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PLANNING PERMISSION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND)
ORDER 2015

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Date Application Received: 11-Mar-25

Application Reference: DC/25/01110

Date Registered: 12-Mar-25

Proposal & Location of Development:

Planning Application. Erection of toilet building and relocation of existing shed.

St Nicholas's Church, Church Lane, Bedfield, IP13 7JJ

Section A – Plans & Documents:

This decision refers to drawing no./entitled received 11/03/2025 as the defined red line plan with the site shown edged red. Any other drawing showing land edged red whether as part of another document or as a separate plan/drawing has not been accepted or treated as the defined application site for the purposes of this decision.

The plans and documents recorded below are those upon which this decision has been reached:

Defined Red Line Plan - Received 11/03/2025
Block Plan - Proposed MJG2 - Received 11/03/2025
Proposed Plans and Elevations MJG3 1 - Received 11/03/2025
Proposed Plans and Elevations MJG4 2 - Received 11/03/2025
3D/Axonometric Drawings - Received 11/03/2025

Section B:

Mid Suffolk District Council as Local Planning Authority, hereby give notice that **PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

1. COMPLIANCE REQUIRED: COMMENCEMENT TIME LIMIT

The development hereby permitted shall be begun not later than the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

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. APPROVED PLANS & DOCUMENTS

The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the drawings/documents listed under Section A above and/or such other drawings/documents as may be approved by the Local Planning Authority in writing pursuant to other conditions of this permission or such drawings/documents as may subsequently be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority as a non-material amendment following an application in that regard. Such development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with any Phasing Plan approved under Section A, or as necessary in accordance with any successive Phasing Plan as may subsequently be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development pursuant to this condition.

Reason - For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper phased planning of the development.

3. COMPLIANCE REQUIRED: BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT MEASURES

Prior to the first use of the toilet building, the approved native hedge screen and bird box at the apex of the building shall be planted/installed and thereafter be retained in full as approved.

Reason - In the interests of enhancing biodiversity on site in accordance with Policies SP09 and LP16 of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan 2023.

4. COMPLIANCE REQUIRED: TREE PROTECTION MEASURES

No works shall take place until the tree protection measures detailed in the Planning Design and Access Statement prepared by ASB Planning dated March 2025 have been implemented in full and carried out for the full duration of the construction phase of the development.

Reason - In the interests of preserving the setting of the listed building and landscape character of the area.

5. DISCHARGE REQUIRED: ROOFING MATERIALS

Notwithstanding the approved details, prior to the installation of any new roofing materials, details of the roofing materials shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority and shall be implemented wholly and solely in accordance with the details so approved.

Reason - In the interests of the character, integrity and preservation of the site and its surroundings.

6. COMPLIANCE REQUIRED: CLADDING

The toilet building hereby approved shall be clad with black stained weatherboarding unless otherwise formally agreed, in writing, with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason - In the interests of the character, integrity and preservation of the site and its surroundings.

7. COMPLIANCE REQUIRED: RE-LOCATION OF SHED

Following the completion of the hereby approved toilet building, the temporary shed to the east of the church shall be re-located as approved within 28-days unless otherwise formally agreed, in writing, with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason - In the interests of the character, integrity and preservation of the site and its surroundings.

8. DISCHARGE REQUIRED: ARCHAEOLOGY - WRITTEN SCHEME OF INVESTIGATION

No development shall take place within the area indicated [the whole site] until the implementation of a programme of archaeological work has been secured, in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The scheme of investigation shall include an assessment of significance and research questions; and:

- a. The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording
- b. The programme for post investigation assessment
- c. Provision to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording
- d. Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation
- e. Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation
- f. Nomination of a competent person or persons/organisation to undertake the works set out within the Written Scheme of Investigation.
- g. The site investigation shall be completed prior to development, or in such other phased arrangement, as agreed and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason - To safeguard archaeological assets within the approved development boundary from impacts relating to any groundworks associated with the development scheme and to ensure the proper and timely investigation, recording, reporting and presentation of archaeological assets affected by this development, in accordance with Policy LP19 of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan (2018- 2037) and the National Planning Policy Framework (2024).

9. DISCHARGE REQUIRED: ARCHAEOLOGY - POST INVESTIGATION ASSESSMENT

The hereby approved toilet will not be brought into use until the site investigation and post investigation assessment has been completed, submitted to and approved in writing by

the Local Planning Authority, in accordance with the programme set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation approved under part 1 and the provision made for analysis, publication and dissemination of results and archive deposition.

Reason - To safeguard archaeological assets within the approved development boundary from impacts relating to any groundworks associated with the development scheme and to ensure the proper and timely investigation, recording, reporting and presentation of archaeological assets affected by this development, in accordance with Policy LP19 of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan (2018- 2037) and the National Planning Policy Framework (2024).

COMPLYING WITH YOUR CONDITIONS

The conditions listed above require you to either; submit additional details (Discharge Required), carry out something in accordance with plans/ documents already submitted with your planning application (Compliance Required), or they restrict your development (Restriction Imposed).

For 'Discharge Required' conditions you can submit the required details via our website: [Application for approval of details reserved by condition - Authority - Babergh and Mid Suffolk Self Service \(achieveservice.com\)](https://www.achieveservice.com)

For a phased development some conditions may be submitted in part in relation to a specific phase, but the phase must be specified when applying.

SUMMARY OF POLICIES WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO THE DECISION:

SP03 - The sustainable location of new development
SP09 - Enhancement and Management of the Environment
SP10 - Climate Change
LP15 - Environmental Protection and Conservation
LP16 - Biodiversity & Geodiversity
LP17 - Landscape
LP19 - The Historic Environment
LP23 - Sustainable Construction and Design
LP24 - Design and Residential Amenity
LP27 - Flood risk and vulnerability
LP28 - Services and Facilities Within the Community
LP29 - Safe, Sustainable and Active Transport

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. Statement of positive and proactive working in line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The proposal has been assessed with regard to adopted development plan policies, the National Planning Policy Framework and all other material considerations. The NPPF encourages a positive and proactive approach to decision taking, delivery of sustainable development, achievement of high quality development and working proactively to secure

developments that improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area. In this case the applicant took advantage of the Council's pre-application service prior to making the application. The opportunity to discuss a proposal prior to making an application allows potential issues to be raised and addressed pro-actively at an early stage, potentially allowing the Council to make a favourable determination for a greater proportion of applications than if no such service was available.

2. **BNG EXEMPT**

Biodiversity Gain Condition exempt

Based on the information available this permission is one where statutory exemptions or transitional arrangements are considered to apply in line with paragraph 17 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Exemptions) Regulations 2024.

Therefore, the Biodiversity Gain Condition does not apply.

3. Environmental Health at the District Councils should be contacted in the event of unexpected ground conditions / contamination being encountered during construction. The developer should be aware that the responsibility for the safe development of the site lies with them at all times.
4.
 - o Any works to a watercourse may require consent under section 23 of the Land Drainage Act 1991
 - o Any discharge to a watercourse or groundwater needs to comply with the Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017
 - o Any discharge of surface water to a watercourse that drains into an Internal Drainage Board district catchment is subject to payment of a surface water developer contribution
 - o Any works to lay new surface water drainage pipes underneath the public highway will need a licence under section 50 of the New Roads and Street Works Act
 - o Any works to a main river may require an environmental permit
5. The granting of planning permission is separate to any consents that may be required in relation to Public Rights of Way, including the authorisation of gates. These consents are to be obtained from the Public Rights of Way & Access Team at Suffolk County Council, as the Highway Authority.

To apply to carry out work on the Public Right of Way or seek a temporary closure, visit <http://www.suffolkpublicrightsofway.org.uk/home/temporary-closure-of-a-public-right-of-way> or telephone 0345 606 6071.

To apply for structures, such as gates, on a Public Rights of Way, visit <http://www.suffolkpublicrightsofway.org.uk/home/land-manager-information/> or telephone 0345 6066071.

6. The submitted scheme of archaeological investigation shall be in accordance with a brief procured beforehand by the developer from Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service Conservation Team. The applicant can find further details on the SCC Archaeology advisory services and charges online at <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/archaeology>

BIODIVERSITY GAIN CONDITION

Please read the Important Notes section above which will confirm whether this development is required to deliver a minimum of 10% biodiversity net gain (BNG). If your development is exempt you do not need to read on, if it is required to deliver BNG please read the following:

In accordance with Schedule 7A (13) of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 no development shall commence until:

- a) a Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority, and
- b) the planning authority has approved the plan.

In order to formally submit the Biodiversity Gain Plan to Babergh District Council/ Mid Suffolk District Council please submit a Discharge of Conditions application.

It is recommended that you complete and submit the template on the following link as part of your Biodiversity Gain Plan: www.gov.uk/government/publications/biodiversity-gain-plan

A Biodiversity Gain Plan submission should include the following (where relevant):

- a) The completed metric calculation tool showing the calculations of the pre-development and post-intervention biodiversity values
- b) Pre and post development plans drawn to an identified scale and showing the direction of north
- c) Legal agreement
- d) Commitment to deliver and maintain BNG for a minimum of 30 years from the date of completion of the development
- e) Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) in line with the HMMP template or HMMP checklist. The HMMP must be produced in line with any landscape plans and landscape management plans
- f) Compensation plan (if affecting irreplaceable habitats)
- g) BNG register reference numbers (if using off-site units)
- h) Proof of purchase (if buying statutory biodiversity credits)

If you are carrying out a phased development the following applies:

- a) A statement showing how the development will proceed in phases must be submitted alongside an Overall Biodiversity Gain Plan before any development can commence.
- b) No development can then commence within each specified phase until a [Phase Biodiversity Gain Plan](#) for that phase has been submitted and approved.

If you are looking for land to deliver off-site BNG it is recommended you contact the Council's Biodiversity Officer: biodiversity@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

AMENDING YOUR PLANNING PERMISSION

Amendments to the plans or conditions imposed on your planning permission can be made by submitting an application for either a Non-Material Amendment under Section 96A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), or a Material Amendment under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). The type of application required will be dependent on the level and scope of the amendments proposed.

This decision notice refers only to the decision made by the Local Planning Authority under the Town and Country Planning Acts and DOES NOT include any other consent or approval required under enactment, bylaw, order or regulation.

This relates to document reference: DC/25/01110

Signed: Philip Isbell

Dated: 29th April 2025

Acting Director of Planning

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have adopted Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging which affects planning permissions granted on or after 11th April 2016 and permitted development commenced on or after 11th April 2016. You are responsible for submitting the relevant CIL forms to our Infrastructure Team, telling them who will pay CIL and when the development will commence. However, you will receive a Liability Notice including the amount to be paid and what you must do. Please ensure the Infrastructure Team have your correct contact details. If you have any questions, please contact the Infrastructure Team direct on: infrastructure@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk or telephone 01449 724563.

Alternatively, you can find more information about CIL on our websites here: [CIL in Babergh](#) and [CIL in Mid Suffolk](#)

BUILDING CONTROL

The project may be subject to the requirements of the Building Regulations 2010. Advice and assistance can be obtained from our Building Control Team by visiting our websites here: [Building control in Babergh](#) and [Building control in Mid Suffolk](#)

Alternatively you can email the Building Control Team: building.control@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk or telephone 01449 724510. They will work with you offering competitive fee quotations and pre-application advice upon request.

APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

1. If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the Local Planning Authority to refuse permission or consent, or to grant permission or consent subject to condition, they may appeal to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The applicant's right of appeal is in accordance with the appropriate statutory provisions which follow:

Planning Applications: Section 78 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Listed Building Applications: Section 20 Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Advertisement Applications: Section 78 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Regulation 15

Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 2007

Notice of appeal in the case of applications for advertisement consent must be served within eight weeks of receipt of this notice. Notice of Householder and Minor Commercial Appeals must be served within 12 weeks, in all other cases, notice of appeal must be served within six months of this notice. 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, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice. 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 against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within: 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or within six months of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.

Appeals must be made on a form which is obtainable from The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN or online at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/modelnotification-notice-to-be-sent-to-an-applicant-when-permission-is-refused>

The Secretary of State has power to allow a longer period for the giving of a notice of appeal but he/she 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/her 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 it, having regard to the statutory requirements*, to the provisions of the Development Order, and to any directions given under the Order. The Secretary of State 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/her

*The statutory requirements are those set out in Section 79(6) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, namely Sections 70 and 72(1) of the Act.

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2. If permission or consent to develop land or carry out works is refused or granted subject to conditions, whether by the Local Planning Authority or by the Secretary of State and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonable beneficial use by the carrying out of any development or works which has been or would be permitted they may serve on the Council of the district in which the land is situated, a purchase notice requiring the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Section 137 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or Section 32 Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

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