



Horsham District Council

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

Guy Leonard & Co Estate Agents wholly own this property as a commercial business premises. The co-owners have given their permission and are enthusiastic about this community project.

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Ms

First name

Viviane

Surname

Doussy

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Hurston Mill,

Address line 2

Hurston Lane

Address line 3

Town/City

Pulborough

County

West Sussex

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

RH20 2EW

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 *****

Site Area

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

10.00

Unit

Sq. metres

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

MURAL ARTWORK AND INTERPRETATION BOARD IN HISTORIC CONSERVATION AREA OF STORRINGTON

We present a unique proposal for a stork-themed art mural with a separate, but accompanying interpretation board at Place Villerest, Storrington RH20 4DR. The chosen site is on Old Mill Drive in the historic heart of town. This is within the Storrington Conservation Area and hence a full planning application, accompanied by a Heritage Statement is provided. A photo of the site and mock-ups of proposed artwork(s) are included. The exact detail of the artwork will be agreed if this application is successful. No change of use is proposed.

Storrington's name from the Domesday Book is "Estorchetone", meaning the homestead of storks. Earlier in 2025 Storrington together with Knepp Wildland were approved to join the European Stork Villages Network – a first and only such accolade in the UK. This historic event was celebrated through an inaugural White Stork and Nature festival in Storrington in May 2025.

The Storrington & Sullington Parish Council have committed to this festival as a collaborative yearly event in Storrington. A striking visual artwork in a public space in the historic town centre would serve as a long-term, modern "plaque" to commemorate this significant award and annual local event. Place Villerest was chosen because of its central and prominent position with historical context.

The exterior wall for the artwork is located at the eastern side of a property, wholly owned by an Estate Agent. It has an available space about 5x2m for an eye-catching artwork above the River Stor. An accomplished local artist, Daryl Bennett was chosen for his previous stork art mural in Brighton.

The interpretation board proposed is around 1x1m to be made of a sealed glass unit with an attractive wooden frame. The intention is to erect this vertically on an existing stone pillar directly in front of the art mural. The board will tell the story and draw people in. It will offer residents and visitors essential context about the reintroduction of white storks, the ecological significance of their comeback, and the wider connections with Knepp and the European Stork Villages Network. If approved, the project aims to engage villagers through some form of crowdfunding in 2026 to finance the project.

The following parties are involved and have all given their in-principle agreement for such a prominent artwork and interpretation board: the Knepp Estate and their White Stork Project, the Storrington & Sullington Parish Council, HDC Parks and Countryside Manager, the co-owners of the wall in question - Cathy & Neil Moore of Guy Leonard & Co Estate Agents plus the freelance artist, Daryl Bennett.

This proposal is a unique opportunity to strengthen Storrington's existing identity while honouring a landmark conservation success. Storrington's link with the Knepp branding as a new European Stork Village has the potential to become its Unique Selling Point.

Has the work or change of use already started?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

Place Villerest at Old Mill Drive, Storrington RH20 4DR is owned by Horsham District Council. It is a small paved quiet green space in the midst of the bustling town centre and business area. There are several benches and one or more large trees ensuring its tranquility. This historic site features the Storrington sign with its storks as village emblem as well as two plaques commemorating Storrington's twinning with Villerest in France. There is stonework and attractive metal railings surrounding the area. It is the heart of the town centre and often used for market-style stalls selling bread or for charity events like a book-stall.

The proposed wall for the mural is the property of local business owners. It is currently painted a deep blue with the Guy Leonard advertising brand to the left hand side. No significant change is proposed.

Is the site currently vacant?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

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:

Boundary treatments (e.g. fences, walls)

Existing materials and finishes:

Painted wall with exterior deep blue paint.

Proposed materials and finishes:

Commercial spray paint used in street artwork is used for its longevity. It will include white, black and orange at minimum as the key colours of the bird being represented.

Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

External fixture (Education Board)

Existing materials and finishes:

A stone pillar is present at the Place Villere site which is directly in front of the above mural.

Proposed materials and finishes:

Interpretation board with text and images enclosed in a sealed glass unit protected from the elements. This will be surrounded by an attractive wooden frame approximately 1x1m in size. The intention is for this to be produced by HDC and vertically erected onto the stone pillar.

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

Included are photos of the current wall and stone pillar. Through digital editing we include examples of proposed artwork design superimposed onto the wall to provide a rough guide or mock-up of the final visual.

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

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

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.

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)

What best describes the size of your site?:

Under 25 square metres

Please justify the reason why biodiversity net gain does not apply:

Re-painting only of an existing exterior wall with a notable stork artwork. Interpretation board is proposed on an existing stone wall.

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

Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

- ☐ Mains sewer
- ☐ Septic tank
- ☐ Package treatment plant
- ☐ Cess pit
- ☒ Other
- ☐ Unknown

Other

Not applicable

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Unknown

Waste Storage and Collection

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

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

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

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or trade waste?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Residential/Dwelling Units

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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

Employment

Are there any existing employees on the site or will the proposed development increase or decrease the number of employees?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

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

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

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

If Yes, please specify each hazardous substance and the amount involved:

Hazardous substance :

Other (please specify)

Other (please specify):

Category 1 flammable aerosol and a source of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)

Amount - Tonne(s):

0.0600

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

Email

Date (must be pre-application submission)

08/09/2025

Details of the pre-application advice received

7th Aug 2025: Applicant initially rang HDC Duty Officer and spoke to Kate Turner who recommended to get in touch with Sean Rix at HDC by email.

8th Sep 2025: Email response from Sean Rix: Senior Conservation Officer Specialists Team - Strategic Planning

"This sounds like a wonderful project. I'm happy in principle in terms of the impact within the conservation area especially with so much public support. It is my understanding that planning permission will be required. This should be applied for in the usual way through the planning portal <https://www.planningportal.co.uk/>".

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

Name of Owner/Agricultural Tenant: ***** REDACTED ***** House name: Guy Leonard & Co Estate Agents Number: 17 Suffix: Address line 1: High Street Address Line 2: Town/City: Storrington Postcode: RH20 4DR Date notice served (DD/MM/YYYY): 10/12/2025 Person Family Name:
Name of Owner/Agricultural Tenant: ***** REDACTED ***** House name: Albery House Number: Suffix: Address line 1: Springfield Road Address Line 2: Springfield Road Town/City: Horsham Postcode: RH12 2GB Date notice served (DD/MM/YYYY): 02/12/2025 Person Family Name:

Person Role

☒ The Applicant

☐ The Agent

Title

Ms

First Name

Viviane

Surname

Doussy

Declaration Date

16/12/2025

☒ 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

Viviane Doussy

Date

16/12/2025