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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED).

NOTICE OF GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION

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FAO: Tony Wharton

APPLICATION No: 4/26/2179/0F1

**CONVERSION OF LOFT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BEDROOM TO EXISTING
FLAT, INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS AND ROOF LIGHTS ON FRONT
AND REAR ELEVATIONS AND INSTALLATION OF NEW FRONT ACCESS
DOOR**

21B CHURCH STREET, WHITEHAVEN

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The above application dated 05/06/2026 has been considered by the Council in pursuance of its powers under the above mentioned Act and PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED subject to the following conditions:

Standard Conditions

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

Reason

To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. Permission shall relate to the following plans and documents as received on the respective dates and development shall be carried out in accordance with them: -

Application form, received 5th August 2026;
Floors/Section, scales 1:40 and 1:50, drawing number 031-32/PR EX FK SEC A, received 2nd July 2026;
Site Location Plan, Block Plan and Elevations, scales 1:2500, 1:500 and 1:100, drawing number 030/SL BP PR EX EL Rev B, received 5th August 2026
Design, Access, Planning and Heritage Statement Rev B, written by Lofthouse Architectural, received 5th August 2026;
Survey for Bats, written by Cumbria Ecology, received 18th June 2026;

Reason

To conform with the requirement of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Other Conditions

3. A soft strip demolition of the roof must be undertaken under the supervision of an ecologist who holds a Level 2 Bat License with Natural England.

Reason

In order to ensure that no harm comes to any bats that may be in the roof or the vicinity of the building and in accordance with Policy N1 of the Copeland Local Plan 2021-2039.

4. Following approval of the development, construction activities that are audible at the site boundary must be carried out only between the following hours.

Monday to Friday 08.00 – 18.00 and Saturday 08.00 – 13.00 and at no time on Sunday or Bank Holiday.

Deliveries to and removal of plant, equipment, machinery and waste from the site must only take place within the permitted hours detailed above unless otherwise agreed with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason

In the interests of the amenities of surrounding occupiers during the construction of the development and in accordance with Policy DS4 of the Copeland Local Plan 2021-2039.

Informative Notes

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/are considered to apply.

Applicable exemptions: De minimis development.

Ecology

1) A bats-specific lighting scheme will be designed during construction to minimise light impact. This should be in line with the guidance note for Bats and Artificial Lighting (Bat Conservation Trust, 2023).

2) Works must be completed outside of the breeding bird period (March – August inclusive). If this is not possible a breeding bird check must be carried out no more than 48 hours prior to the planned development to ensure no birds and their nests are present within habitat/buildings that may be directly or indirectly impacted. If active nests are discovered an appropriate buffer zone must be established and works within that area ceased until the young have naturally fledged.

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.

Please read the accompanying notice

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13th August 2026

Iain Fairlamb
Service Manager for Development and Implementation
Thriving Places

**APPROVALS
(OUTLINE, FULL RESERVED MATTERS & HOUSEHOLDER)**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015**

PART 2

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Appeals to the Secretary of State

- 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.
- If you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice.
- Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision> . If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.
- 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.
- If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. [Further details are on GOV.UK.](#)

Purchase Notices

- 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 V1 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.