



Cherwell
DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

NOTICE OF DECISION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

Name and Address of Agent/Applicant:

Mr Antony Humphrey
2 Nell Bridge Cottages
Aynho Road
Adderbury
Oxfordshire
OX17 3NT

Full Planning Determination

Date Registered: 20th September 2024

Proposal: Retrospective - Change of use of the first floor of the building from a beauty salon to (ancillary) residential accommodation that can be let out

Location: Serenity Of Sibford, At Gautherns Barn, Colony Road, Sibford Gower, Oxfordshire, OX15 5RY

Parish(es): Sibford Gower Sibford Ferris

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

Date of Decision: 25th November 2024

Checked by: **Nathanael Stock**

SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS

1. Except where otherwise stipulated by conditions attached to this permission, the development shall be retained hereafter in accordance with the drawings numbered E-001 Revision -A, E-002 Revision A, E-003 and emails to the local planning authority from the applicant's agent (Antony Humphrey) dated 13.11.2024 at 16:11 hrs and 18.11.2024 at 17:10hrs.

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 and the living conditions of neighbouring residents and to ensure the development is and remains sustainable development, and to comply with Policies ESD1 and ESD15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1, saved Policies C38 and C30 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

2. The accommodation hereby permitted shall not be sold (freehold or leasehold) separately from the existing dwelling house currently known as Gautherns Barn Colony Road Sibford Gower Oxfordshire OX15 5RY nor shall it be sub-let or used as an independent dwelling unit but can be leased or rented for no more than a period of 12-months for each term in accordance with the emails listed in Condition 1 of this planning permission and shall upon the cessation of the said use return to being wholly ancillary to the use of the said dwelling house.

Reason: The site is unsuitable to accommodate a separate dwelling, being within the open countryside, remote from key facilities and services and contrary to planning policies seeking to protect the countryside from sporadic development that is unrelated to a legitimate agricultural, forestry or other existing undertaking requirement, and because a new dwelling in this location would be significantly and demonstrably out of keeping with the pattern of development that forms the character of the area and would adversely affect the living conditions of the occupiers of both the host dwelling and the accommodation hereby approved, and to ensure the development is and remains sustainable development, and to comply with Policies BSC1, ESD1, ESD15 and Villages 1 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031, retained policies H18, C28 and C30 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

3. Within six months of the date of this decision access to covered cycle parking facilities shall be provided on the site in accordance with details which shall be firstly submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter, the covered cycle parking facilities shall be permanently retained and maintained for the parking of cycles in connection with the development.

Reason - In the interests of sustainability, to ensure a satisfactory form of development and to comply with Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

IMPORTANT - BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN CONDITION

Biodiversity Net Gain

The effect of paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 is that planning permission granted for development of land in England is deemed to have been granted subject to the condition (biodiversity gain condition) that development may not begin unless:

- (a) 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 Cherwell District Council.

There are statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements which mean that the biodiversity gain condition does not always apply.

Based on the information available this permission is considered to be one which **will not** require the approval of a biodiversity gain plan before development is begun because the following statutory exemptions or transitional arrangements apply.

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

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.

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

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).

Notes

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.

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.

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.

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.