

CUMBERLAND COUNCIL DELEGATED PLANNING DECISION

1.	Reference No:	4/25/2273/0F1
2.	Proposed Development:	PROPOSED SELF-BUILD DOMESTIC DWELLING
3.	Location:	PLOT 19, BONNY MEADOWS, MORESBY PARKS
4.	Parish:	Moresby
5.	Constraints:	ASC;Adverts - ASC;Adverts, Coal - Standing Advice - Data Subject To Change, HighPressurePipeline - High Pressure Pipeline
6.	Publicity Representations & Policy	See Report
7.	Report: Site and Location: <p>The Application Site comprises Plot 19 of Bonny Meadows, Moresby Parks.</p> <p>Bonny Meadows comprises a parcel of agricultural land located to the north of School Brow, Moresby Parks.</p> <p>Bonny Meadows is enclosed by the highway known as School Brow to the south; the highway known as Moresby Parks Road to the east; open agricultural land to the north; and, a combination of dwellings and agricultural land to the west.</p> <p>Bonny Meadows slopes gently from north to south and east to west.</p> <p>Bonny Meadows is enclosed by a combination of fences, stone walls and hedgerows.</p> Directly Relevant Planning Application History:	

Application ref. 4/16/2175/0O1 – Outline Application For Residential Development – Approved subject to planning conditions and a Section 106 Agreement.

Application ref. 4/16/2175/0O1 included two parcels of land denoted as Site A and Site B. Site A comprises land to the west of Moresby Parks School and Site B comprises the current Application Site.

Application ref. 4/21/2327/0R1 approved the reserved matters of scale, layout, access, appearance (part) and landscaping (part) pursuant to the approval of Outline Planning Permission for residential development on the Application Site i.e. Site B of application ref. 4/16/2175/0O1.

Application ref. 4/23/2162/0R1 approved the reserved matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline planning approval 4/16/2175/0O1 for Plots 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18 and 19.

Proposal:

This application seeks Full Planning Permission for the erection of a single self-build dwelling on Plot 19 of the Application Site.

The proposal comprises a 4-bedroom two storey dwelling under a dual pitched roof structure with integral garage. Primary living accommodation is proposed at ground floor level.

Dual pitched gable features are proposed to the front elevation.

It is proposed to finish the dwelling with facing brick and anthracite wall cladding to the elevations and Marley Modern roof tiles to the roof structure.

Grey coloured uPVC or aluminum windows and doors are proposed.

The Application Site comprises part of a self-build housing development. The Developer is to provide all of the required infrastructure including access and services etc. to serve each individual plot. The plot purchasers are free to design and build their own dwellings subject to agreed limitations in relation to scale and layout and an approved Design Code prepared by the Developer.

The junction with the public highway, highway within the development site and drainage infrastructure is substantially complete and a number of the dwellings have been constructed or their construction is underway.

The proposals were amended during the course of the planning application to provide clarity in relation to position of the boundary treatments, amend the boundary around the parking

spaces from timber to masonry, specify boundary planting and incorporate drainage to prevent surface water discharge onto the highway.

Given the scale and nature of the revisions, re-consultation was not deemed necessary.

Consultee:	Nature of Response:
Parish Council	None received.
Highways and LLFA	As this falls under our Service Level Agreement (SLA), this application does not need to be submitted to the Local Highway Authority or Lead Local Flood Authority; subject to the highway and drainage aspects of such applications being considered in accordance with the Agreement. The highway and drainage implications of this application can therefore be decided by the Local Planning Authority.
United Utilities	None received.
Northern Gas Networks	<p><i>12th August 2025</i></p> <p>Object to the planning application on the grounds that the protection given to our plant may be diminished by the works you intend to carry out.</p> <p><i>14th August 2025</i></p> <p>Now willing to rely on our statutory powers and so withdraw our objection.</p>

Neighbour Responses:

The application has been advertised by way of a site notice and neighbour notification letters.

No representations have been received.

Development Plan

On 1st April 2023, Copeland Borough Council ceased to exist and was replaced by Cumberland Council as part of the Local Government Reorganisation of Cumbria.

Cumberland Council inherited the local development plan documents of each of the sovereign Councils including Copeland Borough Council, which combine to form a Consolidated Planning Policy Framework for Cumberland.

The inherited local development plan documents continue to apply to the geographic area of their sovereign Councils only.

The Consolidated Planning Policy Framework for Cumberland comprises the Development Plan for Cumberland Council until replaced by a new Cumberland Local Plan.

Copeland Local Plan 2021 - 2039 (LP):

Cumberland Council continued the preparation of the LP as commenced by Copeland Borough Council.

The LP was adopted by Cumberland Council on the 5th November 2024 replacing the Copeland Local Plan 2013-2028 and the saved policies of the Copeland Local Plan 2001-2016.

Strategic Policy DS1: Settlement Hierarchy
Strategic Policy DS2: Settlement Boundaries
Strategic Policy DS3: Planning Obligations
Policy DS4: Design and Development Standards
Policy DS5: Hard and Soft Landscaping
Strategic Policy DS6: Reducing Flood Risk
Policy DS7: Sustainable Drainage
Policy DS8: Soils, Contamination and Land Stability
Policy DS9: Protecting Air Quality
Strategic Policy H1: Improving the Housing Offer
Strategic Policy H2: Housing Requirement
Strategic Policy H3: Housing Delivery
Strategic Policy H4: Distribution of Housing
Policy H6: New Housing Development
Policy H7: Housing Density and Mix
Strategic Policy H8: Affordable Housing
Policy H11: Community-led, Self-build and Custom Build housing
Strategic Policy SC1: Health and Wellbeing
Strategic Policy N1: Conserving and Enhancing Biodiversity and Geodiversity
Strategic Policy N3: Biodiversity Net Gain
Policy N5: Protection of Water Resources
Strategic Policy N6: Landscape Protection
Strategic Policy N9: Green Infrastructure
Policy N14: Woodlands, Trees and Hedgerows
Strategic Policy CO2: Priority for improving transport networks within Copeland
Strategic Policy CO4: Sustainable Travel
Policy CO5: Transport Hierarchy
Policy CO7: Parking Standards

Other Key Material Planning Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).
 Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).
 National Design Guide (NDG).
 The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (CHSR).
 Cumbria Development Design Guide (CDDG).

Assessment:

Principle

Application ref. 4/16/2175/0O1 was considered by Members of the Planning Panel on the 18th January 2017. It was resolved that application ref. 4/16/2175/0O1 be approved subject to the Applicant entering into a Section 106 Agreement.

Due to the time taken to negotiate, prepare and execute the required Section 106 Agreement, application ref. 4/16/2175/0O1 was formally approved and the Decision Notice issued on the 10th August 2020.

Planning Condition 2 of application ref. 4/16/2175/0O1 requires that any application(s) for approval of the reserved matters shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority within three years of the date of the planning permission i.e. prior to the 10th August 2023 and that the development shall be commenced not later than 3 years from the date of the permission or 2 years from the final approval of the reserved matters.

Application ref. 4/21/2327/0R1 was submitted on the 19th July 2021 and was approved on the 2nd November 2022.

Application ref. 4/23/2162/0R1 was validated on the 12th June 2023 and approved on the 23rd January 2024.

As such, the principle of a detached executive style dwelling on the Application Site has been established.

Given the terms of Planning Condition 2 of application ref. 4/16/2175/0O1 it is not possible to progress a further reserved matters planning application in relation to Plot 19 and hence a Full Planning Application has been submitted.

Design and Landscape Impact

The overall form and layout of the development was approved under application ref. 4/21/2327/0R1. The layout follows the change in levels across the Application Site, with single storey dwellings to the east and two storey dwellings to the west, minimising the

overall finished floor and ridge levels of the development. The finished floor levels proposed follow the existing ground levels within and adjacent to the Application Site.

The proposed development aligns with the form and layout of the development approved under application ref. 4/21/2327/0R1 and 4/23/2162/0R1. The distances between the gable elevations and boundaries, and the gable elevations and facing windows accord with the provisions of application ref. 4/21/2327/0R1.

The proposed dwelling follows the same design principles as the dwellings approved elsewhere on the wider development.

The Design Code prepared by the Applicant does not form part of the current planning application; however, the proposed design aligns with its principles and limitations.

Residential Amenity

The interface separation distances achieved between the existing dwellings and proposed dwelling are acceptable to maintain residential amenity.

Given the scale, form and design of the proposed dwelling unacceptable adverse impacts will not result through overbearing, loss of light, overlooking or overshadowing.

Landscaping

A limited landscaping scheme has been submitted comprising hardstanding, grass cover, planting and masonry/timber enclosures to the side and rear boundaries.

Whilst the planting scheme is limited, it is not inappropriate in the context of the site and wider development.

Highways Impacts

It is proposed to access the dwelling via the access approved under application ref. 4/21/2327/0R1.

Off highway parking is proposed with access directly taken from the turning head approved under application ref. 4/21/2327/0R1.

The access and parking provision proposed are in accordance with the requirements of the Cumbria Development Design Guide.

Ecology

The Application Site currently comprises part of a construction compound and previously comprises grazing pasture; therefore, its ecological value is limited.

	<p>The proposed development comprises a self-build dwelling; therefore, a biodiversity net gain of 10% is not required to be delivered.</p> <p>The development is a self-build development as defined in section 1(A1) of the Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015 and the design of the proposed dwelling has been commissioned by the Applicants.</p> <p>An informative is imposed in relation to biodiversity net gain for information and clarity.</p> <p><u>Drainage</u></p> <p>It is proposed to dispose of foul water to the public main and to dispose of surface water to watercourse via a scheme of attenuation as approved under application ref. 4/21/2325/DOC and application ref. 4/21/2328/0F1.</p> <p>The design and capacity of the surface water drainage system and the means of maintenance and management are considered and secured under application ref. 4/21/2325/DOC and application ref. 4/21/2328/0F1.</p> <p>An ACO drain is proposed to prevent surface water from discharging from the proposed hardstanding onto the highway.</p> <p><u>Planning Balance</u></p> <p>The dwelling approved on the Application Site under application ref. 4/16/2175/0O1, application ref. 4/23/2162/0R1 and application ref. 4/21/2327/0R1 is a material planning consideration and establishes the principle of the development.</p> <p>In overall terms, subject to the planning conditions proposed, the proposed dwelling accords with the provisions of the development plan.</p>
8.	<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>Approve (commence within 3 years)</p>
9.	<p>Conditions:</p> <p>1. The development hereby permitted shall begin not later than three years from the date of this decision.</p> <p>Reason</p>

To comply 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 following approved plans and documents:

Planning Application Form

Proposed Site & Proposed Block Plan – Drawing No. P19-EW-001 Rev. -

Proposed Ground Floor Plan – Drawing No. P19-EW-002 Rev. -

Proposed First Floor Plan – Drawing No. P19-EW-003 Rev. -

Proposed Elevation Plans – Drawing No. P19-EW-004 Rev. -

Proposed North Elevation Plan – Drawing No. P19-EW-005 Rev. -

Proposed East Elevation Plan – Drawing No. P19-EW-007 Rev. -

Proposed South Elevation Plan – Drawing No. P19-EW-006 Rev. -

Proposed West Elevation Plan – Drawing No. P19-EW-008 Rev. -

Proposed Drainage Plan – Drawing No. P19-EW-009 Rev. -

Proposed Site Landscape Plan – Drawing No. P19-EW-010 Rev. A

Design and Access Statement (DAS) DAS-001 Plot 19, Land to the North of School Brow, Moresby Parks

Reason

For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

Pre-Occupation Planning Conditions

3. The dwelling hereby approved shall not be occupied until the vehicular access, parking provision and associated drainage to serve the dwelling have been constructed in accordance with the approved plan and brought into use. The vehicular access, parking provisions and associated drainage shall be retained and capable of use at all times thereafter and shall not be removed or altered.

Reason

To ensure a minimum standard of access provision when the development is brought into use in accordance with the provisions of Policy CO2 of the Copeland Local Plan 2021-2039.

Ground Conditions



Cumberland Council

4. In the event that contamination is found at any time when carrying out the approved development that was not previously identified it must be reported in writing within 14 days to the Local Planning Authority and once the Local Planning Authority has identified the part of the site affected by the unexpected contamination, development must be halted on that part of the site.

An assessment must be undertaken and where remediation is necessary a remediation scheme, together with a timetable for its implementation, must be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The measures in the approved remediation scheme must then be implemented in accordance with the approved timetable. Following completion of measures identified in the approved remediation scheme a validation report must be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason

To prevent harm to human health and the environment in accordance with the provisions of Policy DS8 of the Copeland Local Plan 2021-2039.

Construction Management

5. No construction work associated with the development hereby approved shall be carried out outside of the hours of 07.30 hours -18.00 hours Monday-Saturday, nor at any time on Sundays and bank holidays.

Reason

In the interests of neighbouring residential amenity in accordance with the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework.

6. The construction management details outlined in Design and Access Statement (DAS) DAS-001 Plot 19, Land to the North of School Brow, Moresby Parks shall be implemented for the duration of the construction period.

Reason

To prevent pollution and in the interests of neighbouring residential amenity in accordance with the provisions of Policy DS8, Policy N1, Policy N5 of the Copeland Local Plan 2021-2039 and the relevant provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Landscaping

7. All hard and soft landscape works are to be carried out in accordance with the approved details in the first planting season following completion of the development.

Any trees / shrubs which are removed, die, become severely damaged or diseased within five years of their planting shall be replaced in the next planting season with trees / shrubs of similar size and species to those originally required to be planted.

Reason

To safeguard and enhance the character of the area and secure high-quality landscaping in accordance with the requirements of Policy DS5 of the Copeland Local Plan 2021-2039.

Statement

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received, and subsequently determining to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework.

Informative

Biodiversity Net Gain – Exemption

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

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

The planning authority, for the purposes of the Biodiversity Gain Plan is Cumberland Council.

Based on the information available this permission is considered to be one which will not require the approval of a biodiversity gain plan before development is begun because one or more of the statutory exemptions or transitional arrangements is considered to apply.

Applicable exemption:

Self-build and custom build development

	<p>Development which: consists of no more than 9 dwellings, and is carried out on a site which has an area no larger than 0.5 hectares, and consists exclusively of dwellings which are self-build or custom housebuilding as defined in section 1(A1) of the <u>Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015</u>.</p>
Case Officer: C. Harrison	Date : 11.09.2025
Authorising Officer: N.J. Hayhurst	Date : 12/09/2025
Dedicated responses to:- N/A	