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Application for Planning Permission for relevant demolition of an unlisted building in a conservation area

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: 4

Suffix:

Property Name:

Address Line 1: Duke Street

Address Line 2:

Address Line 3: Cumberland

Town/city: Whitehaven

Postcode: CA28 7EW

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

Easting (x): 297343

Northing (y): 518337

Description:

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Bill

Surname

Graham

Company Name

Energy Coast West Cumbria (Properties) Ltd

Address

Address line 1

Ingwell Hall, Ingwell Drive

Address line 2

Westlakes Science Park

Address line 3

Moor Row

Town/City

Whitehaven

County

Cumbria

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

CA24 3JZ

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED ******

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

***** REDACTED ******

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Chris

Surname

Johnson

Company Name

Avison Young

Address

Address line 1

Wellbar

Address line 2

Gallowgate

Address line 3

Town/City

Newcastle Upon Tyne

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

NE1 4TD

Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

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Description of Proposed Works

Please describe the proposed works

Demolition of the former Whitehaven Bath House.

Has the work already been started without consent?

◯ Yes
⊘ No

Explanation for Proposed Demolition Work

Why is it necessary to demolish all or part of the building(s) and/or structure(s)?

Whilst the building has some heritage significance and value, we consider that the removal of the risk to public safety clearly outweighs the relatively minimal heritage value provided by the Bath Houe building in its current condition. The majority of the building has already been demolished, leaving only the façade. The public safety risk is high, given the condition of the building. Successive annual structural surveys commissioned by the applicant have recommended immediate demolition on the grounds of public safety. An additional benefit is considered to be clearing the site for when the ultimate redevelopment of the site comes forward, accelerating the development of the land. However, we consider this incidental and the removal of the public safety risk to solely clearly outweigh the harm caused by the loss of the heritage asset.

Related Proposals

Are there any current applications, previous proposals or demolitions for the site?

◯ Yes
⊘ No

Neighbour and Community Consultation

Have you consulted your neighbours or the local community about the proposal?

⊘ Yes
◯ No

If Yes, please provide details

Applicant has issued press release

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)

Do you confirm that the development falls below the impact threshold and that no onsite priority habitats are impacted?:
Yes

Please justify the reason why biodiversity net gain does not apply:
No habitats on site, comprises entirely of hardstanding and built development

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

Evidence for 'de minimis' exemption claim

Government guidance strongly encourages the provision of evidence (e.g. plans and metric calculations) to allow the local authority to validate your exemption claim, even where the site is zero rated. Failure to submit sufficient information may result in your application being deemed invalid, delaying progress until it is provided.

Please provide the pre-development biodiversity value of onsite habitats on the date of calculation

0

Please provide the date the onsite pre-development biodiversity value was calculated

12/10/2026

This should be either the date of the application, or an earlier proposed date

Please provide the projected post-development biodiversity value

0

Please provide the reference for any document or supporting file (for example, the completed biodiversity metric calculation) that supports the values and justification above and will allow the local planning authority to confirm that the impact on on-site habitats falls below the de minimis threshold, taking into account any on-site priority habitats.

Site Visit

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

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

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

- [x] The agent
- [ ] The applicant
- [ ] Other person

Pre-application Advice

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

- [x] 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

n/a

Date (must be pre-application submission)

26/06/2026

Details of the pre-application advice received

Discussed the proposals and recent nomination for Local Listing

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? E.g. All the land is owned by a single individual

⊘ Yes
◯ No

Is any of the land to which the application relates part of an Agricultural Holding?

◯ Yes
⊘ No

Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate A

I certify/The applicant certifies that on the day 21 days before the date of this application nobody except myself/ the applicant was the owner* of any part of the land or building to which the application relates, and that none of the land to which the application relates is, or is part of, an agricultural holding**

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

**** "agricultural holding" has the meaning given by reference to the definition of "agricultural tenant" in section 65(8) of the Act.**

NOTE: You should sign Certificate B, C or D, as appropriate, if you are the sole owner of the land or building to which the application relates but the land is, or is part of, an agricultural holding.

Person Role

◯ The Applicant
⊘ The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Chris

Surname

Johnson

Declaration Date

12/10/2026

☑ Declaration made

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Demolition in a conservation area 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

Matt Verlander

Date

12/10/2026