

# PLANNING PERMISSION

**Applicant:**

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C/o Agent

**Agent:**

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**Proposed development:**

**SITE:** The Folly, Folly Farm, Nash, Presteigne, LD8 2LE

**DESCRIPTION:** Change of use of land to residential and the erection of a two-storey annex in place of the existing derelict farmhouse.

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THE COUNTY OF HEREFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL hereby gives notice in pursuance of the provisions of the above Acts that PLANNING PERMISSION has been GRANTED for the development described above in accordance with the application and plans submitted to the authority subject to the following conditions:

- 1 The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

- 2 The development shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the approved plans (drawing nos. 2307-03 & 2307-LOC rev C), except where otherwise stipulated by conditions attached to this permission.

Reason: To ensure adherence to the approved plans in the interests of a satisfactory form of development and to comply with Policy SD1 of the Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 3 The dwelling hereby approved shall not be occupied until the foul and surface water management arrangements have been implemented in accordance with the approved scheme as detailed in supplied information. The approved arrangements shall thereafter be maintained for the lifetime of the development, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to ensure that satisfactory drainage arrangements are provided and to comply with Policy SD4 of the Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 4 The dwelling hereby approved shall not be occupied until the foul water connection between existing dwelling “The Folly” and the existing septic tank has been removed and replaced with connection to a new package treatment plant (Klargester BioDisc +P (chemical phosphate stripping) discharging to a drainage field, as detailed in supplied drainage report by Link Engineering dated March 2022 and updated August 2023.

Reason: To ensure that the scheme would achieve nutrient neutrality and avoid detriment to the integrity of the River Lugg/ River Wye SAC, in accordance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2017), policy LD2 and SD4 of the Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy, Policy TG16 of the Titley Group Neighbourhood Development Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework

- 5 Prior to first use of any part of the development works approved under this planning decision notice, evidence of the suitably placed installation on the approved building, or on other land under the applicant’s control, of a minimum total of TWO bird nesting boxes (mixed types, including provision for House Sparrows) and TWO bat boxes (or similar features) should be supplied to and acknowledged by the local authority; and shall be maintained hereafter as approved unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority.

Reason: To ensure Biodiversity Net Gain as well as species and habitats enhancement having regard to the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019’ (the ‘Habitats Regulations’), Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, National Planning Policy Framework, NERC Act (2006) and Herefordshire Local Plan - Core Strategy policies LD1, LD2 and LD3.

- 6 Unless otherwise agree in writing by the local authority the legally recorded owner of “The Folly”.(LD8 2LE) shall be responsible for management and maintenance of all shared parts of the installed foul water system for the lifetime of all developments connected to it; including ensuring the chemical phosphate stripping system is operating correctly at all times.

Reason: To ensure that the scheme would achieve nutrient neutrality and avoid detriment to the integrity of the River Lugg/ River Wye SAC, in accordance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2017), policy LD2 and SD4 of the Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework

- 7 No external lighting shall be provided other than the maximum of one external LED down-lighter above or beside each external door (and below eaves height) with a Corrected Colour Temperature not exceeding 2700K and brightness under 500 lumens. Every such light shall be directed downwards with a 0 degree tilt angle and 0% upward light ratio and shall be controlled by means of a PIR sensor with a maximum over-run time of 1 minute. The Lighting shall be maintained thereafter in accordance with these details.

Reason: To ensure that all species and local intrinsically dark landscape are protected having regard to The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, as amended by the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019’ (the ‘Habitats Regulations’), Wildlife & Countryside Act (1981 amended); National Planning Policy Framework, NERC Act (2006) and Herefordshire Local Plan - Core Strategy policies SS1, SS6, LD1-3; ; and the council’s declared Climate Change and Ecological Emergency

- 8 The annexe and the dwelling known as “The Folly” (LD8 2LE) shall not be sold, leased or let separately from each other.

Reason: It would be contrary to the policy of the local planning authority to grant permission for a separate dwelling in this location having regard to Policies RA2 and RA3 of Herefordshire Local Plan-Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 9 The annexe hereby permitted shall not be occupied at any time other than for purposes ancillary to the residential use of the dwelling known as “The Folly” (LD8 2LE)

Reason: It would be contrary to Policies RA2 and RA3 of the Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy to grant planning permission for a separate dwelling in this location.

- 10 Notwithstanding the provisions of article 3(1) and Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015,(or any order revoking or re-enacting that Order with or without modification), no development which would otherwise be permitted under Classes A, AA, B, C, D, E and H of Part 1 and of Schedule 2, shall be carried out.

Reason: In order that the annexe remains as a subservient and secondary element to the primary dwelling known as “The Folly” (LD8 2LE) to comply with Policy SD1 of the Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework.

#### Informatives:

- 1 The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against planning policy and any other material considerations. Negotiations in respect of matters of concern with the application (as originally submitted) have resulted in amendments to the proposal. As a result, the Local Planning Authority has been able to grant planning permission for an acceptable proposal, in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 2 The Authority would advise the applicant (and their contractors) that they have a legal Duty of Care as regards wildlife protection. The majority of UK wildlife is subject to some level of legal protection through the Wildlife & Countryside Act (1981 as amended), with enhanced protection for special “protected species” such as all Bat species (roosts whether bats are present or not), Badgers, Great Crested Newts, Otters, Dormice, Crayfish and reptile species that are present and widespread across the County. All nesting birds are legally protected from disturbance at any time of the year. Care should be taken to plan work and at all times of the year undertake the necessary precautionary checks and develop relevant working methods prior to work commencing. If in any doubt it advised that further advice from a local professional ecology consultant is obtained.



**KELLY GIBBONS**  
**DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

Date: 27 September 2023

**YOUR ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FOLLOWING NOTES**

**Notes**

This permission refers only to that required under the Town and Country Planning Acts and does not include any consent or approval under any other enactment, byelaw, order or regulation. In particular consent may be required under the Building Regulations.

The applicant is advised that additional Council Tax payments may be sought in the event that the Valuation Office, who routinely monitor decision notices, consider any part of the development hereby permitted to be self-contained. This assessment is particularly likely to be the case in respect of flats, basement conversions, granny annexes, studio rooms and log cabins and/or where the additional accommodation contains its own kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. Further information can be found on the Council's website at <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/search?q=annexes>

**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 to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- If you want to appeal, then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice, or 12 weeks if the scheme is for that of "household" development using a form which you can get from The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN.
- The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he 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 him 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 a development order.
- In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the local planning authority based their decision on a direction given by him.

**Right to Challenge the Decision of the High Court**

Currently there are no third party rights of appeal through the planning system against a decision of a Local Planning Authority. Therefore, if you have concerns about a planning application and permission is granted, you cannot appeal that decision. Any challenge under current legislation would have to be made outside the planning system through a process called Judicial Review (JR).

The decision may be challenged by making an application for judicial review to the High Court. The time limits for bringing such challenges are very strict, and applications need to be made as soon as possible after the issue of the decision notice. So, if you think you may have grounds to challenge a decision by Judicial Review you are advised to seek professional advice as soon as possible.

These notes are provided for guidance only and apply to challenges under the legislation specified. If you require further advice on making an application for Judicial review, you should consult a solicitor or other advisor or contact the Crown Office at the Royal Courts of Justice, Queens Bench Division, Strand, London, WC2 2LL (0207 947 6000). For further information on judicial review please go to <http://www.justice.gov.uk>

The Council has taken into account environmental information when making this decision. The decision is final unless it is successfully challenged in the Courts. The Council cannot amend or interpret the decision. It may be

redetermined by the Council only if the decision is quashed by the Courts. However, if it is redetermined, it does not necessarily follow that the original decision will be reversed.

### **Purchase Notices**

- If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land or grants 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 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 Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.