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Application for Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number

Suffix

Property Name

Thorncroft Farm

Address Line 1

Blackshaw Moor

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Leek

Postcode

ST13 8TW

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)

400694

Northing (y)

359867

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Ken

Surname

Phillips

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Thorncroft Farm

Address line 2

Blackshaw Moor

Address line 3

Town/City

Leek

Country

Postcode

ST13 8TW

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Country

Postcode

Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Site Area

What is the measurement of the site area? (numeric characters only).

1265.25

Unit

Sq. metres

Description of the Proposal

Please note in regard to:

- **Fire Statements** - From 1 August 2021, planning applications for buildings of over 18 metres (or 7 stories) tall containing more than one dwelling will require a 'Fire Statement' for the application to be considered valid. There are some exemptions. [View government planning guidance on fire statements](#) or [access the fire statement template and guidance](#).
- **Permission In Principle** - If you are applying for Technical Details Consent on a site that has been granted Permission In Principle, please include the relevant details in the description below.
- **Public Service Infrastructure** - From 1 August 2021, applications for certain public service infrastructure developments will be eligible for faster determination timeframes. See help for further details or [view government planning guidance on determination periods](#).

Description

Please describe details of the proposed development or works including any change of use

The proposed development comprises two detached houses – one being the internal rejuvenation of the existing farmhouse, which is unchanged in terms of its footprint or external appearance and the other comprising a newly built house that sits within the footprint of the previous agricultural outbuildings. This new house will require the demolition of the current agricultural buildings, and the delivery of the new house.

The new house comprises a single storey dwelling, with a pitched roof that has rooflights and rooms within it. Hence, it has the appearance of a single storey dwelling, with a pitched roof, but takes advantage of efficient use of space to provide additional accommodation in the roof space. In terms of its form and mass it closely follows the existing agricultural buildings, which are either single or one and half storey structures with pitched roofs.

The proposals also include the provision of a new double garage for the new build house, which is built on the footprint of another of the agricultural outbuildings at the southern end of the site.

There is also a single garage which sits between the two houses. This will be oriented slightly differently to the section of agricultural building that it replaces, in order to accommodate the turning movement into the garage, but overall, it represents a reduction in the footprint of this part of the building.

The proposals also allow for the regularisation of the yard space compared to the existing use. At present, almost the entirety of the remaining land is used as either hardstanding or for storage, and so, with the exception of a small front garden to the existing house, the remainder of the land does not feature any vegetation, grass or open space. This will change with the proposed scheme, with driveways formed to provide access to the two properties and their garages, and an additional parking space for the existing house. The whole of the remainder of the site will be given over to private gardens for each of the houses respectively.

Has the work or change of use already started?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

The site is located 200m west of the A53 strategic road, as it passes through the small village of Blackshaw Moor in Staffordshire. No public rights of way are shown to cross the site.

The site appears as a farmstead or agricultural smallholding, with a single detached two-storey brick and tile house to the front of the site, facing the road, and agricultural buildings and barns set in a yard beyond it. The site is bounded to the south, east and west by fields, with these boundaries formed by hedgerows to a greater or lesser degree.

The frontage to Blackshaw Lane has a significant hedgerow and a post and rail fence, and a gated access at the western end of the frontage. There are no planning applications lodged for the site itself, as far as we can determine. The Staffordshire Moorlands Council website and planning map do not show any planning history on the site. It is likely that the buildings on the site have been in place for many years, and so pre-date the register of planning.

Is the site currently vacant?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Does the proposal involve any of the following? If Yes, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment with your application.

Land which is known to be contaminated

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Land where contamination is suspected for all or part of the site

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Materials

Does the proposed development require any materials to be used externally?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Please provide a description of existing and proposed materials and finishes to be used externally (including type, colour and name for each material)

Type:

Walls

Existing materials and finishes:

Brick White Painted Brick Block Timber Cladding Corrugated Metal Sheets

Proposed materials and finishes:

Brick to match the existing Farm House

Type:

Roof

Existing materials and finishes:

Tiles Clay Tiles Corrugated Metal Sheets

Proposed materials and finishes:

Tiles Aluminium Standing-Seam Roof Cladding System

Type:

Windows

Existing materials and finishes:

Timber Frame Metal Frame

Proposed materials and finishes:

Dark grey uPVC

Type:

Doors

Existing materials and finishes:

Timber Metal

Proposed materials and finishes:

Dark grey aluminium bi fold doors Dark grey contemporary composite wood panel doors

Type:

Boundary treatments (e.g. fences, walls)

Existing materials and finishes:

Post & rail fencing Hedgerows

Proposed materials and finishes:

Post & rail fencing Hedgerows

Type:

Vehicle access and hard standing

Existing materials and finishes:

Gated access Concrete slabs

Proposed materials and finishes:

Gated access Block paving

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plans, drawings or a design and access statement?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicular access proposed to or from the public highway?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Is a new or altered pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Are there any new public roads to be provided within the site?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Do the proposals require any diversions/extinguishments and/or creation of rights of way?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Vehicle Parking

Does the site have any existing vehicle/cycle parking spaces or will the proposed development add/remove any parking spaces?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Please provide information on the existing and proposed number of on-site parking spaces

Vehicle Type:

Cars

Existing number of spaces:

2

Total proposed (including spaces retained):

5

Difference in spaces:

3

Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

If Yes to either or both of the above, you may need to provide a full tree survey, at the discretion of the local planning authority. If a tree survey is required, this and the accompanying plan should be submitted alongside the application. The local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations'.

Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding? (Check the location on the Government's [Flood map for planning](#). You should also refer to national [standing advice](#) and your local planning authority requirements for information as necessary.)

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

How will surface water be disposed of?

- ☒ Sustainable drainage system
☐ Existing water course
☐ Soakaway
☐ Main sewer
☐ Pond/lake

Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

Is there a reasonable likelihood of the following being affected adversely or conserved and enhanced within the application site, or on land adjacent to or near the application site?

To assist in answering this question correctly, please refer to the help text which provides guidance on determining if any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby; and whether they are likely to be affected by the proposals.

a) Protected and priority species

- ☐ Yes, on the development site
☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
☒ No

b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features

- ☐ Yes, on the development site
☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
☒ No

c) Features of geological conservation importance

- ☐ Yes, on the development site
☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
☒ No

Supporting information requirements

Where a development proposal is likely to affect features of biodiversity or geological conservation interest, you will need to submit, with the application, sufficient information and assessments to allow the local planning authority to determine the proposal.

Failure to submit all information required will result in your application being deemed invalid. It will not be considered valid until all information required by the local planning authority has been submitted.

Your local planning authority will be able to advise on the content of any assessments that may be required.

Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

- ☒ Mains sewer
- ☐ Septic tank
- ☐ Package treatment plant
- ☐ Cess pit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Unknown

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ Unknown

Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or trade waste?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Residential/Dwelling Units

Does your proposal include the gain, loss or change of use of residential units?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Please note: This question is based on the current housing categories and types specified by government.

If your application was started before 23 May 2020, the categories and types shown in this question will now have changed. We recommend that you review any information provided to ensure it is correct before the application is submitted.

Proposed

Please select the housing categories that are relevant to the proposed units

- ☒ Market Housing
- ☐ Social, Affordable or Intermediate Rent
- ☐ Affordable Home Ownership
- ☐ Starter Homes
- ☐ Self-build and Custom Build

Market Housing

Please specify each type of housing and number of units proposed

Housing Type: Houses	
1 Bedroom: 0	
2 Bedroom: 0	
3 Bedroom: 2	
4+ Bedroom: 0	
Unknown Bedroom: 0	
Total: 2	

Proposed Market Housing Category Totals	1 Bedroom Total	2 Bedroom Total	3 Bedroom Total	4 Bedroom Total	Unknown Bedroom Total	Bedroom Total
	0	0	2	0	0	2

Existing

Please select the housing categories for any existing units on the site

- ☒ Market Housing
- ☐ Social, Affordable or Intermediate Rent
- ☐ Affordable Home Ownership
- ☐ Starter Homes
- ☐ Self-build and Custom Build

Market Housing

Please specify each existing type of housing and number of units on the site

Housing Type:	
Houses	
1 Bedroom:	
0	
2 Bedroom:	
0	
3 Bedroom:	
1	
4+ Bedroom:	
0	
Unknown Bedroom:	
0	
Total:	
1	

Existing Market Housing Category Totals	1 Bedroom Total	2 Bedroom Total	3 Bedroom Total	4 Bedroom Total	Unknown	Bedroom Total
	0	0	1	0		1
					0	

Totals

Total proposed residential units	2
Total existing residential units	1
Total net gain or loss of residential units	1

All Types of Development: Non-Residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace?
 Note that 'non-residential' in this context covers all uses except Use Class C3 Dwellinghouses.

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Please add details of the Use Classes and floorspace.

Following changes to Use Classes on 1 September 2020: The list includes the now revoked Use Classes A1-5, B1, and D1-2 that should not be used in most cases. Also, the list does not include the newly introduced Use Classes E and F1-2. To provide details in relation to these or any 'Sui Generis' use, select 'Other' and specify the use where prompted. Multiple 'Other' options can be added to cover each individual use. [View further information on Use Classes.](#)

Use Class:

Other (Please specify)

Other (Please specify):

Agricultural Buildings

Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres):

229

Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres):

229

Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres):

284

Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres):

55

Totals	Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres)	Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres)	Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres)	Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres)
	229	229	284	55

Loss or gain of rooms

For hotels, residential institutions and hostels please additionally indicate the loss or gain of rooms:

Employment

Are there any existing employees on the site or will the proposed development increase or decrease the number of employees?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

Does this proposal involve the carrying out of industrial or commercial activities and processes?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Is the proposal for a waste management development?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Hazardous Substances

Does the proposal involve the use or storage of Hazardous Substances?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- ☒ The agent
☐ The applicant
☐ Other person

Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Authority Employee/Member

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
- (b) an elected member
- (c) related to a member of staff
- (d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Ownership Certificates and Agricultural Land Declaration

Certificates under Article 14 - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Please answer the following questions to determine which Certificate of Ownership you need to complete: A, B, C or D.

Is the applicant the sole owner of all the land to which this application relates; and has the applicant been the sole owner for more than 21 days?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Is any of the land to which the application relates part of an Agricultural Holding?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate A

I certify/The applicant certifies that on the day 21 days before the date of this application nobody except myself/ the applicant was the owner* of any part of the land or building to which the application relates, and that none of the land to which the application relates is, or is part of, an agricultural holding**

* "owner" is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run.

** "agricultural holding" has the meaning given by reference to the definition of "agricultural tenant" in section 65(8) of the Act.

NOTE: You should sign Certificate B, C or D, as appropriate, if you are the sole owner of the land or building to which the application relates but the land is, or is part of, an agricultural holding.

Person Role

- ☐ The Applicant
- ☒ The Agent

Title

Ms

First Name

Daniela

Surname

Phillips

Declaration Date

16/03/2022

☒ Declaration made

Declaration

I / We hereby apply for Full planning permission as described in this form and accompanying plans/drawings and additional information. I / We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine options of the persons giving them. I / We also accept that: Once submitted, this information will be transmitted to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be made available as part of a public register and on the authority's website; our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Dmitrijs Sulojevs

Date

12/04/2022

Amendments Summary

Amended Residential/Dwelling Units section on the Application Form. The calculations do not show the gain of a residential unit. Please advise.

There is only one proposed new dwelling. The other dwelling is the existing house that will be preserved and just have an internal rejuvenation, therefore there are no other plans to provide.

All drawings revision A dated 11/04/22 - removal of the 'Do Not Scale' annotations from all plans & inclusion of scale bars on all plans.

Added Biodiversity Survey.