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Application for Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Postcode

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)

Northing (y)

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mrs

First name

Lynne

Surname

Todhunter

Company Name

Beck Bottom Community Garden Group

Address

Address line 1

Holly House

Address line 2

37 Holly Terrace

Address line 3

Hensingham

Town/City

Whitehaven

County

Cumbria

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

CA28 8RF

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Site Area

What is the measurement of the site area? (numeric characters only).

Unit

Description of the Proposal

Please note in regard to:

- **Fire Statements** - From 1 August 2021, planning applications for buildings of over 18 metres (or 7 stories) tall containing more than one dwelling will require a 'Fire Statement' for the application to be considered valid. There are some exemptions. [View government planning guidance on fire statements](#) or [access the fire statement template and guidance](#).
- **Permission In Principle** - If you are applying for Technical Details Consent on a site that has been granted Permission In Principle, please include the relevant details in the description below.
- **Public Service Infrastructure** - From 1 August 2021, applications for certain public service infrastructure developments will be eligible for faster determination timeframes. See help for further details or [view government planning guidance on determination periods](#).

Description

Please describe details of the proposed development or works including any change of use

Install a 2.1m x 2m flat-packed insulated garden store, incorporating trellis cladding designed to obscure the building from view.

The proposed store will be installed next to the current garden store to offer extra storage space for gardening equipment used by the Beck Bottom Community Garden Group.

Since its founding in 2019, Beck Bottom Community Garden Group has become well established. Over the past seven years, our number of volunteers has grown significantly. As discussed with Julian Smith, could we extend the planning application timeframe to five years

Has the work or change of use already started?

Yes

No

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

Is the site currently vacant?

Yes

No

Does the proposal involve any of the following? If Yes, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment with your application.

Land which is known to be contaminated

Yes

No

Land where contamination is suspected for all or part of the site

Yes

No

A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination

Yes

No

Materials

Does the proposed development require any materials to be used externally?

Yes

No

Please provide a description of existing and proposed materials and finishes to be used externally (including type, colour and name for each material)

Type:

Walls

Existing materials and finishes:

None

Proposed materials and finishes:

Pre-constructed metal container Wooden Trellis cladding to match existing and installed in accordance with the 'Trellis Drawing' submitted to the Local Planning Authority on 27th February 2023 and the 'Trellis Location Plan' submitted to the Local Planning Authority on 7th March 2023 and must be retained thereafter. Reason To ensure suitable screening is provided in accordance with Policy DM10 of the Copeland Local Plan". See Attached Drawings: Reference 3: Trellis for Cladding Photo Reference 4: Trellis for Cladding Drawing

Type:

Roof

Existing materials and finishes:

None

Proposed materials and finishes:

Pre-constructed metal container Roof See Attached: Reference 5: Insulated Store Brochure

Type:

Doors

Existing materials and finishes:

None

Proposed materials and finishes:

Pre-fabricated metal store door See Attached: Reference 5: Insulated Store Brochure

Type:

Windows

Existing materials and finishes:

None

Proposed materials and finishes:

None

Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

Base

Existing materials and finishes:

None

Proposed materials and finishes:

6m2 concrete paving slabs

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plans, drawings or a design and access statement?

Yes

No

If Yes, please state references for the plans, drawings and/or design and access statement

- Reference 1: Beck Bottom Site Location Plan showing current store in green and proposed store in red
Reference 2: Beck Bottom Site Layout Plan showing Store location edged in black Scale 1 500
Reference 3: Trellis for Cladding Photo
Reference 4: Trellis for Cladding Drawing
Reference 5: Insulated Store Brochure
Reference 6: 2m x 2.1m Store Drawing with dimensions

Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicular access proposed to or from the public highway?

- Yes
 No

Is a new or altered pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway?

- Yes
 No

Are there any new public roads to be provided within the site?

- Yes
 No

Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?

- Yes
 No

Do the proposals require any diversions/extinguishments and/or creation of rights of way?

- Yes
 No

Vehicle Parking

Does the site have any existing vehicle/cycle parking spaces or will the proposed development add/remove any parking spaces?

- Yes
 No

Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?

- Yes
 No

And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?

- Yes
 No

You may need to provide a full tree survey, at the discretion of the local planning authority. If a tree survey is required, this and the accompanying plan should be submitted alongside the application.

The local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations'.

Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding? (Check the location on the Government's [Flood map for planning](#). You should also refer to national [standing advice](#) and your local planning authority requirements for information as necessary.)

- Yes
 No

Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)?

- Yes
 No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?

- Yes
 No

How will surface water be disposed of?

- Sustainable drainage system
 Existing water course
 Soakaway
 Main sewer
 Pond/lake

Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

Is there a reasonable likelihood of the following being affected adversely or conserved and enhanced within the application site, or on land adjacent to or near the application site?

To assist in answering this question correctly, please refer to the help text which provides guidance on determining if any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby; and whether they are likely to be affected by the proposals.

a) Protected and priority species

- Yes, on the development site
 Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
 No

b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features

- Yes, on the development site
 Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
 No

c) Features of geological conservation importance

- Yes, on the development site
 Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
 No

Supporting information requirements

Where a development proposal is likely to affect features of biodiversity or geological conservation interest, you will need to submit, with the application, sufficient information and assessments to allow the local planning authority to determine the proposal.

Failure to submit all information required will result in your application being deemed invalid. It will not be considered valid until all information required by the local planning authority has been submitted.

Your local planning authority will be able to advise on the content of any assessments that may be required.

Biodiversity net gain

Biodiversity net gain is a legal requirement for planning permission introduced on 12 February 2024. All applications are required to either provide detailed information proving there will be a biodiversity increase; or explain why the requirement does not apply to the development.

Do you believe that, if the development is granted permission, the general Biodiversity Gain Condition (as set out in [Paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 \(as amended\)](#)) would apply?

- Yes
 No

Biodiversity net gain has been introduced as a general condition for planning permission. As set out in [The Environment Act 2021](#): "grants of planning permission in England [are] to be subject to a condition to secure that the biodiversity gain objective is met". Therefore, in England, all planning permissions are generally subject to biodiversity gain rules, unless they are specifically exempt or out of scope.

If you have stated that the biodiversity net gain requirement does not apply to your application you must provide the reason(s) why, and may also need to supply evidence (especially where you believe the application is eligible for the 'de minimis' exemption).

Please add all the reasons why biodiversity net gain does not apply and enter a justification for each one

Reason biodiversity net gain does not apply:

Development subject to the de minimis exemption (development below the threshold)

What best describes the size of your site?:

Under 25 square metres

Please justify the reason why biodiversity net gain does not apply:

Development below the threshold

Note: Please read the help text for further information why developments may be exempt or not in scope.

Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

- Mains sewer
 Septic tank
 Package treatment plant
 Cess pit
 Other
 Unknown

Other

Not Applicable - No sewage

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

- Yes
 No
 Unknown

Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste?

- Yes
 No

Have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?

- Yes
 No

Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or trade waste?

- Yes
 No

Residential/Dwelling Units

Does your proposal include the gain, loss or change of use of residential units?

- Yes
 No

All Types of Development: Non-Residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace?

Note that 'non-residential' in this context covers all uses except Use Class C3 Dwellinghouses.

- Yes
 No

Employment

Are there any existing employees on the site or will the proposed development increase or decrease the number of employees?

- Yes
 No

Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

- Yes
 No

Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

Does this proposal involve the carrying out of industrial or commercial activities and processes?

- Yes
 No

Is the proposal for a waste management development?

- Yes
 No

Hazardous Substances

Does the proposal involve the use or storage of Hazardous Substances?

- Yes
 No

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- Yes
 No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- The agent
 The applicant
 Other person

Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

- Yes
 No

If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):

Officer name:

Title

***** REDACTED *****

First Name

***** REDACTED *****

Surname

***** REDACTED *****

Reference

E-mails from Demi Crawford

Date (must be pre-application submission)

09/02/2026

Details of the pre-application advice received

E-mail form Demi Crawford 9 February 2026:

"Yes it is fine to extend the timescale, however, as you are also proposing an additional 2m x 2.1m flat pack container to the site, you will need to submit a full application rather than a variation of condition.

I would therefore advise on the description of the proposal, to also include a change to the time frame also.

On the current app, condition number 3 states: "Prior to the first use of the storage building hereby approved, the wooden trellis cladding must be installed in accordance with the 'Trellis Drawing' submitted to the Local Planning Authority on 27th February 2023 and the 'Trellis Location Plan' submitted to the Local Planning Authority on 7th March 2023 and must be retained thereafter. Reason To ensure suitable screening is provided in accordance with Policy DM10 of the Copeland Local Plan".

I would advise that as part of the design, that this trellis cladding is extended further to also screen the new container.

Kind regards,

Demi Crawford

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
- (b) an elected member
- (c) related to a member of staff
- (d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- Yes
- No

Ownership Certificates and Agricultural Land Declaration

Certificates under Article 14 - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Please answer the following questions to determine which Certificate of Ownership you need to complete: A, B, C or D.

Is the applicant the sole owner of all the land to which this application relates; and has the applicant been the sole owner for more than 21 days?

- Yes
- No

Can you give appropriate notice to all the other owners/agricultural tenants? (Select 'Yes' if there are no other owners/agricultural tenants)

- Yes
- No

Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate B

I certify/ The applicant certifies that:

- I have/The applicant has given the requisite notice to everyone else (as listed below) who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was the owner* and/or agricultural tenant** of any part of the land or building to which this application relates; or
- The applicant is the sole owner of all the land or buildings to which this application relates and there are no other owners* and/or agricultural tenants**.

* "owner" is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run.

** "agricultural tenant" has the meaning given in section 65(8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Owner/Agricultural Tenant

Name of Owner/Agricultural Tenant:

***** REDACTED *****

House name:

Number:

Suffix:

Address line 1:

Cumberland Council

Address Line 2:

Allerdale House

Town/City:

Workington

Postcode:

CA14 3YJ

Date notice served (DD/MM/YYYY):

03/02/2026

Person Family Name:

Person Role

- The Applicant
- The Agent

Title

Mrs

First Name

Lynne

Surname

Todhunter

Declaration Date

25/03/2026

Declaration made

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Full planning permission as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Lynne Todhunter

Date

25/03/2026