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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

Mary

Surname

Smith

Company Name

Growing Well Limited

Address

Address line 1

Growing Well Kendal

Address line 2

Low Sizergh Farm

Address line 3

Town/City

Kendal

County

Cumbria

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

LA8 8AE

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

***** REDACTED *****

Fax number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Benjamin

Surname

Quitman

Company Name

Solomons Europe

Address

Address line 1

Centrix House,

Address line 2

Crow Lane East,

Address line 3

Newton-le-Willows,

Town/City

Merseyside

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

WA12 9UY

Contact Details

Primary number

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Email address

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Site Area

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

1.00

Unit

Hectares

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

Use of former nursery as charity growing site with the demolition of a building and the erection of a new modular classroom

Has the work or change of use already started?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

The site in question, formerly known as the Copeland Nursery, ceased operations quite some time ago, remaining unused for nearly a decade. This period of dormancy has presented an opportunity for transformation and renewal, allowing us to breathe new life into this once-vibrant space through the Growing Well project.

Is the site currently vacant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, please describe the last use of the site

The Copeland Nursery had 6 glasshouses and out buildings where plants were cultivated for the council for various plant beds in the local area.

When did this use end (if known)?

dd/mm/yyyy

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:

New building

Proposed materials and finishes:

The new modular unit has not been sourced yet; however, the basic structure of the modular building has been proposed in the elevation drawings attached to the planning application. We are committed to collaborating closely with the council to ensure that the external finishes align with the character of the local area and meet their specific requirements.

Type:

Roof

Existing materials and finishes:

New building so no existing.

Proposed materials and finishes:

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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

Modular building elevations and building internal layout.

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

Please provide information on the existing and proposed number of on-site parking spaces

Vehicle Type:

Cars

Existing number of spaces:

6

Total proposed (including spaces retained):

6

Difference in spaces:

0

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

If Yes to either or both of the above, 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.

Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

☒ Mains sewer

☐ Septic tank

☐ Package treatment plant

☐ Cess pit

☐ Other

☐ Unknown

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unknown

If Yes, please include the details of the existing system on the application drawings and state the plan(s)/drawing(s) references

The current system serves two toilets located in the existing office block. Based on assessments conducted by both the council and our own building surveyor, it has been determined that bringing the existing office block up to habitable standards is not economically viable. Consequently, our plan is to demolish the existing building and replace it with a modular structure that will also feature only two toilets, thereby ensuring no significant alterations to the existing drainage system.

To provide a visual representation, we have attached a drawing illustrating the layout of the existing drainage system that runs beneath the pad where we intend to place the modular building, along with the connection point.

We will not be making any changes to the existing surface water drainage system.

Waste Storage and Collection

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

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please provide details:

Efficient and responsible management of demolition waste is a core aspect of our project. We will engage licensed contractors experienced in safe and environmentally sound demolition practices. During the demolition process, materials such as concrete, bricks, and metals will be carefully separated and recycled to minimize landfill impact. Any materials containing hazardous substances, like asbestos, will be removed and disposed of in compliance with all relevant regulations and safety protocols. Our commitment to sustainable waste management extends to demolition, ensuring that the environmental impact is minimized, and materials are repurposed whenever feasible.

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

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please provide details:

Managing waste on-site is a top priority at Growing Well. We have developed a comprehensive waste management plan that emphasizes sustainability and environmental responsibility. All organic waste, such as plant trimmings and kitchen scraps, will be composted to enrich our soil and reduce landfill waste. Non-organic materials will be sorted and recycled whenever possible, adhering to local recycling guidelines. Additionally, we are committed to minimizing single-use plastics and encourage the use of reusable and eco-friendly materials. Our waste management practices align with our dedication to creating a sustainable and environmentally-conscious project.

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

Please add details of the Use Classes and floorspace.

Use Class:
Other (Please specify)
Other (Please specify):
Horticultural and Mental health support

Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres) (a):
608

Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres) (b):
150

Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres) (c):
688

Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres) (d = c - a):
80

Totals	Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres) (a)	Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres) (b)	Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres) (c)	Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres) (d = c - a)
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Tradable floor area

Does the proposal include use as a shop (e.g. For the display/sale of goods under Use Class E(a), the sale of essential goods under Use Class F2, or as part of any other use)

☐ Yes
☒ No

Loss or gain of rooms

Does the proposal include loss or gain of rooms for hotels, residential institutions, or hostels?

☐ 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

Existing Employees

Please complete the following information regarding existing employees:

Full-time

0

Part-time

0

Total full-time equivalent

0.00

Proposed Employees

If known, please complete the following information regarding proposed employees:

Full-time

5

Part-time

0

Total full-time equivalent

5.00

Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please add details of the of the Use Classes and hours of opening for each non-residential use proposed.

If you do not know the hours of opening, select the Use Class and tick 'Unknown'

Use Class:

E(c)(iii) - Other appropriate services in a commercial, business or service locality

Unknown:

No

Monday to Friday:

Start Time:

09:00

End Time:

05:00

Saturday:

Start Time:

End Time:

Sunday / Bank Holiday:

Start Time:

End Time:

Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

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

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Please describe the activities and processes which would be carried out on the site and the end products including plant, ventilation or air conditioning. Please include the type of machinery which may be installed on site:

Growing Well comprises two primary aspects: Sustainable Agriculture and the use of this platform to support individuals with their mental health.

Sustainable Agriculture: Our project operates as a small-scale market garden, dedicated to producing exquisite, organic produce for the local community. This not only encourages healthier dietary choices but also bolsters local food networks and reinforces sustainability principles. We are unwavering in our commitment to producing 100% homegrown organic produce that is both meaningful and accessible. Our primary product is vegetable boxes, containing enough fresh vegetables to sustain a family for a week. To ensure equitable access in the face of rising food costs, half of these food boxes are subsidized and provided to local low-income households. It's worth noting that all on-site work is conducted using hand tools, and there is no involvement of heavy machinery as part of this application.

Mental Health Support: Growing Well offers valuable, cost-free support to individuals grappling with mental health challenges. Within our safe and nurturing environment, individuals can establish recovery goals and work collaboratively with our dedicated staff and fellow volunteers to attain them. Growing Well offers individuals facing mental health challenges a holistic approach to healing. It combines the therapeutic benefits of nature, physical activity, social interaction, and achievement to create an environment where individuals can find solace, purpose, and improved mental well-being.

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

Growing Well

Date (must be pre-application submission)

10/10/2023

Details of the pre-application advice received

Nick has played a significant role in assisting the Charity throughout the lead-up to this submission. We conducted several online meetings and also had the opportunity to host Nick on-site, where we presented our proposals in detail. During this visit, Nick provided valuable insights and recommendations regarding the necessary ecological survey required to support our application. As part of our application, we have included the ecology walk-over survey.

Regarding the modular unit, we currently do not have a unit secured. We communicated this to Nick, and he suggested that the application may include a condition that necessitates agreement on the final appearance and materials as part of the permission process. We are fully committed to complying with any such conditions and are eager to work closely to achieve a mutually agreeable outcome.

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:

The Market Hall

Number:

Suffix:

Address line 1:

The Market Hall

Address Line 2:

Market Place

Town/City:

Whitehaven

Postcode:

CA28 7JG

Date notice served (DD/MM/YYYY):

01/12/2023

Person Family Name:

Person Role

- ☐ The Applicant
☒ The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Benjamin

Surname

Quitman

Declaration Date

01/12/2023

☒ 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

Benjamin Quitman

Date

15/12/2023

Amendments Summary

Update to the description of the development to better reflect the proposals in a succinct way.