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## **Important – Planning permission and notices of consent**

### **Compliance with conditions**

Your planning approval is attached. It may contain conditions that you must comply with.

- Please read the conditions and understand their requirements and restrictions. If you fail to comply with the conditions this may result in a breach of planning control and this may lead to enforcement action.

Failure to comply with conditions may also result in the development not being lawful.

**Notice of Decision  
Town and Country Planning Act 1990  
Town and Country Planning (Development  
Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015  
Approval of Permission**

To: Sean Currie

**Application No:** 6/2023/1284/LAWP

**Date of Approval:** 14 August 2023

**WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL, hereby certify that on the application date, the operations/development described in the First Schedule hereto in respect of the land specified in the Second Schedule hereto and edged red on the plan attached to this certificate would have been lawful within the meaning of section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.**

**First Schedule:** Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed conversion of garage to habitable use, to include 2 no. rooflights to the front roof slope and 1 no. rooflight to the rear roof slope and new porch to the front elevation.

**Second Schedule:** 178 Dragon Road Hatfield AL10 9NZ

**Applicant:** Mr Serge Nkudi

**Application Date:** 20 June 2023

1. The proposed works are permitted development by virtue of Schedule 2, Part 1, Class A (enlargement, improvement or alteration), Class D (consisting of the erection or construction of a porch outside any external door of the dwellinghouse) and Class C (any other alteration to the roof) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended.

**DRAWING NUMBERS**

2. The development/works shall not be started and completed other than in accordance with the approved plans and details:

<b>Plan Number</b>	<b>Revision Number</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Received Date</b>
E101	2	Existing front elevation	14 August 2023
E102	2	Existing rear elevation	14 August 2023
E103	2	Existing ground floor plan	14 August 2023
E104	2	Existing first floor plan	14 August 2023

E105	2	Existing roof plan	14 August 2023
E106	2	Proposed front elevation	14 August 2023
E107	2	Proposed rear elevation	14 August 2023
E108	2	Proposed ground floor plan	14 August 2023
E109	2	Proposed roof plan	14 August 2023
		Location plan	20 June 2023

REASON: To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved plans and details.

### **Informative(s)**

1. This permission does not convey any consent which may be required under any legislation other than the Town and Country Planning Acts. Any permission required under the Building Regulations or under any other Act, must be obtained from the relevant authority or body e.g. Fire Officer, Health and Safety Executive, Environment Agency (water interest etc.) Neither does this permission negate or override any private covenants or legal interest (easements or wayleaves) which may affect the land.

2. In addition, and separate to your planning permission, for the majority of schemes, you are required by law to appoint a building regulator who will inspect your property at various stages during the course of your building project. This is to ensure it is compliant with the Building Regulations and the Building Act 1984.

The checks the building regulator will carry out include, but are not limited to, the structure, foundations, fire precautions and escape routes, electrical and plumbing compliance and other issues such as drainage and insulation. The objective of these checks is to ensure that your building is safe to live in, accessible and environmentally sustainable.

Once all build stages are checked and the works are finished, a Completion Certificate is issued confirming that these objectives have been met. You will also need the Completion Certificate, should you sell the property, as it will confirm to future owners that the work has been carried out in compliance with the Regulations.

As the owner of the property, you are responsible for Building Regulations compliance so we would urge you to decide which regulator to use, as opposed to leaving your builder or architect to make the choice. This is so that you can be sure the building regulator is truly independent and working to protect you from any breach or omission during the works.

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contact them on 01438 879990 or at [buildingcontrol@hertfordshirebc.co.uk](mailto:buildingcontrol@hertfordshirebc.co.uk) to discuss the process and all that is involved. Or alternatively refer to the Homeowner Information section on their website at [www.hertfordshirebc.co.uk](http://www.hertfordshirebc.co.uk)



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**Assistant Director (Planning)**



### **Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

1. This certificate is issued solely for the purpose of section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
2. It certifies that the operation/development specified in the First Schedule taking place on the land described in the Second Schedule would have been lawful, on the specified date and, thus would not have been liable to enforcement action under section 172 of the 1990 Act on that date.
3. This certificate applies only to the extent of the operation/development described in the First Schedule and to the land specified in the Second Schedule and identified on the attached plan. Any operation/development which is materially different from that described or which relates to other land may render the owner or occupier liable to enforcement action.
4. The effect of the certificate is also qualified by the proviso in section 192(4) of the 1990 Act, as amended, which states that the lawfulness of a described use or operation/development is only conclusively presumed where there has been no material change, before the use is instituted or the operation/development began, in any of the matters relevant to determining such lawfulness.



## WHY HERTFORDSHIRE BUILDING CONTROL?



Hertfordshire Building Control are owned by seven local authorities in Hertfordshire. In effect, as a resident in Hertfordshire, you own Hertfordshire Building Control. Any profit we make is returned to those local authorities who reinvest it into our communities, which you as a resident will benefit from. Therefore, by using our services you benefit from our experienced and knowledgeable team of surveyors, and also from the investment made in the community by Local Authorities.

Being accountable to the public in this way means that we will not be compromised by people or organisations, and when things go wrong - for example buildings becoming dangerous as a result of poor building practices and improper inspections - we are the people who are called in to ensure that the area is made safe and further losses minimised.

Use Hertfordshire Building Control early on in your project to **prevent** such occurrences rather than having us being called in to **cure** them.

## WHAT HERTFORDSHIRE BUILDING CONTROL OFFERS:

- A truly independent service working on behalf of the property owner and accountable to the residents of Hertfordshire;
- Surveyors with the skills and experience to lead the compliance process ensuring that your property meets the standards required by Building Regulations
- A team, with the capacity to provide a responsive service, ensuring that your project will be inspected when it needs to be and will not be held up;
- The technology to increase surveyor time on site and improve our service to our customers;
- A one stop shop for all related activities including air testing, acoustic testing, engineering and SAP calculations and warranties;
- A company that returns 100% of its profits back to Local Authorities for investment in the community.

## NEXT STEPS

Contact us as early as possible to make sure we can help you through the process. If you are sure about the type of building application you need to make, you can download the forms online at [www.hertfordshirebc.co.uk](http://www.hertfordshirebc.co.uk)

If you have any concerns or questions then please call us on **020 8207 7456** or email [buildingcontrol@hertfordshirebc.co.uk](mailto:buildingcontrol@hertfordshirebc.co.uk)

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### WHAT IS BUILDING CONTROL?

Building Control ensures that architects, builders, and other professionals in the construction industry adhere to the Building Regulations when designing and building structures. The Building Regulations set the standards for the design and construction of buildings to ensure that they are safe, accessible and energy efficient.

### DOES MY PROJECT NEED BUILDING CONTROL APPROVAL?

Projects that involve extensions, structural changes, loft or garage conversions or changes to electrical wiring will - in the vast majority of cases - need Building Control certification. It is a legal requirement.

To check whether your project requires building control approval please call one of our qualified surveyors on **020 8207 7456**, who will be happy to advise you. Or contact us at the following email address [buildingcontrol@herfordshirebc.co.uk](mailto:buildingcontrol@herfordshirebc.co.uk). Alternatively, there is a lot of useful advice contained on our website, [www.herfordshirebc.co.uk](http://www.herfordshirebc.co.uk).

### WHY DO I NEED BUILDING CONTROL?

There is a legal requirement that work carried out on buildings including alterations, extensions and loft conversions are inspected and certified by an authorised Building Control body. Building Control protects the interests of the property owner ensuring that architects and builders adhere to the standards required in the Building Regulations. Sadly, there are a number of rogue operators who will cut corners to save themselves money and in doing so cause buildings to be unsafe, difficult to access or exit, and energy inefficient. The building control surveyor is there to ensure that standards are adhered to and to certify the work carried out. This is not only important for you when living in your property but also when you come to sell it, as it could delay or prevent a sale if the appropriate certification has not been completed.

### IS THIS DIFFERENT FROM PLANNING?

Building Control is separate from planning which deals with the appearance of buildings and how they fit into their environment. Your project may also need planning consent, which is a different process.

You may be receiving this advice note because you have submitted plans to your Local Authority planning department; if not you will need to contact them to discuss planning requirements. Links to contact Local Authority Planning departments are on our website.

### WHAT DO BUILDING CONTROL SURVEYORS DO?

Building Control Surveyors work on behalf of the property owner and with architects, builders and other construction professionals to lead the compliance process, certifying that buildings conform to Building Regulations. The mission of Herfordshire Building Control is to ensure quality buildings and add value for our customers and communities by leading the compliance process. Essentially the surveyor protects the interests of the property owner and should therefore be independent of the architect and/or builder. Make sure that it is you and not your builder or architect who selects your Building Control provider, or that you have carried out the necessary due diligence.