

GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION

Full planning permission

The Planning Acts 1990

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APPLICATION NO: FUL/2025/0057

Applicant: Emporium Homes Ltd

Proposal: Conversion of former Royal Victoria Hotel into 8 flats at first, second and third storey, community space and retail space at ground floor, windows replacement and replace gutters and downpipes

Location: Royal Victoria Hotel, John Street, Maryport, CA15 6JT

As authorised by the above legislation Cumberland Council **grant planning permission** for this application subject to compliance with the following conditions and reasons:

1

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

Reason: In order to comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

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The development hereby permitted shall be carried out solely in accordance with the following plans:

Drawing No TQRQM24228091757427 - Location Plan

Drawing No TQRQM24228090359810 - Block Plan

Application form

Design and Access Statement and Heritage Statement

Dwg A4 Revision 1 - Floor plans and elevations - Amended plans received 15 April 2025

Dwg A5 FF Typical Window Sections - Amended plans received 15 April 2025

Dwg A6 SF & TF Typical window Sections - Amended plans received 15 April 2025

Dwg A7 Gutter Downpipe Detail - Amended plans received 15 April 2025
Allan Brothers - Technical Drawings - Windows and doors - Amended plans
received 15 April 2025

Reason: In order to ensure that the development is carried out in complete accordance with the approved plans and any material and non-material alterations to the scheme are properly considered.

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The premises shall be used for no other purpose, including any other purpose within Use Class E of the Schedule to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 2015 (as amended), or in any provision equivalent to that Class in any statutory instrument revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification.

Reason: The Local Planning Authority wishes to review the merits of any alternative land use at the site.

Iain Fairlamb
Service Manager for Development and Implementation

Dated: 25 July 2025

Statement

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against, primarily, the development plan policies, any duties applicable and also all material considerations, including Local Plan policy, the National Planning Policy Framework and any stakeholder representations that may have been received. In this context, having identified matters of concern with the application as originally submitted and, if applicable, following negotiations with the applicant, acceptable amendments and solutions to the proposal have been received. As a result, the Local Planning Authority has been able to grant planning permission for an acceptable proposal.

Informative

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

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

The planning authority, for the purposes of determining whether to approve a Biodiversity Gain Plan, if one is required in respect of this permission would be Cumberland Council.

There are statutory exemptions which mean that the biodiversity gain condition does not always apply.

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 of the statutory exemptions is considered to apply.

Applicable exemption: Development subject to the de minimis exemption. Development that does not impact a priority habitat and impacts less than 25 square metres (e.g. 5m by 5m) of onsite habitat, and 5 metres of linear habitats such as hedgerows.

Building Regulations

Building regulations approval may still be required for the proposed development and you can contact a Building Inspector at these offices on 01900 702520 for clarification or further details on Building Regulations these can be accessed via

<https://www.allerdale.gov.uk/en/planning-building-control/building-control/do-i-need-building-control/>

Electricity

Prior to any building work or development you are advised to check the location of any Electricity Northwest cables, overhead lines or any other electrical equipment that may be located near to where you will be working using their self-service Know Before You Dig.

Please use following link <https://www.enwl.co.uk/advice-and-services/know-before-you-dig/>

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 for the Environment 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 (<https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision>) 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 for the Environment 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 VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.