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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

FULL

Reference:	H20-0645-26	**Date of Decision:**	24th September 2026
Applicant:	Mr K Groves C/O Swann Edwards Architecture Limited Fen Road Guyhirn Wisbech PE13 4AA		
Location:	Barn At Land Adjacent Holly Cottage Old Fen Dike Sutton St James		
Description:	Proposed demolition of existing barn benefiting from Class Q approval under H20-0124-24 and construction of dwelling, associated garage block and external works		

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:

- PP100 - Location Plan
- PP1000 Rev B - Site Plan
- PP1100 Rev B - Plans, Elevations & Sections

- PP1200 - Boundary Treatment Details
- ECL1114-3/SWANN EDWARDS ARCHITECTURE - Flood Risk Assessment - March 2026
- Tier 1 - Contamination Risk Assessment - March 2026
- Biodiversity Gain Plan
- Habitat Management & Monitoring Plan - 09/04/26
- Supporting Statement for Biodiversity Net Gain
- BNG Baseline Plan
- BNG Proposal Plan
- BNG Condition Assessments
- BNG Metric Calculation Tool
- Quadrat Data
- LD 01 - Soft Landscape Plan
- LD01 - Preliminary Soft Landscape Works Schedule
- Landscape Specification - June 2026
- Ecological Impact Assessment, dated May 2025, ref 154-2400-GE-SE

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

3 Prior to the first occupation of the dwelling hereby permitted, the existing barn on the site, which received permission for conversion under H20-0124-24, shall be demolished and all rubble and associated materials will be cleared from the site.

Reason: To ensure that the existing dwelling is demolished.
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policy 22 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019.

4 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 drawing number 'PP1100 Rev B'.

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.

5 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the measures set out in the Flood Risk Assessment (ECL1114-3/SWANN EDWARDS ARCHITECTURE) 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 dwelling will be set at 300mm above surrounding ground level
- There will be 300mm of flood resilient construction above finished floor level

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

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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, 2026.

6 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.

7 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.
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policies 2, 3 and 28 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019

8 The residential garden, to serve the dwelling hereby permitted, shall be limited to the area identified within the boundary fence line as shown on drawn no. PP1000 Rev B, and shall not exceed this parameter, unless first agreed and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure the development and residential curtilage does not sprawl out into the open countryside and in the interests of keeping the visual amenity of the agricultural area in which it is set.
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policies 1, 2, 3 and 28 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019.

9 Three swift nest brick shall be incorporated within the north or east external walls of the dwelling hereby permitted. The swift nest brick shall be installed prior to the first occupation of the dwelling hereby permitted and shall be installed in accordance with details, including location and specification, which shall first be submitted to and approved

in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The swift nest bricks shall be installed as so approved and shall be retained thereafter.

Reason: In the interests of biodiversity.
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policy 28 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019.

10 One integrated bat box shall be incorporated on site. The bat box shall be installed prior to the first occupation of the dwelling hereby permitted and shall be installed in accordance with details, including location and specification, which shall first be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The bat boxes shall be installed as so approved and shall be retained thereafter.

Reason: In the interests of biodiversity.
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policy 28 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019.

11 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the mitigation measures and recommendations outlined within the following report/survey:

- Ecological Impact Assessment - May 2025

Should any protected species be identified, or matters arise that were not otherwise previously encountered through any Ecological Appraisal outlined above, works shall stop and a detailed mitigation strategy shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to works recommencing. The details so approved shall be implemented in full before the development is first brought into use and retained thereafter.

Reason: In the interests of biodiversity, the protection of local wildlife and in the interests of its visual amenity and that of the area in which it is set.
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policy 2 and 28 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019.

12 Notwithstanding the provisions of Schedule 2, Part 1, Class A and Class D of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (or any Order or Statutory Instrument revoking and re-enacting that Order), no enlargement, improvement or other alteration to the dwellinghouse, and no construction of a porch, other than those illustrated on the plans and forming part of the application hereby authorised by this permission, shall be carried out without planning permission first having been granted by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that the Local Planning Authority retains control over the future development, additions and alterations, in the interests of its architectural and visual integrity, levels of residential amenity and the visual amenity and character of the area within which it is set.
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policies 2 and 3 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019 and Section 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework,

2026.

13 Notwithstanding the provisions of Schedule 2, Part 2, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 as amended, (or any Order or Statutory Instrument revoking and re-enacting that Order), no walls, fences, gates or other means of enclosure, other than those illustrated on the plans forming part of the application hereby approved shall be erected on the site, without Planning Permission first having been granted by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that the Local Planning Authority retains control over means of enclosure, in the interests of the appearance of the development and the visual amenity and character of the area within which it is set.
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policies 2 and 3 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019 and Section 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework, 2026.

14 Notwithstanding the provisions of Schedule 2, Part 1, Class E of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (or any Order or Statutory Instrument revoking and re-enacting that Order), no building, enclosure, swimming pool, other pool, or container used for domestic heating purposes, shall be constructed within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse, without Planning Permission first having been granted by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that the Local Planning Authority retains control over the future development, additions and alterations, in the interests of its architectural and visual integrity, levels of residential amenity and the visual amenity and character of the area within which it is set.
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policies 2 and 3 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019 and Section 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework, 2026.

15 Notwithstanding the provisions of Schedule 2, Part 1, Classes A, B & C of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (or any Order or Statutory Instrument revoking and re-enacting that Order), no window, dormer window, rooflight or other shall be inserted into the property, other than those illustrated on the plans and forming part of the application hereby authorised by this permission.

Reason: To prevent overlooking and to safeguard amenity of nearby occupiers, in the interests of the amenity of nearby residents.
This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policy 3 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019 and Section 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework, 2026.

16 Prior to the first occupation of the dwelling hereby permitted, the access as shown on drawing number PP1000 Rev B, shall be upgraded to Lincolnshire County Council Specification.

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 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework, 2026.

17 The development hereby permitted shall not be commenced until a scheme to deal with any contamination of land or pollution of controlled waters has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority (LPA).

The scheme shall include all of the following measures unless the LPA dispenses with any such requirement in writing:
i) A preliminary risk assessment (desk study) shall be carried out to identify and evaluate all potential sources of contamination and the impacts on land and/or controlled waters, relevant to the site. The desk-top study shall establish a 'conceptual site model' and identify all plausible pollutant linkages. Furthermore, the assessment shall set objectives for intrusive site investigation works/Quantitative Risk Assessment (or state if none required). A full copy of the desk-top study and a non-technical summary shall be submitted to the LPA without delay upon completion.
ii) If identified as being required following the completion of the desk-top study, an exploratory site investigation shall be carried out to fully and effectively characterise the nature and extent of any land contamination and/or pollution of controlled waters. It shall specifically include a risk assessment that adopts the Source-Pathway-Receptor principle, in order that any potential risks are adequately assessed taking into account the sites existing status and proposed end use. A full copy of the site investigation and findings shall be forwarded to the LPA without delay upon completion.
iii) Thereafter, a written method statement detailing the remediation strategy for land contamination and/or pollution of controlled waters affecting the site and a timetable for their completion shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA. This shall include details of the proposed verification plan including compliance criteria and monitoring details.

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.

18 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,

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19 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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.