

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: Change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden (1,790sqm) (retrospective).

LOCATION: St. Lucia, Le Chene, Forest.

APPLICANT: Mr R Ozanne

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: 05/12/2024

This notification of grant of permission refers solely to the proposals referred to above as described in your application received as valid on 13/06/2024 and the drawings referred to below. This grant of permission is subject to the following conditions:-

Drawing Nos: Block Layout Plan, and St Lucia Biodiversity Statement dated 3rd December 2024, with Biodiversity Enhancement Plan.

Application Ref: FULL/2024/0955

Property Ref: H00260B000

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).

3. The development hereby permitted and all the operations which constitute or are incidental to that development must be carried out in compliance with all such requirements of The Building (Guernsey) Regulations, 2012 as are applicable to them, and no operation to which such a requirement applies may be commenced or continued unless (i) plans relating to that operation have been approved by the Authority and (ii) it is commenced or, as the case may be, continued, in accordance with that requirement and any further requirements imposed by the Authority when approving those plans, for the purpose of securing that the building regulations are complied with.

Reason - Any planning permission granted under the Law is subject to this condition as stated in section 17(2) of the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005.

4. The landscaping scheme shall be fully completed, in accordance with the details submitted within the Biodiversity Statement and accompanying plan, by the end of the planting season following the grant of consent (by 31st March 2026). Any trees or plants removed, dying, being severely damaged or becoming seriously diseased, within 5 years of planting shall be replaced in the following planting season by trees or plants of a size and species similar to those originally required to be planted.

Reason - To ensure a satisfactory external appearance in the interests of visual amenity and to secure biodiversity enhancements.

5. If, during development, contamination not previously identified is found to be present at the site then no further development shall be carried out until the developer has submitted to the Authority a method statement to identify, risk assess and address the unidentified contaminants, and obtained written agreement from the Authority for the works to continue. Any subsequent works shall be carried out only in accordance with the conclusions and recommendations contained in the agreed report.

Reason - To make sure that the site, when developed is free from contamination, in the interests of public health and safety.

Expiry Date: This permission will cease to have effect on 05/12/2027 unless development is commenced by that date.

ADVICE AND OTHER REMARKS:-

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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Valid date: 13/06/2024
Location: St. Lucia Le Chene Forest Guernsey GY8 OAJ
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Applicant: Mr R Ozanne

RECOMMENDATION - Grant: Planning Permission with Conditions:

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OFFICER'S REPORT

Brief Description of the site:

St Lucia is a detached one and a half storey dwelling with a detached outbuilding located within the recognised garden area and is utilised for a home-based business. The northern section of land is considered as agricultural land, and is separated from the domestic garden by a timber fence, with internal post and rail fence divisions within the agricultural land.

The site is located Outside of the Centres as designated in the Island Development Plan.

Relevant History:

N/A

Existing Use(s):

28 Agricultural

Brief Description of Development:

This application is for the retrospective change of use of the agricultural land to the north of the site into domestic garden (1,790sqm).

Policies considered most relevant:

GP1: Landscape Character and Open Land

GP8: Design

GP15: Creation and Extension of Curtilage

Consultations:

The Office of Environmental Health and Pollution Protection were consulted on the application and, despite being a retrospective application, have requested the following condition be applied to any grant of consent:

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Representations:

La Societe have objected to the proposal, noting their concern over the reclassification of agricultural land to domestic land. They have also noted the use of non-native species which they consider should be removed from the submitted plans.

In addition, the Forest Constables have objected to the proposal, although no specific reason for this objection was given.

Summary of Issues:

- Extent of biodiversity enhancements.
- Impact of the change of use on the character and appearance of the area.
- Impact of the change of use on neighbouring properties.

Assessment against:

1 - Purposes of the law.

The objectives of the Law, as set out in Section 1(2), have been considered and this forms part of the assessment of policy issues as set out in 2 below.

2 - Relevant policies of any Plan, Subject Plan or Local Planning Brief.

The application proposes to change the use of a parcel of land immediately to the north of the property. The section of land in question is enclosed by residential development to the south, east and west, with a small adjoining area of agricultural land retained to the north and further residential development bounding that to the north.

The boundaries of the proposed area of curtilage are clearly delineated, and the site is not visible in public views from the main roads. Separate access exists for the agricultural land to the north of the application site and so the proposal is not considered to limit the potential or practical use of this land for commercial agriculture.

The change of use would not have a significant impact on landscape character or openness, as the site is not prominent in the landscape setting, and no boundary features are to be removed. The proposed use of the land would be for domestic purposes, and, taking into account the proposed use and the relationship to surrounding residential property, the proposal would have no adverse effects on neighbouring residents. The proposed change of use would therefore accord with Policies GP1 (Landscape character and open land) and GP15 (Creation and extension of curtilage).

Although the site is not located in an Area of Biodiversity Importance, in line with the States' Strategy for Nature, 2020, which has been adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance, the application must be accompanied by information demonstrating environmental benefits in respect of biodiversity that will be incorporated should planning permission be granted. This should relate to biodiversity benefits within the proposed area of domestic garden.

The application was deferred to allow for the submission of a suitable biodiversity statement and plan, and this shows enhancements proposed including new native hedging, new trees, and a composting area. Provided that the landscaping scheme is implemented in accordance with these details and within the first planting season following demolition of the glasshouse structure (which can be controlled by condition), this will offer good opportunities for biodiversity enhancements relative to the size of the land in question. As such therefore, the scheme accords with the aims of the Strategy for Nature.

3 - General material considerations set out in the General Provisions Ordinance.

All material considerations as set out in the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005 and the Land Planning and Development (General Provisions) Ordinance, 2007 have been taken into account in the assessment of this application. Where relevant the issues are considered in section 2 above.

4 - Additional considerations (for protected trees, monuments, buildings and/or SSS's).

The proposal would have no impact on Protected Buildings, Trees or Monuments or on SSS's.

Recommendation:



Grant with Conditions

Date: 05/12/2024

