

Our Ref: 26/02084/FUL
Your Ref: ST GEORGES ALLOTMENTS
MELBOURN

27 July 2026



Chairman Christopher Selway
on behalf of St Georges Allotment
Association

South Cambridgeshire Hall
Cambourne Business Park
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Dear Chairman Selway

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Application for Planning Permission

Proposal: Installation of a waterless toilet cabin and the installation of new fencing and replace the current pedestrian and vehicle entrance gates

Site address: St Georges Allotment Gardens The Moor Melbourn Cambridgeshire

Your client: Deputy Clerk, Melbourn PC Alex Coxall on behalf of Melbourn Parish Council

Further in the above matter, please find enclosed our formal decision notice relating to your client's application for planning permission. Please be sure to remind your client that the scheme should be carried out in line with the approved plans. This will avoid the need for any enforcement action.

Making changes to the approved plans

In the event that you wish to change your proposal, please contact your case officer who will advise you on whether the change can be dealt with as a "non-material" or "material" amendment. In either case you will have to complete a form and provide fresh drawings.

Important information regarding conditions

If you have been granted Planning Permission / Listed Building Consent / Advertisement Consent you may wish to get started immediately, however it is always important to carefully read the decision notice in full before any work begins.

The majority of planning decisions have conditions attached. Some conditions request further information that requires approval by the Local Planning Authority before any

development takes place ('pre-commencement'). All conditions are set out on the decision notice.

Under Section 7 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, it is a criminal offence to carry out unauthorised works to a listed building. Under Section 9 of the Act, a person shall be guilty of an offence should they fail to comply with any condition attached to the consent.

How do I discharge the conditions

Please note that the process takes up to eight weeks from the date the Local Planning Authority receives a valid application. Therefore it is important to plan ahead and allow plenty of time before work is due to commence.

You need to fill in a form to submit your request to discharge conditions, and accompany the relevant details/samples. You can download the necessary form by using the following link: <https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org>

Alternatively you can submit an application to discharge the conditions through the Government's Planning Portal website: <https://www.planningportal.co.uk/applications>. Please note, The Planning Portal refers to it as 'Approval of details reserved by a condition'.

When the required information has been submitted you will receive a reference and an acknowledgement letter. Once the Local Planning Authority is satisfied that the requirement of the condition have been met you will receive a formal notification that the conditions have been discharged.

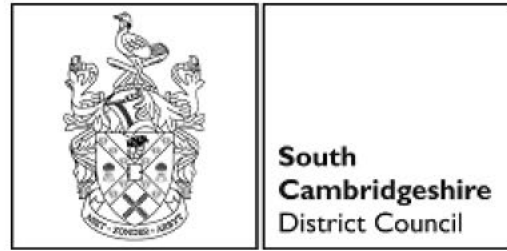
Appeals against conditions

You should also be aware that the applicant has the right to appeal against any conditions attached to this Notice, please see <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision> for details. If you are concerned about any condition you should contact the case officer in the first instance for advice.

Yours sincerely



SJ Kelly
Joint Director For Planning & Economic Development For
Cambridge & South Cambridgeshire



Notice of Planning Permission

Subject to conditions

Reference 26/02084/FUL
Date of Decision 27 July 2026

Chairman Christopher Selway
on behalf of St Georges Allotment Association



The Council hereby GRANTS Planning Permission for:

Installation of a waterless toilet cabin and the installation of new fencing and replace the current pedestrian and vehicle entrance gates

at

St Georges Allotment Gardens The Moor Melbourn Cambridgeshire

In accordance with your application received on 3 June 2026 and the plans, drawings and documents which form part of the application.

Conditions

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

Reason: In accordance with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004).

- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans as listed on this decision notice.

Reason: In the interests of good planning, for the avoidance of doubt and to facilitate any future application to the Local Planning Authority under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

- 3 The materials to be used in the external construction of the development, hereby permitted, shall follow the specifications in accordance with the details specified within the approved plans and application form unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure the external appearance of the development does not detract from the character and appearance of the area in accordance with Policy HQ/1 of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2018.

- 4 The gates hereby approved shall be hung to not open outwards and no part of any structure (including the foundations and footings for the proposed fence and its supports) shall overhang or encroach under or upon the adopted public highway.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety (NPPF 2024 Paragraph 116).

Biodiversity Net Gain Informative

The effect of paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 is that planning permission granted for development of land in England is deemed to have been granted subject to the condition (biodiversity gain condition) that development may not begin unless:

- a) a Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority, and
- b) the planning authority has approved the plan.

The planning authority, for the purposes of determining whether to approve a Biodiversity Gain Plan, if one is required in respect of this permission, would be South Cambridgeshire District Council.

There are statutory exemptions, transitional arrangements and requirements relating to irreplaceable habitat which mean that the biodiversity gain condition does not always apply.

In the opinion of the South Cambridgeshire District Council (the local planning authority), one or more of the exemptions / transitional arrangements are considered to apply and a Biodiversity Gain Condition is not required to be approved before development is begun.

Informatives

- 1 The applicant is reminded that, under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended (section 1), it is an offence to remove, damage, or destroy the nest of any wild bird while that nest is in use or being built. Planning consent for a development does not provide a defence against prosecution under this act.

Trees, hedges and scrub are likely to contain nesting birds between 1st March and 31st August inclusive. Trees and scrub are present on the application site and are assumed to contain nesting birds between the above dates, unless a recent survey has been undertaken by a competent ecologist to assess the nesting bird activity on site during this period and has shown it is absolutely certain that nesting birds are not present.

Plans and drawings

This decision notice relates to the following drawings:

Reference/Document/Drawing Title	Date Received
ELEVATIONS AND FLOOR PLAN	03.06.2026
LOCATION PLAN	03.06.2026
SITE PLAN 1	03.06.2026
SITE PLAN 2	03.06.2026

It is important the development is carried out fully in accordance with these plans. If you are an agent, please ensure that your client has a copy of them and that they are also

passed to the contractor carrying out the development. A copy of the approved plan(s) is/are kept on the planning application file.

Authorisation

Authorised by:



SJ Kelly
Joint Director For Planning & Economic Development For
Cambridge & South Cambridgeshire

South Cambridgeshire Hall
Cambourne Business Park
Cambourne
Cambridge
CB23 6EA

Date the decision was made: 27 July 2026

Working with the applicant

The LPA positively encourages pre-application discussions. Details of this advice service can be found at <https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org>. If a proposed development requires revisions to make it acceptable the LPA will provide an opinion as to how this might be achieved. The LPA will work with the applicant to advise on what information is necessary for the submission of an application and what additional information might help to minimise the need for planning conditions. When an application is acceptable, but requires further details, conditions will be used to make a development acceptable. Joint Listed Building and Planning decisions will be issued together. Where applications are refused clear reasons for refusal will identify why a development is unacceptable and will help the applicant to determine whether and how the proposal might be revised to make it acceptable.

In relation to this application, it was considered and the process managed in accordance with paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

General Notes

This decision notice does not convey any approval or consent which may be required under any enactment, bye-law, order or regulation other than Section 57 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Your attention is specifically drawn to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and the Equality Act (Disability) regulations 2010, the British Standards Institution BS8300:2009 "Design of Buildings and their approaches to meet the needs of disabled people – Code of Practice" and to Approved Document 'M' "Access to and use of buildings", volumes 1 and 2 of the Building Regulations 2010 and to Approved Document 'B' "Fire Safety", volumes 1 and 2 of the Building Regulations 2010, in request of guidance on means of escape for disabled people. The development should comply with these requirements as applicable

It is an offence under Section 171 of the Highways Act 1980 to temporarily deposit building materials, rubbish or other things on the public highway or make a temporary excavation on it without the written consent of the Highway Authority. The Highway Authority may give its consent subject to such conditions as it thinks fit.

The applicant is reminded that under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981(Section 1) (as amended) it is an offence to take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while that nest is in use or being built. Trees and scrub are likely to contain nesting birds between 1 March and 31 August. Trees within the application should be assumed to contain nesting birds between the above dates unless a survey has shown it is absolutely certain that nesting birds are not present.

Building Regulations

Your planning application may also require Building Regulations consent. Please follow the link below for more information and to make your application or call us on 0300 7729622 to discuss your project.

www.3csharedservices.org/building-control/what-are-building-regulations/

Appeals to the Secretary of State

The applicant has a right to appeal to the Secretary of State against any conditions of this planning permission, under Section 78 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990. The appeal must be made on a form which may be obtained from:

The Planning Inspectorate,
Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol. BS1 6PN
Telephone 0303 444 5000 or visit
<https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision>

If an enforcement notice is or has been served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within: **28 days** of the date of service of the enforcement notice, **OR** within **6 months** (12 weeks in the case of a householder or minor commercial appeal) of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he 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 him 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.

In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the Local Planning Authority based their decision on a direction given by him.

Purchase Notices

If the Local Planning Authority or the Secretary of State grants permission subject to conditions the owner may claim that he/she 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 to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Before starting work

It is important that all conditions, particularly pre-commencement conditions, are fully complied with, and where appropriate, discharged prior to the implementation of the development. Failure to discharge such conditions may invalidate the planning permission granted. The development must be carried out fully in accordance with the requirements of any details approved by condition.

Street Naming and Numbering

In order to obtain an official postal address, any new buildings should be formally registered with South Cambridgeshire District Council. Unregistered addresses cannot be passed to Royal Mail for allocation of postcodes.

Applicants can find additional information, a scale of charges and an application form at <https://www.3csharedservices.org/building-control/street-naming-and-numbering/>. Alternatively, applicants can contact the Street Naming and Numbering Team by emailing: snn@3csharedservices.org.

Please note new addresses cannot be assigned by the Council until planning permission has been received.

Third Party Rights to challenge a planning decision

Currently there are no third party rights of appeal through the planning system against a decision of a Local Planning Authority. Therefore, if you have concerns about a planning application and permission is granted, you cannot appeal that decision.

Any challenge under current legislation would have to be made outside the planning system through a process called Judicial Review.

A 'claim for judicial review' includes a claim to review the lawfulness of a decision, action or failure to act in relation to the exercise of a public function, in this case, a planning decision. The court's permission to proceed is required in a claim for Judicial Review. A claim for Judicial Review is dealt with by the Administrative Court and if leave to judicially review a planning decision is granted, the Judicial Review will be decided by a judge at the High Court.

An application to Judicial Review a decision must be made within **6 weeks** of the decision about which you have a grievance being made. For further information on judicial review and the contact details for the Administrative Courts, please go to <http://www.justice.gov.uk/>