



DELEGATED APPLICATIONS - ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO./ADDRESS:

DC/26/0564

Downs View Terrace, Staples Barn Lane, Henfield, West Sussex, BN5 9QD

DESCRIPTION:

Removal of condition 3 and 4 of previously approved application DC/25/1106 (Variation of condition 1 of previously approved application reference DC/24/1738 (Variation of condition 1 and 10 of previously approved application reference DC/23/1937 (Demolition of garage and outbuildings and construction of a one bedroom single storey dwellinghouse) to amend the plans and materials to comply with the passive house standards) to amend the approved plans to move parking space) relating to water neutrality.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

DC/23/1937	Demolition of garage and outbuildings and construction of a one bedroom single storey dwellinghouse.	Application 16.04.2024	Permitted on
DC/25/1106	Variation of condition 1 of previously approved application reference DC/24/1738 (Variation of condition 1 and 10 of previously approved application reference DC/23/1937 (Demolition of garage and outbuildings and construction of a one bedroom single storey dwellinghouse) to amend the plans and materials to comply with the passive house standards) to amend the approved plans to move parking space.	Application 01.09.2025	Permitted on
DC/24/1738	Variation of condition 1 and 10 of previously approved application reference DC/23/1937 (Demolition of garage and outbuildings and construction of a one bedroom single storey dwellinghouse) to amend the plans and materials to comply with the passive house standards.	Application 08.01.2025	Permitted on
DISC/24/0277	Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 3 and 4 to approved application DC/23/1937	Split Decision on 28.01.2025	
DISC/25/0060	Approval of details reserved by condition 5 to approved application DC/23/1937	Application 22.04.2025	Withdrawn on
DISC/25/0306	Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 3 to approved application DC/25/1106.	Application 05.11.2025	Permitted on

RELEVANT PLANNING POLICIES

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Horsham District Planning Framework (2015):

Policy 31 - Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity
Policy 32 - Strategic Policy: The Quality of New Development
Policy 33 - Development Principles

Henfield Neighbourhood Plan (2020) (HNP):

Policy 1 – A Spatial Plan
Policy 10 – Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity
Policy 12 – Design Standards for New Development

Henfield Parish Design Statement

Horsham District Local Plan (2023-40) (Regulation 19):

Policy 9: Water Neutrality
Policy 17: Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity
Policy 19: Development Quality
Policy 20: Development Principles

REPRESENTATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS RESPONSES

Where consultation responses have been summarised, it should be noted that Officers have had consideration of the full comments received, which are available to view on the public file at www.horsham.gov.uk.

Consultations:

Parish Comments:

Henfield Parish Council: No Objection

Representations:

None received

HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITY:

The application has been considered having regard to Article 1 of the First Protocol of the Human Rights Act 1998, which sets out a person's rights to the peaceful enjoyment of property and Article 8 of the same Act, which sets out their rights in respect to private and family life and for the home. Officers consider that the proposal would not be contrary to the provisions of the above Articles.

The application has also been considered in accordance with Horsham District Council's public sector equality duty, which seeks to prevent unlawful discrimination, to promote equality of opportunity and to foster good relations between people in a diverse community, in accordance with Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. In this case, the proposal is not anticipated to have any potential impact from an equality perspective.

PLANNING ASSESSMENT:

A 2021 Position Statement from Natural England identified that it could not be concluded with the required degree of certainty that new development in the Sussex North Water Supply Zone would not have an adverse effect on the integrity of the Arun Valley SAC, SPA and Ramsar sites. As a consequence, and to comply with the legal duties set out in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (known as the Habitat Regulations), all new development since has been required to demonstrate water neutrality. This was delivered by condition 4 of DC/25/1106.

On 31st October 2025 Natural England formally withdrew the 2021 Position Statement, citing a package of measures that they were satisfied would safeguard the Arun Valley sites. Principal amongst these measures is a reduction in the Southern Water abstraction licence 'by March 2026'. However, given the licence change has not yet taken place Horsham District Council, as competent authority

under the Habitats Regulations, cannot yet be certain that new development will not result in adverse impacts on the Arun Valley sites.

To ensure development can come forward as water neutral in the meantime, the Council has agreed with Natural England to use the significant water savings made by Southern Water in 2024/25 through their programme of leakage reduction (amongst other measures). This has generated some 3,240,000 litres per day of water savings that can now be attributed to new development without increasing water abstraction in the Arun Valley beyond baseline. These savings were previously to be used to launch the Sussex North Water Certification Scheme (SNWCS), however following the withdrawal statement SNWCS will no longer be launching. Natural England standing advice dated 10 November 2025 raises no objection to using these savings to enable development to come forward. The standing advice clarifies that it functions as Natural England's formal response pursuant to Regulation 63(3) of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 to all relevant planning applications which seek to achieve water neutrality using the above Southern Water savings.

Officers have undertaken an Appropriate Assessment which demonstrates that the anticipated increase in mains water consumption from this development, alongside all other development granted since the 31st October 2025, will not exceed 3,240,000 litres per day.

Accordingly, Officers consider that the proposed development will not have an Adverse Effect on the Integrity of the Arun Valley Site, either alone or in combination with other plan and projects, thereby complying with Regulations 63 and 70 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, HDPF Policy 31, and paragraph 193 of the NPPF.

Conclusion

The proposal is considered to comply with relevant local and national planning policies and is therefore recommended for approval.

Recommendation: Application Permitted

Conditions:

2 NOT USED

3 NOT USED

4 NOT USED

5 **Pre-Occupation Condition:** No part of the development hereby permitted shall be occupied until the car parking spaces necessary to serve it have been constructed and made available for use in accordance with the approved plans. The car parking spaces permitted shall thereafter be retained as such for their designated use.

Reason: To provide car-parking space for the use in accordance with Policy 40 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

6 **Pre-Occupation Condition:** No part of the development hereby permitted shall be occupied until details of secure and covered cycle parking facilities for the occupants of, and visitors to, the development have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. No dwelling hereby permitted shall be occupied or use hereby permitted commenced until the approved cycle parking facilities associated with that dwelling or use have been fully implemented and made available for use. The provision for cycle parking shall thereafter be retained for use at all times.

Reason: To ensure that there is adequate provision for the parking of cycles in accordance with Policy 40 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

- 7 **Pre-Occupation Condition:** No part of the development hereby permitted shall be occupied until the necessary in-building physical infrastructure and external site-wide infrastructure to enable superfast broadband speeds of 30 megabits per second through full fibre broadband connection has been provided to the premises.

Reason: To ensure a sustainable development that meets the needs of future occupiers in accordance with Policy 37 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

- 8 **Pre-Occupation Condition:** No part of the development hereby permitted shall be occupied until a fast charge electric vehicle charging point for that dwelling has been installed. As a minimum, the charge point specification shall be 7kW mode 3 with type 2 connector. The means for charging electric vehicles shall be thereafter retained as such.

Reason: To mitigate the impact of the development on air quality within the district and to sustain compliance with and contribute towards EU limit values or national objectives for pollutants in accordance with Policies 24 & 41 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

- 9 **Regulatory Condition:** The materials to be used in the development hereby permitted shall strictly accord with those indicated on the application form and approved plans.

Reason: To enable the Local Planning Authority to control the development in detail in the interests of visual amenity and in accordance with Policy 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

- 10 **Regulatory Condition:** No works for the implementation of the development hereby approved shall take place outside of 08:00 hours to 18:00 hours Mondays to Fridays and 08:00 hours to 13:00 hours on Saturdays nor at any time on Sundays, Bank, or public Holidays.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of adjacent occupiers in accordance with Policy 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015)

- 11 **Regulatory Condition:** The site set up during construction phase plan (ref. CPP-DFT-DVT-001 by Green Coe Ltd dated 16.10.2024) as approved under DISC/24/0277 shall be retained throughout the period of construction.

Reason: To avoid undue congestion of the site and consequent obstruction to access and in accordance with Policies 33, 40 and 41 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE STATEMENT

Statement pursuant to Article 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. 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, in order to be able to, where possible, grant permission.

Plans list for: DC/26/0564

Schedule of plans/documents **approved:**

Plan Type	Description	Drawing Number	Received Date
Supporting Statement	Planning statement	NONE	01.04.2026
Elevation plan	Proposed Elevations & Section	CH 1199 /006 REV C	04.07.2025
Location & Block	Location & Block Plans	Location & Block Plans	03.11.2023

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Site plan	Site plan	CH 1199 /002	20.10.2023
Elevation plan	Existing Elevations	CH 1199 /003	20.10.2023
Site plan	Proposed Layout Plan	CH 1199 /004 rev B	28.11.2023
Roof plan	Proposed Roof Plan	CH 1199 /005 rev E	04.07.2025
Elevation plan	Proposed Site Elevations	CH 1199 /007	20.10.2023
Location plan		NONE	20.10.2023
Supporting Documents		CPP-DFT-DVT-001	06.10.2024

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Case Officer sign/initial Steve Astles Date: 29.05.2026

Authorising Officer sign/initial RHERMITAGE Date: 05/06/2026