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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

OUTLINE

Reference: H12-0038-26 **Date of Decision:** 16th March 2026

Applicant: Mr & Mrs K Hargreaves
Fenberry Farm
Peters Point
Sutton Bridge
Lincolnshire
PE12 9UX

Location: Land Adjacent To 2 Ivy Cottages Lutton Gowts Lutton Spalding

Description: Proposed Self-Build 3 Bedroom Dwelling

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 REFUSED (or equivalent) for the development referred to above, for the following reason(s):

1 The site is located outside any settlement boundary, as shown on the Inset Maps pertinent to Policy 1 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019 (SELLP). Therefore, the site is within the countryside in planning policy terms, at the bottom of the settlement hierarchy.

Policy 1 of the SELLP restricts development in the countryside, only permitting development in such locations that is necessary to such a location and / or where it can be demonstrated that it meets the sustainable development needs of an area in terms of economic, community or environmental benefits.

It has not been sufficiently demonstrated that the proposed dwelling is necessary to this location, nor that the development would meet the sustainable development needs of the locality in terms of economic, community or environmental benefits. It is not considered that the proposed contribution of one self-build dwelling weighs sufficiently in favour of the

proposal to outweigh the harm that would result from the development. The Council can demonstrate a 5.5 year housing land supply as of June 2025, which demonstrates that the tilted balance is not engaged and there is no need for the development in this location for the purposes of housing land supply.

The development would be contrary to Policy 1 of the SELLP which seeks to direct development in accordance with the settlement hierarchy which is set out within the spatial strategy, concentrating on the most sustainable settlements to enable access to everyday facilities and services.

2 Although the application is in outline form only, it is considered that the proposal would result in an overdevelopment of the site, resulting in a cramped appearance as a result of the sub-division of the existing garden space for 2 Ivy Cottages. Therefore, the development would not accord with Policies 2 and 3 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019 (SELLP) which seek to ensure that the design of all development is appropriate to the character and quality of the area. The policies also seek to ensure that proposals demonstrate how they would respect the character and appearance of an area, and the relationship to existing development and land uses. The proposal would also conflict with Paragraphs 117 and 135 of the National Planning Policy Framework, December 2024 (NPPF), which sets out that planning policies and decisions should add to the overall quality of the area and be sympathetic to local character and history, including the surrounding built environment and landscape setting.

3 It has not been demonstrated that the proposal would provide sustainability benefits that outweigh the flood risk that is posed by the development. Therefore, the development has not passed the exception test and it is considered that the proposed development does not accord with Part 2 of Policy 4 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019 (SELLP) or Paragraph 178 of the National Planning Policy Framework, December 2024 (NPPF).

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. However, the issues are so fundamental to the proposal, due to the harm which has been clearly identified within the reason(s) for the refusal, that approval has not been possible.

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

The determined plans are:

4385-25 - 01A - Floor Plans - Indicative, Elevations - Indicative, Site & Location Plans
4385-25 - 02A - Site & Locations Plans
4385-25 - BNG Exemption Statement
ECL1728/GR MERCHANT - Flood Risk Assessment
Application Form
11 February 2026 - Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment



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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.