Application Number: 25/00654/FUL

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Planning Permission

Gemma Swain
Wild Croft
Holywell
Holywell
PE27 4TG

Huntingdonshire District Council in pursuance of powers under the above Act, hereby **GRANT PERMISSION** for:

Proposal: Partially retrospective application for the siting of and change of use of shepherds hut (currently ancillary use) for use as Airbnb/short term holiday accommodation in connection with the main dwelling

Site address: Wild Croft Holywell Front Holywell St Ives

in accordance with your application received on 3rd April 2025 and plans (listed below) which form part of the application

Plan Type	Reference	Version	Date Received
Location Plan	Location Plan		23.04.2025
Floor plans and	P_02		04.04.2025

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Elevations			
Block Plan	P_01		03.04.2025

Subject to the following condition/s.

1. Condition.

The use hereby permitted and the associated shepherds hut shall remain linked to the dwelling known as Wild Croft, Holywell Front, Holywell, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE27 4TG and shall at no time be independently let (other than as short term accommodation as per the restrictions of condition 2 of this permission) sold or separately disposed of.

Reason: To secure the appropriate use of the building to protect the character of the area and the amenity of neighbours in accordance with Policies LP12, LP14 and LP34 of the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036.

2. Condition.

The accommodation, hereby permitted, shall only be occupied for short-term holiday accommodation, and shall not be used or occupied by any person(s) permanently as their home nor occupied or let upon any terms which provide or confer security of tenure. Short-term accommodation in this instance is defined as not being occupied for a period of more than four consecutive weeks by the same person(s).

The owner shall keep a written record of the occupants of the holiday accommodation hereby approved (including permanent address of occupants and dates during which they occupy the accommodation). The written record shall be made available within one week of the date of a written request by the Local Planning Authority.

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Reason: The application is for short-term holiday accommodation only, and a more permanent form of accommodation (without further assessment by the Local Planning Authority) would be contrary to Policies LP12, LP14 and LP34 of the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036.

3. Condition.

The development hereby permitted shall be retained and maintained in accordance with the approved plans listed in the table above.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to facilitate any future application to the Local Planning Authority under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

4. Note to applicant.

Huntingdonshire District Council became a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Authority on 1st May 2012. The Council is obliged to collect the levy from liable parties in instances where development received planning permission on or after 1st May 2012. It is important that liable parties (usually developers or landowners) are correctly identified to the Council as early as possible. For more details on CIL, the developments the charges will apply to, how much the charge will be and the process involved, including the developers or landowners legal responsibilities, the CIL pages on the Council's website at www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk should be referred to. It should be noted that all development which creates one or more dwellings will be liable to be charged irrespective of the floor space charge. However, developments which create less than 100 square metres of new floor space and do not involve a dwelling or dwellings, will be exempt from CIL and will not be charged.

5. Note to applicant.

Statement as to how the Local Planning Authority (LPA) has worked with the applicant in a positive and proactive manner on seeking solutions:

When an application is received, planning conditions will be used where they can make a development acceptable.

A clear reason for refusal identifies the specific reasons why the development is unacceptable and helps the applicant to determine whether and how the proposal can be revised to make it acceptable.

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In relation to this application, it was considered and the process managed in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework 2024.

6. Note to applicant.

The Environment Agency operates a flood warning system and it is recommended that the applicants register for this service. This can be completed on Floodline 0345 988 1188 or by visiting https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings

7. Note to applicant.

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 Huntingdonshire District 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 not require the approval of a biodiversity gain plan before development is begun because the permission which has been granted is for development which is exempt being:

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An application made under Section 73a (retrospective)

And

Development below the de minimis threshold, meaning development which:

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

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

Rights of Appeal under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 Section 78

If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the Local Planning Authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant permission subject to conditions, he/she may appeal to the Secretary of State responsible for planning within;

- **Six months from the date of this decision notice.**

Appeals must be made on a form which is obtainable from the Planning Inspectorate, Customer Support Unit, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN. Alternatively all forms can be downloaded from their website www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk. The Secretary of State has power to allow a longer period for the giving of a notice of appeal but he 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 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 them, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of the Development Orders and to any directions given under the Orders. He does not, in practice, refuse to entertain appeals solely because the decision of the Local Planning Authority was based on a direction given by him.

If permission to develop land is refused or granted subject to conditions, whether by the Local Planning Authority or by the Secretary of State responsible for planning and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or

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would be permitted, he may serve on the Council of the County District in which the land is situated a purchase notice requiring that Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provision of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990.

Claiming Compensation

In certain circumstances, a claim may be made against the Local Planning Authority for compensation where permission is refused or granted subject to conditions by the Secretary of State on appeal or on a reference of an application to him. The circumstances in which such compensation is payable are set out in Section 114 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Street Naming and Numbering

In order to obtain an official postal address, any new buildings should be formally registered with Huntingdonshire District Council. Unregistered addresses cannot be passed to Royal Mail for allocation of postcodes. Applicants can find additional information, a scale of charges and an application form at:

www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/streets-parking-transport/street-naming-and-numbering/

Alternatively, applicants can contact the Street Naming and Numbering Team on 01480 388153 or email streetnaming@huntingdonshire.gov.uk. Please note new address cannot be assigned by the Council until the footings of any new buildings are in place.

General Notes

This decision notice does not convey any approval or consent which may be required under any enactment, bye-law or regulation other than Section 57 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

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