



Mr Steven & James Russell
The Old Barn
Bodiam Road
Sandhurst
Kent, TN18 5LE

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PLANNING DECISION NOTICE

APPLICANT:	Mr Steven & James Russell
DEVELOPMENT TYPE:	Minor Dwellings
APPLICATION REFERENCE:	22/01626/FULL
PROPOSAL:	Conversion of existing barn to a residential dwelling
ADDRESS:	The Old Barn, Bodiam Road , Sandhurst, Cranbrook, Kent, TN18 5LE

The Council hereby **GRANTS** permission/consent for the proposal referred to above subject to the following Condition(s):

- (1) The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 3 years from the date of this decision.

Reason: To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

- (2) The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

Proposed Floor Plans and Elevations
Site Location and Block Plan

Reason: To clarify which plans have been approved.

- (3) The development shall be carried out in accordance with the details of external materials specified in the application which shall not be varied without the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity.

(4) The development hereby permitted shall not be commenced until the following components of a scheme to deal with the risks associated with contamination of the site shall have been submitted to and approved, in writing, by the local planning authority:

1) A preliminary risk assessment which has identified:

- all previous uses
- potential contaminants associated with those uses
- a conceptual model of the site indicating sources, pathways and receptors
- potentially unacceptable risks arising from contamination at the site.

2) A site investigation, based on (1) to provide information for a detailed assessment of the risk to all receptors that may be affected, including those off site.

3) A remediation method statement (RMS) based on the site investigation results and the detailed risk assessment (2). This should give full details of the remediation measures required and how they are to be undertaken. The RMS should also include a verification plan to detail the data that will be collected in order to demonstrate that the works set out in the RMS are complete and identifying any requirements for longer-term monitoring of pollutant linkages, maintenance and arrangements for contingency action.

4) A Closure Report is submitted upon completion of the works. The closure report shall include full verification details as set out in 3. This should include details of any post remediation sampling and analysis, together with documentation certifying quantities and source/destination of any material brought onto or taken from the site. Any material brought onto the site shall be certified clean;

Any changes to these components require the express consent of the local planning authority. The scheme shall thereafter be implemented as approved.

Reason: These details are required pre commencement of development to ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised, together with those to controlled waters, property and ecological systems, and to ensure that the development can be carried out safely without unacceptable risks to workers, neighbours and other offsite receptors.

(5) Prior to development commencing, a scheme for the enhancement of biodiversity on the site shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved scheme shall take account of any protected species that have been identified on the site, and in addition shall have regard to the enhancement of biodiversity generally. It shall be implemented in accordance with the approved proposals within it and shall be carried out in perpetuity.

Reason: These details are required pre-commencement to protect and enhance existing species and habitat on the site in the future.

- (6) No development shall take place until a landscape scheme designed in accordance with the principles of the Council's landscape character guidance has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The scheme shall show all existing trees, hedges and blocks of landscaping on and immediately adjacent to, the site, including highway trees and land and shall indicate whether they are to be retained or removed. It shall detail measures for protection of species to be retained, provide details of on site replacement planting to mitigate any loss of amenity and biodiversity value together with the location of any habitat piles and include a planting specification, a programme of implementation and a 5 year management plan. The landscape scheme shall specifically address the need to provide additional tree planting at the site. The approved scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the programme of implementation.

Reason: These details are required pre-commencement to ensure a satisfactory setting and external appearance to the development. This information is required before the development commences with the programme of implementation.

- (7) The occupation of the development hereby permitted shall not commence until all planting, seeding and turfing specified in the approved landscape details has been completed. All such landscaping shall be carried out during the planting season (October to February). Any seeding or turfing which fails to establish or any trees or plants which, within five years from the first occupation of a property, commencement of use or adoption of land, die or become so seriously damaged or diseased that their long term amenity value has been adversely affected shall be replaced in the next planting season with plants of the same species and size as detailed in the approved landscape scheme unless the local planning authority gives written consent to any variation.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory setting and external appearance to the development.

- (8) Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby permitted, details of the external lighting of the site shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. External lighting shall be installed in accordance with the approved details, and no further external lighting shall be installed at any subsequent time.

Reason: In the interest of protecting the character and amenities of the locality.

- (9) The hereby approved development shall not be occupied until works for the disposal of sewage have been provided on the site to serve the development hereby permitted, in accordance with the details to be submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To avoid unacceptable additional use of existing drainage infrastructure and to avoid pollution of the surrounding area.

- (10) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (or any Order revoking and/or re-enacting that Order), no development shall be carried out within Classes A, B, C, D and E of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of that Order (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order), without prior approval of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of protecting the character and amenities of the locality.

- (11) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (or any Order revoking and/or re-enacting that Order), no fences or other means of enclosure except as hereby approved shall be carried out within Class A of Part 2 of Schedule 2 of that Order (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order), without prior approval of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of protecting the character and amenities of the locality.

- (12) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order), no windows, or similar openings shall be inserted other than as hereby approved without the prior written planning permission of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and preserving the sites rural locality.

- (13) Details of boundary treatments shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and erected prior to the first occupation of any of the hereby approved dwellings and shall be maintained thereafter unless otherwise approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of protecting the character and amenities of the locality.

- (14) Before the unit hereby approved are occupied, details for the storage and screening of refuse shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To facilitate the collection of refuse, preserve visual amenity and to reduce the occurrence of pests.

- (15) The areas shown on the approved plans as vehicle parking/turning space, shall be provided, surfaced and drained in accordance with details submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before the dwellings hereby permitted are first occupied. No gates shall be erected. It shall be retained for the use of the occupiers of, and visitors to, the development and no permanent development, whether or not permitted by the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order) shall be carried out on that area of land so shown or in such a position as to preclude vehicular access to this reserved parking space.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and development without provision of adequate accommodation for the parking of vehicles is likely to lead to parking inconvenient to other road users and highway safety issues.

- (16) Prior to the commencement of any above ground works, written and illustrative details for renewable energy technologies within the development such that a 10% saving in site wide carbon emissions can be achieved, along with details for water conservation within the development shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details which shall be retained thereafter

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory standard of development which meets the needs of current and future generation in accordance with Core Policy 5 of the Tunbridge Wells Core Strategy 2010.

- (17) Prior to the occupation of the unit hereby approved, details of the provision of electric vehicle charging points, including a timescale for their provision, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The charging points shall be provided in accordance with the approved details and in accordance with an agreed timescale and retained thereafter.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory standard of development that meets the needs of current and future generations.

Informative(s):

- (1) As the development involves demolition and / or construction, I would recommend that the applicant is supplied with the Mid Kent Environmental Code of Development Practice. Broad compliance with this document is expected.
- (2) It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure, before the development hereby approved is commenced, that all necessary highway approvals and consents where required are obtained and that the limits of highway boundary are clearly established in order to avoid any enforcement action being taken by the Highway Authority.

The Council's approach to this application:

In accordance with Paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the Council takes a positive and proactive approach to development proposals focused on solutions. We work with applicants/agents in a positive and proactive manner by:

- Offering pre-application advice.
- Where possible, suggesting solutions to secure a successful outcome.
- As appropriate, updating applicants/agents of any issues that may arise in the processing of their application.

In this instance:

- The application was acceptable as submitted and no further assistance was required.

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**Peter Hockney
Development Manager
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council**

IMPORTANT: YOUR ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE ATTACHED NOTES

NOTIFICATION TO APPLICANT FOLLOWING REFUSAL OF CONSENT OR GRANT OF CONSENT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

Appeals to the Secretary of State

If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority (LPA) to refuse permission for the proposed development, or to grant it subject to Conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State (SoS) under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 or Control of Advertisements Regulations 1989.

Please see “Development Type” on page 1 of the decision notice to identify which type of appeal is relevant for the following:

- If this is a decision to refuse planning permission for a Householder application or a Minor Commercial application and you want to appeal the decision, or any of the conditions imposed, then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice.
- In all other cases, you will need to submit your appeal against the decision, or any of the conditions imposed, within 6 months of the date of this notice.

For applications relating to Enforcement Notices:

- 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 and if you want to appeal against the decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice.
- If an enforcement notice is subsequently served and relates to the same or substantially the same land and development and if you want to appeal against the decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or within 6 months [12 weeks in the case of a householder or minor commercial application decision] of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.

Appeals must be made to the Planning Inspectorate and further details can be found at <https://www.planningportal.co.uk/info/200207/appeals>.

The SoS can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The SoS need not consider an appeal if it seems to the SoS that the LPA could not have granted advertisement consent 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.

SGN Advisory note

There are a number of risks created by built over gas mains and services; these are:

1. Pipework loading – pipes are at risk from loads applied by the new structure and are more susceptible to interference damage.
2. Gas entry into buildings – pipework proximity increases risk of gas entry in buildings.
3. Leaks arising from previous external pipework able to track directly into main building from unsealed entry.
4. Occupier safety – lack or no fire resistance of pipework, fittings, or meter installation.
5. Means of escape could be impeded by an enclosed meter.

Please note therefore, if you plan to dig, or carry out building work to a property, site, or public highway within our gas network, you must:

1. Check your proposals against the information held at <https://www.linerearchbeforeudig.co.uk/> to assess any risk associated with your development **and**
2. Contact our Plant Protection team to let them know. Plant location enquiries must be made via email, but you can phone us with general plant protection queries. See our contact details below:

Phone 0800 912 1722 / Email plantlocation@sgn.co.uk

In the event of an overbuild on our gas network, the pipework must be altered, you may be temporarily disconnected, and your insurance may be invalidated.

Further information on safe digging practices can be found here:

<https://www.sgn.co.uk/damage-prevention>

Our free Damage Prevention e-Learning only takes 10-15 minutes to complete and highlights the importance of working safely near gas pipelines, giving clear guidance on what to do and who to contact before starting any work

Further information can also be found here:

<https://www.sgn.co.uk/help-and-advice/diggingsafely>