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**Town and Country Planning Act 1990  
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015  
(as Amended)**

**FULL PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT**

This permission does not carry any approval or consent which may be required under any enactment, bylaw, order or regulation (e.g. in relation to Building Regulations or the Diversion of Footpaths etc) other than Section 57 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990.

**Location of Development:**

Blacksmiths Arms Tythe Barn Alton Staffordshire ST10 4AZ

**Description of Development:**

Change of use and alteration of former public house to form 3no. apartments

In pursuance of their power under the above mentioned Act, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Planning Authority, **HEREBY GRANTS PLANNING PERMISSION** for the development described above subject to the following condition(s):

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason:-

To comply with the provisions of Section 51 of the Town and Country Planning, Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, 2004.

2. The development hereby approved shall be carried out in complete accordance with the submitted plans and specifications as follows:-

DR A 0101 P.02

DR A 0202

DR A 0402

Reason:-

To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved plans, for clarity and the avoidance of doubt.

3. Before the development is brought into use, full details of both hard and soft landscape proposals, including native planting, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and these works shall be carried out as approved. These details shall include:

- Means of enclosure
- Hard surfacing materials

Soft landscape details shall include:

- Planting plans
- Written specifications (including cultivation and other operations associated with plant and grass establishment)
- Schedules of plants, noting species, planting sizes and proposed numbers/densities where appropriate
- Implementation timetables

Reason:-

To ensure the appropriate landscape design and in the interests of the visual and residential amenities of the area and the ecological value of the area.

4. The implemented planting scheme shall be subsequently implemented in accordance with the approved timetable and properly maintained in accordance with good horticultural practice; any plants which are removed, die, become diseased or otherwise fail to establish within 5 years of planting shall be replaced during the next available planting season and the replacements themselves shall then be properly maintained.

Reason:-

To ensure the appropriate landscape design and in the interests of the visual and residential amenities of the area.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (or any order revoking and re-enacting that order with or without modification), no development as specified in Part 1 Class(es) AA, A, B, C, D, E and F or Part 2 Class(es) A, B and C shall be carried out without express planning permission first being obtained from the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:-

To enable the Local Planning Authority to control the development and so safeguard the character and visual amenities of the area and to protect the residential amenities of neighbouring residents.

6. All south-west side elevation windows as shown on the above drawings hereby approved, apart from windows and doors adjacent to the first-floor outdoor terrace areas shall be fitted with obscure glazing to level 5 (minimum) from the Pilkington range or equivalent.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted

Development) Order 2015 (or as subsequently may be amended or re-enacted) those windows shall not be re-glazed with any transparent materials and shall not be enlarged or otherwise altered, nor shall any additional window or other opening be formed in that elevation unless a further planning permission has first been granted on application to the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:-

To protect the amenity and living conditions of the adjoining residential property from overlooking or perceived overlooking.

7. Before the render areas or any other new facing materials are applied to the elevations, details of the new materials including render materials, in terms of type, colour and texture, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority and the materials shall be applied in exact accordance with the approved details.

Reason:-

In the interests of the character and appearance of the area.

8. The existing stone boundary walls on the north boundary of the site shall not be removed or altered unless otherwise approved in writing by the local planning authority.

Reason:-

In the interests of the character and appearance of the area.

9. Details of all new external windows, doors and joinery shall be submitted to and approved in writing before being installed and shall include exact details of materials and colours. All new windows and external doors shall be provided in exact accordance with the approved details.

Reason:-

In the interests of the character and appearance of the area.

10. The development hereby permitted shall not be brought into use until the parking and turning area has been provided in accordance with the approved plan BSAA-SA-XX-XX-DR-A-0101Revision P0.2. The parking and turning area shall thereafter be retained unobstructed as parking and turning area for the life of the development.

Reason:-

In the interests of highway safety.

11. Unless prior permission has been obtained in writing from the Local Planning Authority, all noisy activities shall be restricted to the following times of operations.

"" 08:00 - 18:00 hours (Monday to Friday);

"" 08:00 - 13:00 hours (Saturday)

"" No working is permitted on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

In this instance a noisy activity is defined as any activity (for instance, but not restricted to, building construction/demolition operations, refurbishing and landscaping) which generates noise that is audible at the site boundary.

Reason:-

To avoid the risk of disturbance to neighbouring dwellings from noise during unsocial hours.

12. The development shall be undertaken in accordance with the following measures:

- a. Any waste material associated with the demolition or construction shall not be burnt on site but shall be kept securely for removal to prevent escape into the environment. All waste transfer records shall be retained for inspection by officers of the Local Planning Authority;
- b. No activity hereby permitted shall cause dust to be emitted beyond the site boundary so as to adversely affect adjacent residential properties and/or other sensitive uses and/or the local environment. In the event dust is caused to escape the site boundary the activity shall be stopped until sufficient dust suppression has been undertaken to prevent further escape. There shall always be the appropriate means and sufficient water resources on site for dust suppression. These shall be made available for inspection when required by officers of the Local Planning Authority

Reason:-

To protect the amenities of the area during construction

13. In the event that contamination is found at any time when carrying out the approved development it must be reported in writing immediately to the Local Planning Authority. Development shall not continue until an initial investigation and risk assessment has been completed in accordance with a scheme to be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority to assess the nature and extent of any contamination on the site. If the initial site risk assessment indicates that potential risks exist to any identified receptors, development shall not recommence until a detailed remediation scheme to bring the site to a condition suitable for the intended use by removing unacceptable risks to human health, buildings and other property, and the natural and historical environment has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. Following completion of measures identified in the approved remediation scheme and prior to bringing the development into first use, a verification report that demonstrates the effectiveness of the approved remediation shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: -

To ensure that the proposed development meets the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework in that all potential risks to human health, controlled waters and wider environment are known and where necessary dealt with via remediation and or management of those risks.

14. Prior to bringing the development into first use, all soils that are intended to be used for the proposed garden/ soft landscaping areas shall be tested for contamination and assessed for their suitability for the proposed use. Prior to sampling, a suitable methodology for testing the soil shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority and should include the sampling frequency, testing schedules, and criteria against which the analytical results will be assessed.

The results of the soil tests shall be submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning

Authority. If soil results indicates that a potential risks exists, development shall not continue until a detailed remediation strategy to bring the site to a condition suitable for the intended use has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved remediation shall be carried out prior to the first occupation of the development.

Reason: -

To ensure that the proposed development meets the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework in that all potential risks to human health, controlled waters and wider environment are known and where necessary dealt with via remediation and or management of those risks.

15. Any external lighting which is to be incorporated into this site in connection to this application shall not increase the pre-existing illuminance at the adjoining light sensitive locations when the light(s) is(are) in operation. Details of all external lighting to be installed at the site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to their installation and the works shall be carried out in full accordance with the agreed details.

Reason:-

To protect the local amenities of the local residents by reason of excess of illuminance

16. Before the development is first brought into use, measures for protecting the proposed residential units from road traffic noise shall be applied to the development in accordance with details to be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The submitted scheme shall have due regard for the British Standard BS8233:2014 Guidance on Sound Insulation for Buildings and the Professional Practice Guidance on Planning & Noise: Residential Development. It shall be designed to achieve noise levels of less than 30db Laeq in bedrooms (23:00 to 07:00) 35 dB LAeq in bedrooms (07:00 to 23:00), less than 40 dBLAeq in living areas (07:00 to 23:00) and less than 55dBA in garden areas (07:00 to 23:00). A report shall be produced containing all raw data and showing how calculations have been made. A copy of such report shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the first occupation of the development

Reason:-

To protect occupiers from noise and safeguard their residential amenities.

### **Informatives**

1. This is considered to be a sustainable form of development and so complies with the provisions of the NPPF.

2. Please be aware that the responsibility for safe development and secure occupancy of the site rests with the developer:

"" A Demolition or refurbishment asbestos survey and risk assessment should be carried out prior to the demolition of the existing buildings. The enforcing authority for this type of work is the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and it is recommended that you

contact them directly to discuss their requirements: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/>

"" Any approved foul drainage system should meet the British Standard 6297:2007+A1:2008: Code of practice for the design and installation of drainage fields for use in wastewater treatment <http://www.bsigroup.com>

"" Any approved noise scheme and measurements should pay due regard to British Standard BS8233: Sound insulation and noise reduction for buildings (Code of Practice), BS4142:2014+A1:2019 Methods for rating and assessing industrial or commercial sound, PROP: New residential Development and/or the Building Regulations 2010 Document E or other appropriate guidance.

"" Advice on controlling flies and light can be found in: Statutory Nuisance from Insects and Artificial Light (defra 2005) available as a free download <http://archive.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/local/legislation/cnea/documents/statnuisance.pdf>

"" The lighting scheme should comply with the Institution of Lighting Professionals Guidance Note for the reduction of obtrusive light 2011(or later versions). It should be designed so that it is the minimum needed for security and operational processes and be installed to minimise potential pollution caused by glare and spillage.

| Illuminated area m2 | Zone E1 | Zone E2 | Zone E3 | Zone E4 |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Up to 10.00         | 100     | 600     | 800     | 1000    |
| Over 10.00          | n/a     | 300     | 600     | 600     |

#### Environmental Zones

##### Zone Surrounding Lighting Environment Examples

|    |           |                            |                                                           |
|----|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| E0 | Protected | Dark                       | UNESCO Starlight Reserves, IDA Dark Sky Parks             |
| E1 | Natural   | Intrinsically dark         | National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty etc.  |
| E2 | Rural     | Low district brightness    | Village or relatively dark outer suburban locations       |
| E3 | Suburban  | Medium district brightness | Small town centres or suburban locations                  |
| E4 | Urban     | High district brightness   | Town/city centres with high levels of night-time activity |

The guidance advises that, where an area to be lit lies on the boundary of two zones or can be observed from another zone, the limits used should be those applicable to the most rigorous zone.

"" During any demolition and construction activities (including landscaping) the contractor shall take all reasonable steps to prevent dust formation and prevent any dust formed from leaving the site boundary.

"" The control of dust and emissions from construction and demolition Best Practice Guidance, produced by the greater London councils  
<http://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/BPGcontrolofdustandemissions.pdf>

"" Building Research Establishment Guidance Document 'Control of Dust from Construction and Demolition Activities' (BR456)

"" If required, Contamination risk assessments shall be carried out in accordance with UK policy the Land contamination risk management framework (LCRM), published by the Environment Agency <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/land-contamination-risk-management-lcrm>

"" Submission of reports should also be made to the Environment Agency for comment with regard to their remit to protect ground and surface waters from pollution and their obligations relating to contaminated land.

"" The Local Planning Authority will determine the acceptability of reports on the basis of the information made available to it. Please be aware that should a risk of harm from contamination remain post development, where the applicant had prior knowledge of the contamination, the applicant is likely to be liable under Part II (a) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and as such become and ""appropriate person"". In this event the applicant will be lawfully responsible to remove the risk posed by the contamination.

"" Equally if during any site works a pathway for any contaminant on site is created and humans, waters, property or ecological systems are exposed to this, the applicant or those acting on behalf of the applicant will be liable under part II (a) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 if the risks are not adequately addressed during the site redevelopment.

"" During investigation and remediation works the applicant and those acting on behalf of the applicant must ensure that site workers, public property and the environment are protected against noise, dust, odour and fumes

"" The applicant is advised that should there be a requirement as part of the Remediation Strategy to treat, reuse or remove contaminated material on the site, the Environment Agency must be consulted, as these activities may need to be licensed or permitted. Contaminated materials identified for removal off site must be disposed of in an appropriately licensed landfill site.

"" Staffordshire Moorlands District Council is keen to liaise with all stakeholders involved in this application. As such, we recommend that a proposed scope of works is forwarded to the Environmental Protection Department and agreed in principle prior to site investigation works being undertaken. The Environmental Protection Department is also prepared to review draft copies of reports prior to final submission to the Planning Department in order to

ensure that works undertaken are sufficient to discharge the contaminated land conditions.

X *B.J. Haywood*

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Signed by: Ben Haywood

**On behalf of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council**

## NOTES

1. Approval under the Building Regulations may also be required. Advice in this respect can be obtained by contacting DBCP Limited, Web: [dbcp.co.uk](http://dbcp.co.uk); Email: [info@dbcp.co.uk](mailto:info@dbcp.co.uk) ; Tel: 0333 880 2000.
1. Where a vehicle is often driven across a grass verge or kerbed footway to and from premises adjoining a highway, the occupier of the premises may, be required to pay the cost of construction of a crossing, and/or may be required to comply with conditions, imposed by the Authority. You should contact the Highway Authority at Staffordshire County Council.
2. This consent is granted subject to conditions and it is the owner(s) and the person(s) responsible for the implementation of the development who will be fully responsible for their compliance throughout the development and beyond. An application will need to be made to discharge conditions and a fee is payable with the application. For more details please refer to our web site: [www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk](http://www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk) If there is a condition that requires work to be carried out or details to be approved prior to the commencement of the development this is called a "condition precedent". The following should be noted with regards to conditions precedent:
  - (a) If a condition precedent is not complied with, the whole of the development will be unauthorised and you may be liable to enforcement action.
  - (b) Where a condition precedent is breached and the development is unauthorised, the only way to rectify the development is the submission of a new application.
3. Other conditions on this permission must also be complied with. Failure to comply with any condition may render the owner(s) and the person(s) responsible for the implementation of the development liable to enforcement action.
4. The permission is granted in strict accordance with the approved plans. It should be noted however that:
  - (a) Any variation from the approved plans following commencement of the development irrespective of the degree of variation will constitute unauthorised development and may be liable to enforcement action.
  - (b) Variation to the approved plans will require the submission of a new planning application.
5. If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
6. If the decision to refuse planning permission is for a householder application, and you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 12 weeks

of the date of this notice.

7. If this is a decision to refuse planning permission for a minor commercial application, and you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice.
8. If this is a decision to refuse express consent for the display of an advertisement, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 8 weeks of the date of receipt of this notice.
9. If you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision for any other type of development, including listed building consents then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice Appeals must be made using a form which you can get from the Secretary of State at Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN (Tel: 0303 444 5000) or online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
10. The Secretary of State 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 Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission 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.
11. If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted. In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council (District Council, London Borough Council or Common Council of the City of London) in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
12. Domestic sprinklers  
Fire sprinklers operate automatically even if you are not at home releasing water directly over the source of the fire and sounding the alarm, they are unobtrusive and easy to install. Sprinklers are NOT expensive; normally costing around 1-2% of the cost of construction of a new building. The use of sprinklers will usually allow design freedoms as well, which can reduce construction costs and improve usability and design freedoms of the building. The chance of an accidental discharge is 16,000,000:1  
If you would like further advice please contact Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service ([www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk](http://www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk))
13. Working smoke alarms correctly positioned in your home can save your life.

The Fire Service recommends you have smoke alarms on every floor of your home, including in each bedroom, and make sure you test your smoke alarms at least once a month. Although the application of approved guidance and enforcement of regulations will give buildings the legally required baseline of fire protection, the Fire Service's viewpoint is many of these fall short of what we would consider adequate. This is why we campaign for the inclusion of sprinklers.