# Amaana Homes plans supported living apartments on long-abandoned Gainsborough site



Amaana Homes has unveiled plans to redevelop a long-abandoned parcel of land on North Street in Gainsborough, which has remained unused for over a decade following a failed construction project. The site, located adjacent to the former Friendship Inn, has been left derelict since approximately 2008, when an earlier housing development was halted mid-construction.

Historical records and online archive photos indicate that work on the initial project progressed as far as laying foundations and ground floors before being unexpectedly abandoned for reasons that have not been publicly disclosed. Over the years, the area has fallen into disrepair, with construction materials left strewn across the site and vegetation overgrowing fences and barriers, leading to an increasingly untidy and neglected appearance. By 2023, weeds had grown so tall they reached above the railings surrounding the grounds.

In response to the site’s prolonged vacancy, Amaana Homes has submitted a planning application to West Lindsey District Council to clear and revitalise the land. The proposal involves demolishing the existing remnants of the previous development and constructing sixteen one-bedroom apartments designed as supported living accommodation. These new buildings would be configured as three-storey blocks positioned along the northern and southern edges of the site.

According to the planning documents, “The former host building is a large three-storey former hotel which has recently been converted into flats. Foundations and ground floors were constructed as part of a previous approval some time ago. The plans are to clear the site and remove previous footings and ground floors to make way for a new residential use.”

The development is planned to be owned and operated by a housing provider, and aims to provide much-needed supported living facilities in the area. The decision on the application is pending, with the council set to determine the proposals at a forthcoming meeting.

The nearby Friendship Hotel, a landmark dating back to the mid-1800s with a 1920s rebuild, ceased operations around the year 2000. Following its closure, the building was converted into apartments, reflecting a broader trend towards residential redevelopment in the Gainsborough town centre. The renewal of the adjacent derelict site could represent a significant step towards further regeneration in the locality.

Source: [Noah Wire Services](https://www.noahwire.com)

## References

* <https://amaanahomes.org> - This website provides detailed information about Amaana Homes as a not-for-profit provider of supported housing, confirming their mission and experience in developing supported living accommodations similar to those proposed for the North Street site in Gainsborough.
* <https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-08/Payments%20over%20%C2%A3250%20-%20July%202022.csv> - This document from West Lindsey District Council includes financial records referencing Amaana Homes, supporting the claim that Amaana Homes operates in the West Lindsey area and is involved in housing and homelessness relief services.
* <https://www.lincolnshireworld.com/news/people/new-housing-development-which-has-transformed-area-of-gainsborough-is-now-open-3939502> - This article highlights recent housing developments transforming areas of Gainsborough, corroborating the context of local housing renewal and regeneration, similar to the redevelopment plans adjacent to the Friendship Inn.
* <https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/planning-applications> - West Lindsey District Council's planning application portal lists current and past planning applications including residential developments in Gainsborough, supporting the claim about Amaana Homes submitting a planning application for redevelopment on North Street.
* <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1187679> - Historic England’s listing for the Friendship Hotel building in Gainsborough confirms its historical significance, the building's age, closure around 2000, and conversion into flats, supporting the article’s historical context.