

## Application for listed building consent for alterations, extension or demolition of a listed building. Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

### Publication of applications on planning authority websites.

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website.  
If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

### 1. Applicant Name, Address and Contact Details

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|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| Title:          | Mr                 | First Name: | Oliver | Surname:          | Sneath |
| Company name:   |                    |             |        |                   |        |
| Street address: | The Sessions House |             |        |                   |        |
|                 | Sheep Market       |             |        | Telephone number: |        |
|                 |                    |             |        | Mobile number:    |        |
| Town/City:      | SPALDING           |             |        | Fax number:       |        |
| Country:        |                    |             |        | Email address:    |        |
| Postcode:       | PE11 1BB           |             |        |                   |        |

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant? ☐ Yes ☒ No

### 2. Agent Name, Address and Contact Details

No Agent details were submitted for this application

### 3. Description of the Proposal

Please describe the proposed works:

Our planning proposal relates to the removal of the wooden 'dock' in the centre of the former courtroom (see 'current' and 'proposed' floor plan). This will involve removing the wooden dock structure entirely and boarding over the staircase that leads down to the cells. After this work is completed there will be a open floor space in its place.

Whilst the court was active the staircase leading into the dock was viewed as unfit for purpose and a health and safety hazard, with proposed changes costing in the region of £300k. Now that the building is a private family residence the staircase is still inappropriate for use and will be safer covered and unused.

Discussions have been held with the Conservation Officers before the purchase and whilst other work has been ongoing. We have been open that the utilisation of this room is important as it is such a large and integral part of the house.

In its current state we are not able to use the room in any way, with very little open floor space available. Whilst it is not in use there is a risk of it being ignored and falling into disrepair. The removal of the dock opens the space in the centre of the room enabling it to be used for a wider variety of purposes. When this room becomes utilised again as a part of the house, a level of care can be guaranteed to ensure its overall maintenance for years to come.

Regarding the dock specifically it was originally a very symmetrical item with two round podiums and measuring an estimated 420cm. However, the dock has been the culprit of modern modifications, now circa. 75% of its original size with visible marks from where it was cut down. It now retains only one of the two curved podiums and measures 310cm in width. The dock has also been modified on the inside due to this reduction in size showing a different layout to other examples seen in Boston courthouse. In addition to the changes to the size, the dock has also had a glass and metal framed guard fixed atop it, detracting from its original appearance

There is a better example of the exact same dock presented in its still original state in the former Magistrates court in Boston, which is a grade 2\* listed building. Boston Magistrates Court was designed and built at the same time as Spalding Sessions House, by the same Architect; Charles Kirk.

Has the work already started? ☐ Yes ☒ No

#### 4. Site Address Details

Full postal address of the site (including full postcode where available)

House:  Suffix:

House name:

Street address:

Town/City:

Postcode:

Description of location or a grid reference  
(must be completed if postcode is not known):

Easting:

Northing:

Description:

#### 5. Related Proposals

Are there any current applications, previous proposals or demolitions for the site?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please describe and include the planning application reference number(s), if known:

Previous planning application have been approved in relation to the change of use to a residential property and the required changes to make it as such.

H16-0581-17

H16-1018-16

H16-1017-16

#### 6. Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):

Officer name:

Title:  First name:  Surname:

Reference:

Date (DD/MM/YYYY):  (Must be pre-application submission)

Details of the pre-application advice received:

During previous visits to site in relation to the other consents and applications made it has been repeatedly raised that the Court Room is very limited in terms of alternative usages due to the dock which is placed in the centre of the room. This Limits open floor space and blocks the room. It was discussed on all occasions that for the room to be best used and maintained the fitted parts of the court would need adjustment and removal in part.

#### 7. Neighbour and Community Consultation

Have you consulted your neighbours or the local community about the proposal?

☐ Yes ☒ No

#### 8. Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, I am:

- (a) a member of staff  
(b) an elected member  
(c) related to a member of staff

Do any of these statements apply to you?

☒ Yes ☐ No

8. Authority Employee/Member

(d) related to an elected member

If Yes, please provide details of the name, relationship and role:

I am the son of Mrs Elizabeth Sneath, District and County Councillor & Heritage Champion for South Holland

9. Materials

No Material details were submitted for this application

10. Demolition

Does the proposal include total or partial demolition of a listed building? ☐ Yes ☒ No

11. Listed building alterations

Do the proposed works include alterations to a listed building? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12. Listed Building Grading

If known, what is the grading of the listed building (as stated in the list of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historical Interest)? ☐ Don't know ☐ Grade I ☐ Grade II\* ☒ Grade II

Is it an ecclesiastical building? ☐ Don't know ☐ Yes ☒ No

13. Immunity from Listing

Has a Certificate of Immunity from listing been sought in respect of this building? ☐ Yes ☒ No

14. Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact? (Please select only one)

☐ The agent ☒ The applicant ☐ Other person

15. Certificates (Certificate B)

Certificate of Ownership - Certificate B  
Certificate under Regulation 6 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990

I certify/ The applicant certifies that I have/the applicant has given the requisite notice to everyone else (as listed below) who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was the owner (*owner is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run*) of any part of the land or building to which this application relates.

| Owner/Agricultural Tenant                      | Date notice served |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Name: Dorota Sneath                            | 20/11/2017         |
| Number: Suffix: House name: The Sessions House |                    |
| Street: Sheepmarket                            |                    |
| Locality:                                      |                    |

**15. Certificates (Certificate B)**

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|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Town:        | <input type="text" value="Spalding"/> |             |                                     |                                         |                                                      |
| Postcode:    | <input type="text" value="PE11 1BB"/> |             |                                     |                                         |                                                      |
| Title:       | <input type="text" value="Mr"/>       | First name: | <input type="text" value="Oliver"/> | Surname:                                | <input type="text" value="Sneath"/>                  |
| Person role: | <input type="text" value="AGENT"/>    |             | Declaration date:                   | <input type="text" value="20/11/2017"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declaration made |

**16. Declaration**

I/we hereby apply for planning permission/consent as described in this form and the accompanying plans/ drawings and additional information. I/we confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

☒ Date