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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED).

NOTICE OF GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION

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APPLICATION No: 4/26/2142/0F1

CONVERSION OF FORMER REDUNDANT CHURCH TO A DWELLING
(RESUBMISSION OF 4/26/2018/0F1)
ST MARKS METHODIST CHURCH, MORESBY PARKS, WHITEHAVEN

Mr J Walker

The above application dated 13/05/2026 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:

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: -

- Block Plan, scale 1:200, drawing number 659 01003 02, received 13th May 2026;
- Proposed Ground Floor Plan, scale 1:50, drawing number 659 04001 05, received 13th May 2026;
- Proposed First Floor Plan, scale 1:50, drawing number 659 04002 04, received 13th May 2026;
- Proposed Elevations, scale 1:100, drawing number 659 05001 05, received 13th May 2026;
- Proposed Section, scale 1:50, drawing number 659 06001 03, received 13th May 2026;
- Design and Access Statement, received 13th May 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.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, (or any order revoking or re-enacting that Order with or without modification) no external alterations, including replacement windows, doors or skylights and roof coverings, or painting or rendering shall be carried out to the converted building, nor must any building, enclosure, extension, porch, domestic fuel container, pool or hardstanding be constructed within the curtilage without the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason

To safeguard the appearance of the building and amenity for the neighbouring properties in the interests of visual amenity and in accordance with Policy DS4 of the Copeland Local Plan 2021-2039.

4. Prior to the first occupation of the dwelling hereby approved the three windows at ground floor level on the southern elevation shall be fitted with obscure glazing to a specification not less than grade 5. Once installed the obscure glazing shall be retained at all times thereafter.

Reason

To safeguard the amenities of the occupiers of the neighbouring properties in the in accordance with Policy DS4 of the Copeland Local Plan 2021-2039.

5. Prior to the first occupation of the dwelling hereby approved a solid timber fence shall be erected along the southern boundary of the site in accordance with a specification which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The timber fence shall be retained at all times in accordance with the approved details at all times thereafter.

Reason

To safeguard the amenities of the occupiers of the neighbouring properties in the in accordance with Policy DS4 of the Copeland Local Plan 2021-2039.

Informative Notes

Biodiversity Net Gain – Exemption Applies

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

Development Low Risk Area – Standing Advice – Mining Remediation Authority

The proposed development lies within a coal mining area which may contain unrecorded coal mining related hazards. If any coal mining feature is encountered

during development, this should be reported immediately to the Mining Remediation Authority on 0345 762 6846 or if a hazard is encountered on site call the emergency line 0800 288 4242 Further information is also available on the Mining Remediation Authority website at: Mining Remediation Authority - GOV.UK

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



Iain Fairlamb
Service Manager for Development and Implementation
Thriving Places

25th August 2026

**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.