

THE LAND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (GUERNSEY) LAW, 2005
AND THE LAND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL PROVISIONS)
ORDINANCE, 2007

NOTIFICATION OF GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION

PROPOSALS: Remove and replace hedge to east boundary.

LOCATION: Oakfield, 41 York Way, Fort George, St. Peter Port.

APPLICANT: Ms A Barnett

This permission is granted under the terms of Sections 15 and 16 of the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005 (the 'Law').

Date of Grant of Permission: 01/04/2022

This notification of grant of permission refers solely to the proposals referred to above as described in your application received as valid on 11/02/2022 and the drawings referred to below. This grant of permission is subject to the following conditions:-

Drawing Nos: Block Layout Plan (date stamped received 11th February 2022)

Application Ref: FULL/2022/0202

Property Ref: A41110A041

Conditions and reasons:-

1.All development authorised by this permission must be carried out and must be completed in every detail in accordance with the written application, plans and drawings referred to above. No variations to such development amounting to development may be made without the permission of the Authority under the Law.

Reason - To ensure that it is clear that permission is only granted for the development to which the application relates.

2.The development hereby permitted shall be begun within 3 years from the date of grant of this permission.

Reason - This condition reflects section 18(1) of the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005 which states that planning permission ceases to have effect unless development is commenced within 3 years of the date of grant (or such shorter period as may be specified in the permission).

Expiry Date: This permission will cease to have effect on 31/03/2025 unless development is commenced by that date.

ADVICE AND OTHER REMARKS:-

Your attention is drawn to the Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance 2012 and the 2020 Strategy for Nature, and the need to comply with their provisions. The hedge may be used by nesting birds or other wildlife. You are therefore requested to remove the hedge outside of the main bird breeding season (March-July inclusive). If removal during the breeding season is considered essential, it is recommended that you contact La Societe Guernesiaise so that the site can be inspected prior to removal to ensure that any protected species present are not impacted by the works. La Société can be contacted on 07781 166924 or email societe@cwgsy.net.

It is noted that Evergreen (Holm) Oak is not a native evergreen hedge as stipulated in your application. It is therefore recommended that you contact La Societe Guernesiaise to discuss an alternative evergreen hedge that is native to Britain in line with the comments from La Societe Guernesiaise.

Effect of planning permission:

Section 18 of the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005 ('the Law') defines the effect of the planning permission hereby granted, namely:

- (1) Planning permission ceases to have effect unless the development permitted by it is commenced within a period of three years immediately following the date on which it is granted (or such shorter period as may be specified in the permission).
- (2) Planning permission enures for the benefit of the land concerned and of every person for the time being having an interest in it.
- (3) Any conditions subject to which planning permission is issued are enforceable in accordance with the provisions of Part V of the Law.
- (4) Planning permission for the erection of a building is only permission to use it for the purpose specified in the permission or, subject to any restriction so specified, for any other purpose for which it is designed.

(5) Planning permission is only permission to carry out the development specified in it (subject to any conditions so specified), and does not imply the giving of any other approval or consent required under this Law or any other enactment or under any rule of law.

Right of appeal against planning decisions:

Your attention is drawn to the provisions of Section 68(1) of the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law 2005, which provides a right of appeal, on the merits against a decision to grant planning permission subject to conditions (except a building condition), to the Planning Tribunal, which is independent of the States of Guernsey. An appeal to the Planning Tribunal under section 68 of the Law against this decision must be made before the expiry of the period of six months beginning with the date on which the Authority made this decision. The official Appeal Notice Forms are available on the States of Guernsey website at www.gov.gg/planningpanel and must be completed with all enclosures in multiples as requested and received within the six months deadline.

Copy of representations made:

In reaching this decision the Authority took into account any written consultations made under Section 11(1) of the Land Planning and Development (General Provisions) Ordinance, 2007 ('the Ordinance'). A copy of any consultation responses made under section 11 will be included with this decision in accordance with section 19 of the Ordinance.

Other Remarks:

Please note that any work which abuts or affects the public highway requires prior approval by Traffic and Highway Services. Please contact Traffic & Highway Services (highways@gov.gg) for further advice. You must also ensure that any access/es to the development are constructed to meet the existing road/footway levels in accordance with their requirements.

This document is not a Building Licence and confers no approval under the Building Regulations.

A separate Building Control Licence may be required and it is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that ALL necessary consents are obtained and that any pre-commencement conditions are discharged prior to development being commenced.

A J ROWLES

Director of Planning
Planning Service



PLANNING APPLICATION REPORT

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Property Ref: A41110A041
Valid date: 11/02/2022
Location: Oakfield 41 York Way Fort George Fort George St. Peter Port
Guernsey GY1 2SY
Proposal: Remove and replace hedge to east boundary.

Applicant: Ms A Barnett

RECOMMENDATION - Grant: Planning Permission with Conditions:

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INFORMATIVES

Your attention is drawn to the Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance 2012 and the 2020 Strategy for Nature, and the need to comply with their provisions. The hedge may be used by nesting birds or other wildlife. You are therefore requested to remove the hedge outside of the main bird breeding season (March-July inclusive). If removal during the breeding season is considered essential, it is recommended that you contact La Societe Guernesiaise so that the site can be inspected prior to removal to ensure that any protected species present are not impacted by the works. La Société can be contacted on 07781 166924 or email societe@cwgsy.net.

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OFFICER'S REPORT

Site Description:

The application site comprises a detached property located in Fort George. The property is located Outside of the Centres as defined in the Island Development Plan.

Relevant History:

FULL/2021/1032	Erect garage to front of dwelling.	Granted
FULL/2017/2941	Remove existing and plant new hedging.	Granted

Existing Use(s):

Residential.

Brief Description of Development:

Planning permission is sought to remove and replace a hedge to the east boundary.

Relevant Policies of any Plan, Subject Plan or Local Planning Brief:

GP8 Design
GP9 Sustainable Development
GP13 Householder Development

Representations:

The Authority has received a letter of representation from one party objecting to the proposal. Grounds for objection principally relate to the following issues:-

- The replacement hedge is not native.
- Indigenous planting would be more appropriate with the Strategy for Nature.

Consultations:

La Societe Guernesiaise's comments:

"If the application is approved, we would request that the removal of the hedge be undertaken outside of the main bird breeding season (March-July inclusive). If

removal during the bird breeding season is considered essential, then we would recommend that the hedge is inspected for current or recent use by birds (and other wildlife) by a suitably qualified person prior to removal. This would reduce the risk of disturbing or destroying animals which are protected under the Animal Welfare Ordinance 2012.

We would request that an informative note be added to the Information Sheet as follows -

'Your attention is drawn to the Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance 2012 and the 2020 Strategy for Nature, and the need to comply with their provisions. The hedge may be used by nesting birds or other wildlife. You are therefore requested to remove the hedge outside of the main bird breeding season (March-July inclusive). If removal during the breeding season is considered essential, it is recommended that you contact La Societe Guernesiaise so that the site can be inspected prior to removal to ensure that any protected species present are not impacted by the works. La Société can be contacted on 07781 166924 or email info@societe.org.qg

Also, we note that the applicant has proposed to replace the hedge with a native species but refers to Evergreen (Holm) Oak. We would point out that Holm Oak is not a native species to Britain although we acknowledge that it is suitable species for an amenity hedge. If the landowner prefers a native evergreen hedge, we would recommend Common Holly or Common Yew"

Summary of Issues:

Whether the removal of the hedge and the replacement hedge is acceptable.

Assessment against:

- 1 - Purposes of the law.**
- 2 - Relevant policies of any Plan, Subject Plan or Local Planning Brief.**
- 3 - General material considerations set out in the General Provisions Ordinance.**
- 4 - Additional considerations (for protected trees, monuments, buildings and/or SSS's).**

All material considerations as set out in the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005 and the Land and Planning (General Provisions) Ordinance 2007 have been taken into account in the assessment of this application.

The existing hedge is in poor condition and therefore its removal is supported under policy.

Whilst the replacement hedge is not native to Britain, it would be unreasonable and unnecessary to attach a condition to require a native hedge be planted along the east boundary when taking into account the significant flexibility afforded to

householder development (Policy GP13) in less sensitive areas such as this. In addition, the existing Leyland Cypress is not native to Britain either and therefore the proposal will have a neutral effect. It is however encouraged through an informative that a more suitable hedge be planted following the comments of La Societe Guernesiaise and the encouragement through the Strategy for Nature.

The replacement hedge will not have a detrimental impact on the character of the area, visual amenity, or the amenities of neighbouring residents.

Based on the above, the application is considered compliant with the relevant Island Development Plan policies; it is therefore recommended that planning permission be granted, subject to conditions.

Date: 01/04/22