

North York Moors National Park Authority

Delegated decision report

Application reference number: NYM/2022/0219

Development description: demolition of existing stone building and construction of plant and machinery storage building

Site address: Sandfield House Farm, Sandsend Road, Sandsend

Parish: Newholm-Cum-Dunsley

Case officer: Miss Megan O'Mara

Applicant: Sandfield House Caravan Park

fao: Mr C Horrocks, Sandfield House Farm, Sandsend Road, Sandsend, Whitby, YO21 3SR

Agent: BHD Partnership

fao: Mr Neil Duffield, Airy Hill Manor, Waterstead Lane, Whitby, YO21 1QB

Director of Planning's Recommendation

Approval subject to the following:

Condition(s)

Condition number	Condition code	Condition text
1	TIME01	<p>Standard Three Year Commencement Date</p> <p>The development hereby permitted shall be commenced before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.</p>
2	PLAN02	<p>Strict Accordance With the Plans/Specifications or Minor Variations</p> <p>The development hereby approved shall be only carried out in strict accordance with the detailed specifications and plans comprised in the application hereby approved or in accordance with any minor variation thereof that may be approved by the Local Planning Authority.</p>
3	RSU001	<p>The premises shall be used for storage associated with the Caravan Park at Sandfield House Farm and for no other purpose (including any other purpose in Class B of the Schedule to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 2020 (as amended) (or in any provision equivalent to that Class in any statutory instrument revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification).</p>
4	GACS07	<p>External Lighting - Submit Details</p> <p>No external lighting shall be installed in the development hereby permitted until details of lighting have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The lighting shall be installed in accordance with the details so approved and shall be maintained in that condition in perpetuity.</p>
5	MATS19	<p>Roof Colouring (insert)</p> <p>The external surface of the roof of the building hereby permitted shall be coloured and thereafter maintained dark grey and shall be maintained in that condition in perpetuity unless otherwise be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.</p>
6	MATS00	<p>Notwithstanding the plans submitted, the lower section of the building is to be constructed of stone coloured fairface block,</p>

		unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
Reason(s) for condition(s)		
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1	TIME01	To ensure compliance with Sections 91 to 94 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended.
2	PLAN00	For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure that the details of the development comply with the provisions of NYM Strategic Policy A and NYM Strategic Policy C, which seek to conserve and enhance the special qualities of the NYM National Park.
3	RSU000	In order to enable the Local Planning Authority to retain control over future changes of use to the property which would otherwise be permitted by the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 2010 (or in any provision equivalent to that Class in any statutory instrument revoking and re-enacting that Order) or the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (or any order revoking and re-enacting that Order), and to comply with the provisions of Strategic Policies A and C of the North York Moors Local Plan , which seek to enhance and conserve the special qualities of the National Park and ensure that development does not have an adverse effect on the amenities of adjoining occupiers.
4	GACS00	In order to comply with the provisions of Strategic Policy A of the North York Moors Local Plan which seeks to ensure that new development does not detract from the quality of life of local residents.
5	MATS00	For the avoidance of doubt and in order to comply with the provisions of NYM Strategic Policy A and NYM Strategic Policy C which seek to ensure that the appearance of the development is compatible with the character of the locality and that the special qualities of the National Park are safeguarded.
6	MATS00	For the avoidance of doubt and in order to comply with the provisions of NYM Strategic Policy A and NYM Strategic Policy C which seek to ensure that building materials are of a high quality and compatible with the character of the locality and that the special qualities of the National Park are safeguarded.

Informative(s)

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1	MISCINF01	<p>Bats</p> <p>All bats and their roosts are fully protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000) and are further protected under Regulation 39(1) of the Conservation (Natural Habitats etc.) Regulations 1994. Should any bats or evidence of bats be found prior to or during development, work must stop immediately and Natural England contacted on 0300 060 3900 for further advice. This is a legal requirement under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and applies to whoever carries out the work. All contractors on site should be made aware of this requirement and given information to contact Natural England or the Bat Conservation Trust national helpline on 0845 1300 228.</p>
2	MISCINF12	<p>Birds</p> <p>Under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), wild birds are protected from being killed, injured or captured, while their nests and eggs are protected from being damaged, destroyed or taken. In addition, certain species such as the Barn Owl are included in Schedule 1 of the Act and are protected against disturbance while nesting and when they have dependent young. Offences against birds listed in Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act are subject to special penalties. An up-to-date list of the species in Schedule 1 is available from Natural England http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/regulation/wildlife/species/speciallyprotectedbirds.aspx. Further information on wildlife legislation relating to birds can be found at www.rspb.org.uk/images/WBATL_tcm9-132998.pdf.</p> <p>If advice is needed please contact the National Park Authority's Conservation Department on 01439 772700 or conservation@northyorkmoors.org.uk.</p>
3	INFO0	<p>Swift (<i>Apus apus</i>) populations are declining in the UK due to the loss of nest sites in roof spaces as old buildings are renovated or demolished. Swifts occupy nest sites between May and August, making little noise and causing no mess or smell. Swift populations can be supported by the inclusion of simple and affordable measures during building construction or renovation, such as purpose-made 'swift bricks' or the creation of small loft voids. Guidance can be found on the Swift Conservation website; https://www.swift-conservation.org/ with additional</p>

		swift box ideas from Action for Swifts; http://actionforswifts.blogspot.com/search/label/nestbox%20design
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Consultation responses

Parish

No objection – 21 May 2022

Publicity expiry

Advertisement/site notice expiry date: 17 June 2022



This photo shows the existing storage building to be replaced by the proposed structure.

Background

Sandfield House Farm is an established caravan park. The site comprises the main farmhouse, various traditional outbuildings and facility buildings for the caravan park. The outbuildings are mix of stone and brick construction under pantile. Planning permission was granted in 2004 for the conversion of one of the outbuildings to form a holiday let and a further scheme was granted in 2020 to convert other traditional outbuildings into holiday letting units and a local occupancy dwelling.

This application seeks planning permission for the demolition of an existing poor quality, flat roof storage building, together with the construction of the replacement blockwork and profiled sheet building. The proposed building is for storage purposes of machinery associated with the existing caravan park business.

Main issues

Local Plan Policies

Strategic Policy A relates to Achieving National Park Purposes and Sustainable Development. Within the North York Moors National Park a positive approach to new development will be taken, in line with the presumption in favour of sustainable development set out in the National Planning Policy Framework and where decisions are consistent with National Park statutory purposes. New development should conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park and also promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park by the public. Where there is an irreconcilable conflict between the statutory purposes the Sandford Principle will be applied and greater weight will be attached to the first purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park.

Strategic Policy C relates to the quality and design of development within the National Park. The policy seeks to ensure that proposed development maintains and enhances the distinctive character of the National Park through appropriate siting, orientation, layout and density together with carefully considered scale, height, massing and form. Proposals should incorporate good quality construction materials and design details that reflect and complement the architectural character and form of the original building and/or that of the local vernacular.

Strategic Policy J relates specifically to tourism and recreation. The policy states that development will be supported where it is consistent with the principles of sustainable tourism, does not lead to unacceptable harm to the local landscape character or an ecological or archaeological asset and where it provides and protects opportunities for all people to increase their awareness, understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park in a manner that will not undermine the enjoyment of those qualities by other visitors or the quality of life of residents. The development should be of high quality, scale and design that takes into account and reflects the

sensitivity of the local landscape. The development must not compromise the enjoyment of existing tourism and recreational facilities or Public Rights of Way and must not lead to unacceptable harm in terms of noise and activity to the immediate neighbourhood.

Discussion

The proposed development involves the removal of an existing storage building, together with the construction of a replacement building on a larger footprint. The existing building is a poor-quality stone and timber structure with a flat roof and is no longer fit for purpose in terms of structural stability but also in scale. A larger and more secure building is required to meet the storage needs of the caravan park business on site.

The replacement building will be 148 square metres with stone coloured fair faced concrete blockwork and green profiled sheet walls and roller shutter door. The building measures 4m to the eaves.

The proposed building is considered to be of appropriate design, materials and scale, reflective of the purpose of the building and it is not considered that the development will have a detrimental impact on the wider area. The scheme is in line with the Authority's Design Guidance and adopted policies and no objections have been submitted in response to the application.

In view of the above, the application is recommended for approval.

Explanation of how the Authority has worked positively with the applicant/agent

The Authority's Officers have appraised the scheme against the Development Plan and other material considerations and confirmed to the applicant/agent that the development is likely to improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area.