

Application No: DC/24/1709/OUT

APPLICANT

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Town And Country Planning Act 1990 (as Amended)

**Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)
(England) Order 2015**

Proposal: Outline Planning Application (means of access to be considered) - for employment development (use class E(g))

Location: Plot 200, Enterprise Way, Withersfield, Suffolk

OUTLINE permission is hereby **GRANTED** by the Council as Local Planning Authority for the purpose of the above Act and Orders for development in complete accordance with the application shown above, the plans and information contained in the application, and subject to compliance with the following condition(s) and the submission of 'Reserved Matters':

- 1 Application for the approval of the matters reserved by conditions of this permission shall be made to the Local Planning Authority before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission. The development hereby permitted shall be begun not later than whichever is the latest of the following dates:-
 - i) The expiration of three years from the date of this permission; or
 - ii) The expiration of two years from the final approval of the reserved matters; or,

In the case of approval on different dates, the final approval of the last such

matter to be approved.

Reason: To conform with the requirements of Section 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

- 2 Prior to commencement of development details of the appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale (hereinafter called "the reserved matters") shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out as approved.

Reason: Required to be imposed pursuant to Section 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and to enable to the Local Planning Authority to exercise proper control over these aspects of the development.

- 3 The development hereby permitted shall not be carried out except in complete accordance with the details shown on the following approved plans and documents, unless otherwise stated below:

Reason: To define the scope and extent of this permission.

Reference number	Plan type	Date received
24031-FSA-00-XX-DR-A-0001	Location plan	21 November 2024

- 4 Before the development is commenced, details of the roads and footpaths, (including layout, levels, gradients, surfacing, lighting, traffic calming and means of surface water drainage), shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety to ensure that roads/footways are constructed to an acceptable standard.

- 5 No building shall be occupied until the carriageways and footways serving the building have been constructed to at least Binder course level or better in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety to ensure that satisfactory access is provided for the safety of occupiers and the public.

- 6 Before the development is commenced, details of the areas and infrastructure to be provided for the manoeuvring and parking of vehicles, including electric vehicle charging points, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved scheme shall be carried out in its entirety before the development is brought into use and shall be retained thereafter and used for no other purpose.

Reason: To ensure the provision and long-term maintenance of adequate on-site space for the parking and manoeuvring of vehicles in accordance with the current Suffolk Guidance for Parking (2023) where on-street parking and or loading, unloading and manoeuvring would be detrimental to highway safety. This needs to be a pre-commencement condition to avoid expensive remedial action which adversely impacts on the viability of the development if, given the limitations on areas available, a suitable scheme cannot be retrospectively designed and built. Note: As per Suffolk Guidance for Parking (2023), a minimum of 20% of all parking spaces to be fitted with a charging system, with an additional 20% of parking spaces with the infrastructure in place for future connectivity.

- 7 Before the development commences, details of the areas to be provided for secure, covered, and lit cycle storage shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved scheme shall be carried out in its entirety before the development is brought into use and shall be retained thereafter and used for no other purpose.

Reason: To promote sustainable travel by ensuring the provision at an appropriate time and long_term maintenance of adequate on-site areas for the storage of cycles in accordance with Suffolk Guidance for Parking (2023). Note: Cycle storage should meet the recommended dimensions for the storage of two cycles, which are easily accessible, secure and covered in accordance with Suffolk Guidance for Parking (2023, p. 12). These internal dimensions shall not be obstructed, e.g., door openings, and they do not account for the storage of bins.

- 8 Before the development hereby permitted is commenced a Construction Management Plan shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Construction of the development shall not be carried out other than in accordance with the approved plan. The Construction Management Plan shall include the following matters:

- a) Parking and turning for vehicles of site personnel, operatives and visitors;
- b) Loading and unloading of plant and materials;
- c) Piling techniques (if applicable); d) Storage of plant and materials; e) Provision and use of wheel washing facilities;
- f) Programme of site and all associated works such as utilities including details of traffic management necessary to undertake these works;
- g) Site working and delivery times;
- h) A communications plan to inform local residents of the program of works;
- i) Provision of boundary hoarding and lighting;
- j) Details of proposed means of dust suppression
- k) Details of measures to prevent mud from vehicles leaving the site during construction;
- l) Haul routes for construction traffic on the highway network;
- m) Monitoring and review mechanisms;

- n) Details of deliveries times to the site during construction phase and;
- o) Layout of facilities above to be included on a plan.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety to avoid the hazard caused by mud on the highway and to ensure minimal adverse impact on the public highway during the construction phase. This is a pre-commencement condition because an approved Construction Management Plan must be in place at the outset of the development.

- 9 Within 6 months of the commencement of the development, a workplace Travel Plan should be submitted for approval by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter, it shall be implemented in full prior to the development being first brought into use and reviewed and revised on an annual basis from date of occupation. An annual Travel Plan Review, to be undertaken in accordance with the approved Travel Plan must also be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for written approval until further notice. This Travel Plan must contain the following:

- o Baseline travel data based upon the information provided in the Transport Assessment, with suitable measures, objectives and targets identified targets to reduce the vehicular trips made by employees and visitors/customers across the whole development, with suitable remedial measures identified to be implemented if these objectives and targets are not met.

- Appointment of a suitably qualified Travel Plan Coordinator or a Travel Plan Management Group to implement the Travel Plan in full and clearly identify their contact details in the Travel Plan.

- A commitment to monitor the vehicular trips generated by the employees and visitors/customers and submit a revised (or Full) Travel Plan no later than six months after occupation of this development.

- A further commitment to monitor the Travel Plan annually on each anniversary of the approval of the Full Travel Plan and provide the outcome in a revised Travel Plan to be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority for a minimum period of five years using the same methodology as the baseline monitoring.

- A suitable marketing strategy to ensure that all employees and visitors/customers on the site are engaged in the Travel Plan process.

- A Travel Plan budget that covers the full implementation of the Travel Plan.

- A copy of an employee travel pack that includes information to encourage employees to use sustainable travel in the local area. The site shall not be occupied until the Travel Plan has been agreed. The approved Travel Plan measures shall be implemented in accordance with a timetable that shall be included in the Travel Plan and shall thereafter adhered to in accordance with the approved Travel Plan.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable development as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, and relevant Local Planning Authority Policies.

Note: The Travel Plan should be produced in accordance with Suffolk County

Council's Travel Plan Guidance. For further information, please visit the link below: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/planning-waste-and-environment/planning-and-development-advice/travel-plans/information-for-developers>

- 10 Prior to commencement of development a scheme for the provision of fire hydrants within the application site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. No part of the development shall be occupied or brought into use until the fire hydrants have been provided in accordance with the approved scheme. Thereafter the hydrants shall be retained in their approved form unless the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority is obtained for any variation.

Reason: To ensure the adequate supply of water for firefighting and community safety, in accordance with policy DM2 of the West Suffolk Joint Development Management Policies Document 2015, Chapters 8 and 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework and all relevant Core Strategy Policies.

- 11 ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ECOLOGICAL APPRAISAL RECOMMENDATIONS - All mitigation measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the details contained in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Crossland Ecology, September 2024) as already submitted with the planning application and agreed in principle with the local planning authority prior to determination. This may include the appointment of an appropriately competent person e.g. an ecological clerk of works (ECoW) to provide on-site ecological expertise during construction. The appointed person shall undertake all activities, and works shall be carried out, in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To conserve and enhance protected and Priority species and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (as amended).

- 12 CONCURRENT WITH RESERVED MATTERS PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT: CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (BIODIVERSITY) - A construction environmental management plan (CEMP): Biodiversity shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The CEMP (Biodiversity) shall include the following.

- a) Risk assessment of potentially damaging construction activities.
- b) Identification of "biodiversity protection zones".
- c) Practical measures (both physical measures and sensitive working practices) to avoid or reduce impacts during construction (may be provided as a set of method statements).
- d) The location and timing of sensitive works to avoid harm to biodiversity features.

- e) The times during construction when specialist ecologists need to be present on site to oversee works.
- f) Responsible persons and lines of communication.
- g) The role and responsibilities on site of an ecological clerk of works (ECoW) or similarly competent person.
- h) Use of protective fences, exclusion barriers and warning signs. The approved CEMP shall be adhered to and implemented throughout the construction period strictly in accordance with the approved details, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority.

Reason: To conserve and enhance protected and Priority species and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 as amended and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (as amended).

- 13 CONCURRENT WITH RESERVED MATTERS PRIOR TO ANY WORKS ABOVE SLAB LEVEL: BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT STRATEGY - A Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy for protected and Priority species shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority following the recommendations made within the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Crossland Ecology, September 2024). The content of the Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy shall include the following:

- a) Purpose and conservation objectives for the proposed enhancement measures;
 - b) detailed designs or product descriptions to achieve stated objectives;
 - c) locations, orientations, and heights of proposed enhancement measures by appropriate maps and plans;
 - d) persons responsible for implementing the enhancement measures;
 - e) details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance (where relevant).
- The works shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details prior to occupation and shall be retained in that manner thereafter.

Reason: To enhance protected and Priority species & habitats and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the NPPF 2023 and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (as amended).

- 14 CONCURRENT WITH RESERVED MATTERS PRIOR TO BENEFICIAL USE: WILDLIFE SENSITIVE LIGHTING DESIGN SCHEME - A lighting design scheme for biodiversity shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The scheme shall identify those features on site that are particularly sensitive for bats and that are likely to cause disturbance along important routes used for foraging; and show how and where external lighting will be installed (through the provision of appropriate lighting plans, drawings and technical specifications) so that it can be clearly demonstrated that areas to be lit will not disturb or prevent bats using their territory. All external lighting shall be installed in accordance with the specifications and locations set out in the scheme and maintained thereafter in accordance with

the scheme. Under no circumstances . should any other external lighting be installed without prior consent from the local planning authority.

Reason: To allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (as amended).

- 15 PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT: HABITAT MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING PLAN (HMMP) - If significant on-site enhancements are included within the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan, a Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP), prepared in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan, shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by the local authority, prior to commencement of development, including:

- a) the roles and responsibilities of the people or organisation(s) delivering the HMMP;
- b) the planned habitat creation and enhancement works to create or improve habitat to achieve the on-site significant enhancements in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan;
- c) the management measures to maintain habitat in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan for a period of 30 years from the completion of development;
- d) the monitoring methodology in respect of the created or enhanced habitat to be submitted to the local planning authority; and
- e) details of the content of monitoring reports to be submitted to the LPA including details of adaptive management which will be undertaken to ensure the aims and objectives of the Biodiversity Gain Plan are achieved.

Notice in writing shall be given to the Council when:

- o The initial enhancements, as set in the HMMP, have been implemented; and
- o habitat creation and enhancement works, as set out in the HMMP, have been completed after 30 years. The created and/or enhanced habitat specified in the approved HMMP shall be managed and maintained in accordance with the approved HMMP.

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, monitoring reports shall be submitted in years 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 to the Council, in accordance with the methodology specified in the approved HMMP.

Reason: To satisfy the requirement of Schedule 7A, Part 1, section 9(3) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that significant on-site habitat is delivered, managed, and monitored for a period of at least 30 years from completion of development.

- 16 Concurrent with the first reserved matters application(s) a surface water

drainage scheme shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority (LPA). The scheme shall be in accordance with the approved FRA and include:

- a) Dimensioned plans and drawings of the surface water drainage scheme; b) Further infiltration testing on the site in accordance with BRE 365 and the use of infiltration as the means of drainage if the infiltration rates and groundwater levels show it to be possible;
- c) If the use of infiltration is not possible then modelling shall be submitted to demonstrate that the surface water runoff will be restricted to Q_{bar} or $2l/s/ha$ for all events up to the critical 1 in 100 year rainfall events including climate change as specified in the FRA;
- d) Modelling of the surface water drainage scheme to show that the attenuation/infiltration features will contain the 1 in 100 year rainfall event including climate change;
- e) Modelling of the surface water conveyance network in the 1 in 30 year rainfall event to show no above ground flooding, and modelling of the volumes of any above ground flooding from the pipe network in a 1 in 100 year rainfall event including climate change, along with topographic plans showing where the water will flow and be stored to ensure no flooding of buildings or offsite flows;
- f) Topographical plans depicting all exceedance flow paths and demonstration that the flows would not flood buildings or flow offsite, and if they are to be directed to the surface water drainage system then the potential additional rates and volumes of surface water must be included within the modelling of the surface water system;
- g) Details of the maintenance and management of the surface water drainage scheme shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.
- h) Details of a Construction Surface Water Management Plan (CSWMP) detailing how surface water and storm water will be managed on the site during construction (including demolition and site clearance operations) is submitted to and agreed in writing by the local planning authority. The CSWMP shall be implemented and thereafter managed and maintained in accordance with the approved plan for the duration of construction. The approved CSWMP and shall include: Method statements, scaled and dimensioned plans and drawings detailing surface water management proposals to include:-
 - i. Temporary drainage systems
 - ii. Measures for managing pollution / water quality and protecting controlled waters and watercourses
 - iii. Measures for managing any on or offsite flood risk associated with constructionThe scheme shall be fully implemented as approved.

Reasons: To prevent flooding by ensuring the satisfactory storage and disposal of surface water from the site for the lifetime of the development. To

ensure the development does not cause increased flood risk, or pollution of watercourses or groundwater. To ensure clear arrangements are in place for ongoing operation and maintenance of the disposal of surface water drainage.

- 17 Prior to or as part of the first reserved matters application, an energy and sustainability statement for the development shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The statement shall outline how the development has adhered to broad principles of sustainable design and construction and how energy efficiency will be optimised through the use of design, layout, orientation, materials, insulation and construction techniques. It shall also include a scheme for the provision and implementation of water, energy and resource efficiency measures during the construction and occupational phases of the development. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved strategy.

Reason: To ensure that the proposal meets with the requirements of sustainability, in accordance with policy DM7 of the West Suffolk Joint Development Management Policies Document 2015, Chapter 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework and all relevant Core Strategy Policies.

- 18 No later than six months after any buildings on site are first brought into use, a certificate demonstrating that the hereby approved building has gained at least a BREAAAM Very Good status shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that the proposal meets with the requirements of sustainability, in accordance with policy DM7 of the West Suffolk Joint Development Management Policies Document 2015, Chapter 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework and all relevant Core Strategy Policies.

The Following policies are considered relevant to the current decision:

Core Strategy Policy CS1 - St Edmundsbury Spatial Strategy
Core Strategy Policy CS3 - Design and Local Distinctiveness
Core Strategy Policy CS9 - Employment and the Local Economy

Vision Policy HV10 - Strategic Employment Site - Hanchet End, Haverhill
Development Management Policy DM1 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development

Development Management Policy DM2 Creating Places Development Principles and Local Distinctiveness

Development Management Policy DM6 Flooding and Sustainable Drainage

Development Management Policy DM11 Protected Species

Development Management Policy DM12 Mitigation, Enhancement, Management and Monitoring of Biodiversity

Development Management Policy DM45 Transport Assessments and Travel

Plans
Development Management Policy DM46 Parking Standards
National Planning Policy Framework 2024

Informatives:

- 1 Any failure to adhere to approved plans or to comply with any conditions or limitation attached to this permission/consent may lead to enforcement action being taken. This permission may be invalidated if conditions requiring compliance before commencement are not complied with.
- 2 The project may be subject to the requirements of the Building regulations 2010. Advice and assistance can be obtained from our Building Control Team on 01284 757387 or building.control@westsuffolk.gov.uk. They will work with you offering competitive fee quotations and pre-application advice upon request.
- 3 This permission does not grant any approval or consent which may be required under any enactment, byelaw, order or registration other than the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or under any covenant.
- 4 The development hereby approved should be built in accordance with the approved plans as a further planning permission will be required where material alterations or revisions are proposed to an approved scheme. An application for non-material changes to the planning permission can be submitted in writing to the Local Planning Authority under Section 96A(4) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. A specific form will be required for that purpose and these are available via the Planning Portal or they can be downloaded from the council's website at www.westsuffolk.gov.uk. A fee of £43 for a householder application or £293 for all other applications will be required in order to register the application.
- 5 Any works to a watercourse (i.e. main river, ordinary watercourse, ditches, dykes, cuts) require separate permits or consents from the local drainage authority before construction takes place. Please contact the following drainage authority if works affect:-
 - Main river – may require environmental permit from the Environment Agency
 - Non-main river – may require land drainage consent under section 23 of the Land Drainage Act 1991 either from the Lead Local Flood Authority or IDB.
- 6 **BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN DOES APPLY:** The effect of paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 is that planning permission granted for the development of land in England is deemed to have been granted subject to the condition "(the biodiversity gain condition")

that development may not begin unless: (a) Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority, and (b) the planning authority has approved the plan. 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 West Suffolk Council. There are statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements which mean that the biodiversity gain condition does not always apply. These are listed below. Based on the information available this permission is considered to be one which will require the approval of a biodiversity gain plan before development is begun because none of the statutory exemptions or transitional arrangements listed below are considered to apply.

- 7 The works within the public highway will be required to be designed and constructed in accordance with the County Council's specification. The applicant will also be required to enter into a legal agreement under the provisions of Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980 relating to the construction and subsequent adoption of the highway improvements. Amongst other things the Agreement will cover the specification of the highway works, safety audit procedures, construction and supervision and inspection of the works, bonding arrangements, indemnity of the County Council regarding noise insulation and land compensation claims, commuted sums, and changes to the existing street lighting and signing.
- 8 It is an OFFENCE to carry out works within the public highway, which includes a Public Right of Way, without the permission of the Highway Authority. Any conditions which involve work within the limits of the public highway do not give the applicant permission to carry them out. Unless otherwise agreed in writing all works within the public highway shall be carried out by the County Council or its agents at the applicant's expense. The County Council's West Area Manager must be contacted on Tel: 0345 606 6171. For further information go to: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/parking/apply-for-a-dropped-kerb/> A fee is payable to the Highway Authority for the assessment and inspection of both new vehicular crossing access works and improvements deemed necessary to existing vehicular crossings due to proposed development.
- 9 When determining planning applications The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 requires Local Planning Authorities to explain how, in dealing with the application they have worked with the applicant to resolve any problems or issues arising. In this case the application could be approved without negotiation or amendment so there was no need to work with the applicant.

Statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements in respect of the biodiversity gain condition.

1. The application for planning permission was made before 12 February 2024.

2. The planning permission relates to development to which section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (planning permission for development already carried out) applies.

3. The planning permission was granted on an application made under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and
(i) the original planning permission to which the section 73 planning permission relates* was granted before 12 February 2024; or
(ii) the application for the original planning permission* to which the section 73 planning permission relates was made before 12 February 2024.

4. The permission which has been granted is for development which is exempt being:

4.1 Development which is not 'major development' (within the meaning of article 2(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015) where:

- i the application for planning permission was made before 2 April 2024;
- ii planning permission is granted which has effect before 2 April 2024; or
- iii planning permission is granted on an application made under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 where the original permission to which the section 73 permission relates* was exempt by virtue of (i) or (ii).

4.2 Development below the de minimis threshold, meaning development which:

- i does not impact an onsite priority habitat (a habitat specified in a list published under section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006); and
- ii impacts less than 25 square metres of onsite habitat that has biodiversity value greater than zero and less than 5 metres in length of onsite linear habitat (as defined in the statutory metric).

4.3 Development which is subject of a householder application within the meaning of article 2(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. A "householder application" means an application for planning permission for development for an existing dwellinghouse, or development within the curtilage of such a dwellinghouse for any purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse which is not an application for change of use or an application to change the number of dwellings in a building.

4.4 Development of a biodiversity gain site, meaning development which is undertaken solely or mainly for the purpose of fulfilling, in whole or in part, the Biodiversity Gain Planning condition which applies in relation to another development, (no account is to be taken of any facility for the public to access or to use the site for educational or recreational purposes, if that access or use is permitted without the payment of a fee).

4.5 Self and Custom Build Development, meaning development which:

consists of no more than 9 dwellings;
is carried out on a site which has an area no larger than 0.5 hectares; and
consists exclusively of dwellings which are self-build or custom housebuilding (as defined in section 1(A1) of the Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015).

Development forming part of, or ancillary to, the high speed railway transport network (High Speed 2) comprising connections between all or any of the places or parts of the transport network specified in section 1(2) of the High Speed Rail (Preparation) Act 2013.

* “original planning permission means the permission to which the section 73 planning permission relates” means a planning permission which is the first in a sequence of two or more planning permissions, where the second and any subsequent planning permissions are section 73 planning permissions.

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.

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.

The effect of section 73D of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

If planning permission is granted on an application made under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (application to develop land without compliance with conditions previously attached) and a Biodiversity Gain Plan was approved in relation to the previous planning permission (“the earlier Biodiversity Gain Plan”) there are circumstances when the earlier Biodiversity Gain Plan is regarded as approved for the purpose of discharging the biodiversity gain condition subject to which the section 73 planning permission is granted.

Those circumstances are that the conditions subject to which the section 73 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 the conditions 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.

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Date: 31 January 2025

NOTES

- 1 If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the Local Planning Authority to refuse permission or consent, or to grant permission or consent subject to condition, they may appeal to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The applicant's right of appeal is in accordance with the appropriate statutory provisions which follow:

Planning Applications: Section 78
Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Listed Building Applications: Section 20
Planning (Listed Buildings and
Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Advertisement Applications: Section 78
Town and Country Planning Act
1990 Regulation 15
Town and Country Planning
(Control of Advertisements)
Regulations 2007

Notice of appeal in the case of applications for advertisement consent must be served within eight weeks of receipt of this notice. Notice of Householder and Minor Commercial Appeals must be served within 12 weeks, in all other cases, notice of appeal must be served within six months of this notice. If this is a decision on a planning application relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice. If an enforcement notice is served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within: 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or within six months of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.

Appeals must be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision>

The Secretary of State has power to allow a longer period for the giving of a notice of appeal but he/she will not normally be prepared to exercise this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal. The Secretary of State is not required to entertain an appeal if it appears to him/her that permission for the proposed development could not have been granted by the Local Planning Authority, or could not have been so granted otherwise than subject to

the conditions imposed by it, having regard to the statutory requirements*, to the provisions of the Development Order, and to any directions given under the Order. The Secretary of State does not in practise refuse to entertain appeals solely because the decision of the Local Planning Authority was based on a direction given by him/her.

2. If permission or consent to develop land or carry out works is refused or granted subject to conditions, whether by the Local Planning Authority or by the Secretary of State and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonable beneficial use by the carrying out of any development or works which has been or would be permitted they may serve on the Council of the district in which the land is situated, a purchase notice requiring the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Section 137 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or Section 32 Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
3. 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@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. [Further details are on GOV.UK.](#)

*The statutory requirements are those set out in Section 79(6) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, namely Sections 70 and 72(1) of the Act.