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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

FULL

Reference: H17-0165-26 **Date of Decision:** 9th October 2026

Applicant: Snaith Flowers Ltd
Station Road
Surfleet
Spalding
Lincolnshire
PE11 4DB

Location: Station Road Surfleet Spalding Lincolnshire

Description: Proposed Packing Warehouse

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 must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this permission.

Reason: As required by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and/or documents:

- 4435-25 01F - Ground Floor Plan - Proposed
- 4435-25 02F - First Floor Plan - Proposed, Elevations - Proposed
- 4435-25 05A - Site Plan - Vehicle Movements Proposed, River View - Proposed
- ECL1419-2/GR Merchant Ltd - Flood Risk Assessment

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

3 Prior to the commencement of any development hereby permitted, a Construction Management Plan and Method Statement shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The Construction Management Plan and Method Statement shall indicate measures to mitigate against the adverse impacts of vehicle movements and vehicle parking and shall include;
- the phasing of the development to include access construction;
- the parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors;
- the loading and unloading of plant and materials;
- the storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development;
- wheel washing facilities; and
- a strategy stating how surface water run off on and from the development will be managed during construction.

The development hereby permitted shall thereafter be undertaken in accordance with the approved Construction Management Plan and Method Statement.

Reason: In the interests of the safety and free passage of those using the adjacent public highway and to ensure that the permitted development is adequately drained without creating or increasing flood risk to land or property adjacent to, or downstream of, the permitted development during construction.
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policies 2, 3 and 4 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019.

4 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the measures set out in the Flood Risk Assessment (ECL1419-2/GR Merchant Ltd) forming part of this planning application, including the measures outlined in Section 5.2 of the FRA. In addition to these measures, the finished floor levels of the building shall be set a minimum of 300mm above the existing ground level.

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 18 of the National Planning Policy Framework, August 2026.

5 The permitted development shall be undertaken in accordance with a surface water drainage scheme which shall first have been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall:

- be based on the results of evidenced groundwater levels and seasonal variations (e.g. via relevant groundwater records or on-site monitoring in wells, over a 12-month period);
- be based on sustainable drainage principles and an assessment of the hydrological and hydrogeological context of the development;
- provide flood exceedance routing for storm event greater than 1 in 100 years;
- provide details of how run-off will be safely conveyed and attenuated during storms up to and including the 1 in 100-year critical storm event, with an allowance for climate change,

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from all hard surfaced areas within the development into the existing local drainage infrastructure and watercourse system without exceeding the run-off rate for the undeveloped site;
- provide attenuation details and discharge rates which shall be restricted with a flow control device to no more than 2.5 litres per second;
- provide detailed drawings and associated calculations of all drainage assets forming part of the scheme;
- provide confirmation of the routing from the site outfall to the board watercourse system;
- provide details of the timetable for and any phasing of implementation for the drainage scheme; and
- provide details of how the scheme shall be maintained and managed over the lifetime of the development including the maintenance of the interceptor drain and any arrangements for adoption by any public body or Statutory Undertaker and any other arrangements required to secure the operation of the drainage system throughout its lifetime.

The development shall not be occupied until the approved scheme has been completed or provided on the site in accordance with the approved phasing. The approved scheme shall be retained and maintained in full, in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure that the permitted development is adequately drained without creating or increasing flood risk to land or property adjacent to, or downstream of, or upstream of, the permitted development.
This Condition imposed in accordance with Policy 4 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019, and Section 18 of the National Planning Policy Framework, August 2026.

6 The foul drainage works shall be carried out in accordance with the foul water drainage strategy contained in plan SW26-275-001 Rev A. No part of the development shall be occupied until the foul drainage works have been completed in accordance with the approved plan. Thereafter, foul water from the development shall be drained to the public foul sewer in accordance with the approved details and retained as such for the lifetime of the development.

Reason: To ensure that the site is adequately drained and to avoid pollution.
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policies 4 and 30 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019.

7 The development hereby permitted shall not commence until a biodiversity gain plan has been submitted to and approved in writing, by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall then be carried out in accordance with the details as approved.

Reason: To comply with Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990, as amended).
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990, as amended) and Policy 28 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019.

8 Prior to any vegetation clearance (defined as the deliberate removal of any semi-natural vegetative habitat e.g., grassland, trees, and native shrubs); or prior to the commencement of any development hereby permitted (whichever comes first); a written 30-year Habitat Management and Maintenance Plan (HMMP) for the Site in question, or

alternatively written confirmation of the purchase of Biodiversity Credits from a registered Habitat Bank, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The approved HMMP shall be strictly adhered to and implemented in full for its duration and shall contain:

A) Aims, objectives and targets for management, including habitat target conditions matching the Statutory Biodiversity Metric submitted with the application.

B) Details of the phasing and implementation of the habitats

C) Details of the management operations necessary to achieving aims and objectives.

D) Preparation of a works schedule, including timescales for habitat clearance and habitat creation and/or enhancement.

E) Details of the monitoring needed to measure the effectiveness of management and details of an assessment as to whether the target condition is achieved within the time to target period specified within the approved metric.

F) Details of the persons responsible for the implementation and monitoring.

G) Mechanisms of adaptive management and remedial measures to account for changes in the work schedule to achieve required targets.

H) Reporting on the delivery of on-site gains on years 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 30 following the implementation of the habitats in accordance with the above details.

Reason: To meet the requirements in delivering the Mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain and to ensure net gain in biodiversity is provided on site.
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990, as amended) and Policy 28 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019.

9 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out wholly in accordance with the mitigation recommendations contained within the Preliminary Ecological Report & BNG Assessment.

Reason: To allow for adequate provision for species protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policy 28 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019, and Section 19 of the National Planning Policy Framework, August 2026.

10 The development hereby permitted, including site clearance work, shall not commence until a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) in accordance with the British Standard on Biodiversity BS 42020:2013 (or its equivalent) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority (LPA).

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The Plan shall include details of appropriate working practices and safeguards for wildlife that are to be employed whilst works are taking place on site. The Plan shall include a strategy stating how the development will be managed to have an acceptable impact on the River Glen Corridor Local Wildlife Site (as recommended within the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and BNG Assessment).

The development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the CEMP once approved in writing by the LPA.

Reason: To allow for adequate provision for species protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policy 28 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019, and Section 19 of the National Planning Policy Framework, August 2026.

11 Prior to the first use of the development hereby permitted, a minimum of two tree or pole mounted bird boxes, and one bat box shall be provided within the site and shall thereafter be retained.

Reason: To provide habitat and to mitigate habitat losses.
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policy 28 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019, and Section 19 of the National Planning Policy Framework, August 2026.

12 Noise from fixed plant and machinery shall not exceed a level of 5 dB(A) above the background noise level when measured as a L(A)eq15min at any residential boundary not within the applicant's ownership.

Reason: To ensure that there is no noise nuisance to nearby residents.
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policies 2, 3 and 30 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019.

13 The packing warehouse shall not be open, and no deliveries shall be taken at or dispatched from the site, outside the hours of 7am to 9pm.

Reason: In the interests of the amenity of local residents.
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policies 2, 3 and 30 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019.

14 The office use hereby permitted shall not be open to customers except between the hours of 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday, and not at all on Saturdays, Sundays or Bank Holidays.

Reason: In the interests of the amenity of local residents.
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policies 2, 3 and 30 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019.

15 The scheme of landscaping and tree planting shown on dwg. no. 4435-25 05A 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

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

16 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.

17 Prior to the occupation of the development hereby permitted, one fire hydrant conforming to BS750-2012 (or its equivalent) shall be installed within 90m of the building entrance. Once installed, the fire hydrant shall thereafter be retained.

Reason: To ensure the provision of adequate water supply infrastructure to protect the safe living and working environment for all users and visitors.
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policies 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 by identifying matters of concern within the application and negotiating, with the Applicant, acceptable amendments to the proposal to address those concerns. As a result, the Local Planning Authority has been able to grant planning permission for an acceptable proposal.

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

In reference to condition 3, the Construction Management Plan shall be expected to explain the scope, aims and workings of the construction of the development and should be completed by the Lead Consultant following consultation with the client and principal stakeholders, including local residents.

The following subject areas are to be included in the Construction Management Plan. The possibility of additional items for inclusion will depend on the size, location and complexity of the project.

- Project Overview
- Preliminary Programme, identifying specific construction methods required, which may have been determined from site conditions and/or constraints.
- Schedule of Works
- Roles & Responsibilities with clear contact details
- Hours of working and deliveries during construction
- Communication & Coordination with stakeholders including local residents
- Site Set-Up
- Arrangements for access, both permanent and temporary, including routing arrangements
- Neighbourly Relations with clear contact details
- Traffic Management
- Environmental Control: Noise & Vibration, Air Quality & Dust Control, including measures regarding piling and significantly noisy activities and equipment
- Emergency Planning & Response Procedures
- Fire Prevention Plan
- Waste management
- Ecology
- Cultural Heritage & Archaeology

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.

The planning authority, for the purposes of determining whether to approve a Biodiversity Gain Plan if one is required in respect of this permission would be South Holland District Council.

This permission will require the submission and approval of a Biodiversity Gain Plan and Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP before development is begun). This is over and above the information submitted and considered as part of this application, and will be required before development is begun, because none of the statutory exemptions or transitional arrangements listed below are considered to apply.

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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.

For clarity, the Local Planning Authority do not consider that any of the exemptions apply in this case. As such, the development hereby permitted will 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

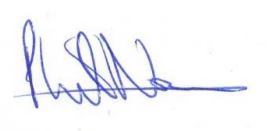
(b) the conditions subject to which the planning permission is granted:

(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 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.