been made, in accordance with Condition 12 of this permission.

This temporary provision shall be carried out in accordance with details that shall first be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To secure the protection of the species by maintaining continuity of occupation (by providing temporary additional roosting/nesting places on-site).

This Condition has been imposed in accordance with Policy 28 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan (2019), as Barn Owls are a Schedule 1 Protected Species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) as amended, which affords them special protection against intentional or reckless disturbance whilst nesting. Barn Owls are site-faithful, highly sedentary, and maintaining continuity of occupation is important for their survival.

- 11 No development hereby permitted shall take place between 1st March and 31st August, unless survey-based evidence has been provided to the Local Planning Authority which evidences no birds/owls are nesting within the site, within 3 days of work commencing.

Reason: To ensure that nesting Barn Owls are not disturbed by development works and to enable the Local Authority to fulfil its obligation under Section 25 (1) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) as amended.

This Condition has been imposed in accordance with Policy 28 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan (2019).

- 12 A permanent accessible nesting space for Barn Owls shall be provided within the developed building, or elsewhere onsite, and thereafter maintained, in accordance with details that shall have first been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Note: The applicant is advised that permanent provision must be made in line with guidance available at:

<http://www.barnowltrust.org.uk/best-owl-nest-boxes/barn-owl-nestboxes-building-projects>.

Reason: To secure the long-term conservation of the species.

This Condition has been imposed in accordance with Policy 28 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan (2019).

- 13 The water consumption of the dwelling hereby permitted should not exceed the requirement of 110 litres per person per day (as set out as the optional requirement in Part G of the Building Regulations 2010 and the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019). The person carrying out the work must inform the Building Control Body that this duty applies. A notice confirming the requirement for the water consumption has been met shall be submitted to the Building Control Body and Local Planning Authority, no later than five days after the completion of the individual dwelling.

Reason: To protect the quality and quantity of water resources available to the district. This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policy 31 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: -

No extensions are proposed within this application resulting in the conversion being of the same footprint as the original barn. It is therefore exempt as it would impact less than 25sqm and is classed as de minimis.

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.

The permitted development requires the formation of a new/amended vehicular access. These works will require approval from the Highway Authority in accordance with Section 184 of the Highways Act. The works should be constructed in accordance with the Authority's specification that is current at the time of construction. Relocation of existing apparatus, underground services or street furniture will be the responsibility of the applicant, prior to application.

For application guidance, approval and specification details, please visit:
<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/licences-permits/apply-dropped-kerb>
or contact vehiclecrossings@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Please contact the Lincolnshire County Council Streetworks and Permitting Team on 01522 782070 to discuss any proposed statutory utility connections and any other works which will be required within the public highway in association with the development permitted under this Consent. This will enable Lincolnshire County Council to assist in the coordination and timings of these works.

For further guidance please visit:
Traffic Management - <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/traffic-management>
Licences and Permits - <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/licences-permits>



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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://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.