



Cherwell
DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

NOTICE OF DECISION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

Name and Address of Agent/Applicant:

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Great Kingshill
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Full Planning Determination

Date Registered: 9th February 2024

Proposal: Refurbishments, extensions & alterations to the existing dwelling, including new & replacement single storey rear extensions, two-storey side extension to replace existing swimming pool wing, and first floor front gable extension and enlarged dormer windows, along with a replacement garage building and associated landscaping.

Location: The Beeches, Heyford Road, Steeple Aston, Bicester, OX25 4SN

Parish(es): Steeple Aston

PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

Cherwell District Council, as Local Planning Authority, hereby **GRANTS** planning permission for the development described in the above-mentioned application, the accompanying plans and drawings and any clarifying or amending information, **SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SET OUT IN THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE.**

The reason for the imposition of each of the conditions is also set out in the schedule.

Cherwell District Council
Bodicote House
Bodicote
BANBURY
OX15 4AA

David Peckford

Assistant Director – Planning and Development

Checked by: Nathanael Stock

Date of Decision: 9th April 2024

SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS

1. Application for approval of all the reserved matters shall be made to the Local Planning Authority before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission and the development hereby permitted shall be begun either before the expiration of five years from the date of this permission or before the expiration of two years from the date of approval of the last of the reserved matters to be approved whichever is the later.

Reason : To comply with the provisions of Section 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, and Article 5(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure (England)) Order 2015 (as amended).

2. Except where otherwise stipulated by conditions attached to this permission, the development shall not be carried out otherwise than in complete accordance with drawing titled "23003-L01-", "23003-L02-", "23003-PL001-", "23003-PL002-", "23003-PL003-A", "23003-PL004-", "23003-PL005-", "23003-PL006-" and "23003-PL007-"

Reason – For the avoidance of doubt, to ensure that the development is carried out only as approved by the Local Planning Authority and to safeguard the character and appearance of the area, the significance of the Conservation Area and the living conditions of neighbouring residents and to comply with Policy ESD15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1, saved Policies C28 and C30 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

3. Except where clearly otherwise stated in the plans listed in Condition 2 of this permission, the materials, detailing and finishes to be used externally for the development hereby permitted, including windows and doors in addition to walls and roof, shall match in terms of colour, type, texture and design those used on the existing building and shall be retained as such thereafter.

Reason: Given its scale, and to deliver on the architectural quality of the proposed development, and to safeguard the character and appearance of the area and to comply with Policy ESD15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011 – 2031 Part 1, Saved Policy C28 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

4. Notwithstanding the details submitted, the development shall be constructed using traditional eaves and verge details with no fascias or barge boards.

Reason: Given its scale, and to deliver on the architectural quality of the proposed development, and to safeguard the character and appearance of the area and to comply with Policy ESD15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1, saved Policy C28 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

5. All rooflights shall be of a design which, when installed, does not project forward of the general roof surface, that is, they shall fit flush with the plane of the roof into which they inserted, and shall be retained as such thereafter.

Reason: Given the scale and siting of the garage, to deliver on the architectural quality of the proposed development, to safeguard the character and appearance of the area and to comply with Policy ESD15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1, saved Policy C28 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework

6. No development shall take place until the existing tree(s) to be retained have been protected in accordance with the approved Tree Protection Plan Venners Arboriculture TREE SURVEY REPORT, IMPACT APPRAISAL & TREE PROTECTION DETAILS- Appendix 4 TPP unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The barriers shall be erected before any equipment, machinery or materials are brought onto the site for the purposes of development and / or demolition and shall be maintained until all equipment machinery and surplus material has

been removed from the site. Nothing shall be stored or placed within the areas protected by the barriers erected in accordance with this condition and the ground levels within those areas shall not be altered, nor shall any excavations be made, without the written consent of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason : To ensure the continued health of retained trees/hedges and to ensure that they are not adversely affected by the construction works, in the interests of the visual amenity of the area, to ensure the integration of the development into the existing landscape and to comply with Policy ESD15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011 – 2031 Part 1, Saved Policy C28 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework. This information is required prior to commencement of the development as it is fundamental to the acceptability of the scheme.

7. Notwithstanding the details submitted, all removal of vegetation (including trees) should be undertaken outside of nesting bird season (March-August inclusive) unless the site is first checked by an ecologist immediately prior to vegetation removal.

Reason - To protect habitats of importance to biodiversity conservation from any loss or damage in accordance with Policy ESD10 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

8. The development shall not be occupied unless and until the first floor windows in the northern and eastern elevations of the development shown in the plans listed in Condition 2 of this planning permission to serve bathrooms and/or en suites have been obscurely glazed using manufactured obscure glass that is impenetrable to sight (Level 3 or above only and not an applied adhesive film) and shall be permanently retained as such thereafter. The said windows shall also be fixed shut and non-opening unless those parts which can be opened are more than 1.7 metres above the floor of the space or room in which they are installed or in accordance with an alternative scheme which shall have first been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority and shall be permanently retained as such thereafter.

Reason - To safeguard the privacy and amenities of the occupants of the neighbouring property and to comply with Policy ESD 15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1, saved Policy C30 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

9. A method statement for enhancing the biodiversity for birds, bats and other species including log piles shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the occupation of the development hereby approved. The biodiversity enhancement measures approved shall be carried out prior to the first occupation of the development in accordance with the approved details and shall be retained as such thereafter.

Reason: To protect habitats of importance to biodiversity conservation from any loss or damage in accordance with Policy ESD10 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011 – 2031 Part 1 and Government guidance contained within Section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

10. Notwithstanding the submitted details, no additional external lighting shall be installed on the building or within the site unless otherwise approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that the development does not cause harm to any protected species or their habitats in accordance with Policy ESD10 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011 – 2031 Part 1 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

11. The garage and home office hereby permitted shall not be occupied at any time other than for purposes ancillary to the residential use of the dwelling currently known as The Beeches, Heyford Road, Steeple Aston, Bicester, OX25 4SN and shall at no time form a separate planning unit or be sold, leased or used separately from the aforesaid dwelling.

Reason – Because a new dwelling in this location would not be acceptable in principle and would result in an unsustainable form of development and would be out of keeping with the character of

the area and in the interests of residential amenity and in the interests of highway safety and to comply with Policies BSC1, ESD1 and ESD15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1 and saved Policy H18 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

DEVELOPMENT MONITORING

We would be grateful if you could let us know of your intention to start the development at least 14 days prior to the commencement of work on site. You can do this by emailing the Council on: monitoring@cherwell-dc.gov.uk and providing us with the following information: application number; application address; and the date you intend to start the development. During the monitoring period, we will be assessing the development against the approved plans, and compliance with any conditions imposed on the permission. It is in your interest to comply with this request as it will help to avoid any unnecessary, and possibly expensive, corrective works.

INFORMATIVE NOTES TO APPLICANT

1. **Conditions** – the applicant’s attention is drawn to the need to comply with all conditions imposed on this permission. Failure to do so could result in the council serving a breach of condition notice against which there is no right of appeal.

Under the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Application, Requests and Site Visits) (England) Regulation 2012 there is a fee payable each time you make a request to discharge any of the conditions attached to this permission. You can apply to discharge more than one condition at the same time. At the time of this decision the fee is £43 per request. The fee may be more when you come to apply for the discharge of condition if the Regulations have been amended. The fee is payable when you submit the details to discharge the condition(s). The Council has ‘1app’ forms for such applications, but their use is not mandatory.

The Council has eight weeks to respond to applications to discharge conditions, so you will need to make your application in good time before commencing development.

2. **Material Samples** – please note that where any of the above conditions require the approval of materials, material samples are no longer accepted at the Council offices and should in the first instance be left on the application site for the relevant case officer to view and assess in context with its surroundings. Material samples and sample panels should be placed/erected on the site before an application to discharge that condition(s) is submitted.

Should leaving samples on site be impractical then arrangements should be made with the relevant case officer to view samples on site.

STATEMENT OF ENGAGEMENT

In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) and paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework, the Council has worked positively, creatively and proactively to determine this application within the agreed timescales, having worked with the applicant/agent where necessary and possible within the scope of the application (as set on in the case officer’s report) to resolve any concerns that have arisen, in the interests of achieving more appropriate and sustainable development proposals. Consent has been granted accordingly.

The case officer’s report and recommendation in respect of this application provides a detailed assessment of the merits of the application when considered against current planning policy and guidance, including consideration of the issues raised by the comments received from consultees and members of the public. This report is available to view online at: <http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/viewplanningapp>.



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NOTES TO THE APPLICANT

TIME LIMITS FOR APPLICATIONS

By virtue of Sections 91-96 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, planning permissions are subject to time limits. If a condition imposing a time limit has been expressly included as part of the permission, then that condition must be observed. Otherwise, the development must be begun not later than the expiration of 3 years from the date on which permission was granted.

OTHER NECESSARY CONSENTS

This document only conveys permission or approval for the proposed development under Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and you must also comply with all the bye-laws, regulations and statutory provisions in force in the District and secure such other approvals and permissions as may be necessary under other parts of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), or other legislation.

In particular you are reminded of the following matters:

- The need in appropriate cases to obtain approval under the Building Regulations. **The Building Regulations may be applicable to this proposal. The Building Regulations may be applicable to this proposal. You are therefore advised to contact the District Council's Building Control Manager before starting work on site - Telephone: 01295 227006. Email: Building.Control@Cherwell-dc.gov.uk**
- The need to obtain an appropriate Order if the proposal involves the stopping up or diversion of a public footpath.
- Data supplied by the National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB) and the British Geological Survey (BGS) suggests that the site of this application falls within an area which is potentially at risk from radon. This may require protective measures in order to comply with the Building Regulations if your consent relates to a new dwelling or house extension. Further advice on whether protective measures are required under the Building Regulations can be obtained by contacting the Building Control Manager on 01295 227006 or E-mail at building.control@cherwell-dc.gov.uk
- The need to obtain a separate "Listed Building Consent" for the demolition, alteration or extension of any listed building of architectural or historic interest from the Local Planning Authority.
- The need to make any appropriate arrangements under the Highways Act in respect of any works within the limits of a public highway. The address of the Highway Authority is Oxfordshire County Council, Speedwell House, Speedwell Street, Oxford, OX1 1NE.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to ascertain whether their development affects any public right of way, highway or listed building.

APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

If you are aggrieved by the decision of the Local Planning Authority to refuse to grant planning permission or grant planning permission subject to conditions, you can appeal to the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 78(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you wish to appeal, then;

- For **Householder** applications you must do so within **12 weeks** of the date of the decision
- For **Minor Commercial** applications you must do so within **12 weeks** of the date of the decision
- For **all other types** of planning applications, you must do so within **6 Months** of the date of the decision

Unless;

- The decision on the application relates to the same or substantially the same land and the development is already the **subject of an enforcement notice** then you must appeal within **28 days** of the date of the Local Planning Authority's decision on the planning application.
- 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 the decision, then you must do so within **28 days** of the service of the enforcement notice, or 6 months (12 weeks for householder and minor commercial) of the date of this decision whichever is the sooner

Forms can be obtained from the **Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. Tel (0303 444 5000) Or online at www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs**. 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 them that permission or approval for the proposed development could not have been so granted otherwise than subject to the conditions imposed by the Local Planning Authority, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of the development order and to any directions given under the order.

In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the Local Planning Authority based its decision on a direction given by them.

PURCHASE NOTICES

If either the Local Planning Authority or the First Secretary of State grants permission or approval for the development of land subject to conditions, the owner may claim that they 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 District Council. This notice will require the District Council to purchase their interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

COMPENSATION

In certain circumstances compensation may be claimed from the Local Planning Authority if permission is granted subject to conditions by the Secretary of State on appeal or on reference of the application to them.

These circumstances are set out in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Planning and Compensation Act 1991.