Horsham District Council

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Application Number: DC/23/1918

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990 (as amended)
TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

On behalf of: Mr Neil Friar

In pursuance of their powers under the above-mentioned Act and Order, the Council hereby REFUSE to permit the works specified hereunder, that is to say:

Demolition of existing barn and outbuildings and erection of replacement 4-bed dwelling

Woolvens Farm, Billingshurst Road, Ashington, RH20 3BB

as shown on Plan and Application Number DC/23/1918 submitted to the Council on 04/12/2023. The reasons for the Council's decision to refuse to permit the above works are specified hereunder.

1 The development would be located outside of a built-up area boundary, on a site not allocated for development within the Horsham District Planning Framework or in the Ashington Neighbourhood Development Plan. The proposed development would not be essential to the countryside location and would therefore be inconsistent with the overarching strategy for development within the District. Notwithstanding the absence of a five-year land housing supply, and the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework (2023) at paragraph 11(d), it is not considered that there are any material considerations in this instance which would outweigh harm arising from conflict with Policies 2, 3, 4 and 26 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015) and Policy Ash1 of the Ashington Neighbourhood Plan (2021).

2 It has not been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority, in the absence of a sufficient tree information, that the proposal would not result in an adverse impact to the natural environment and landscape, such that the proposal would be contrary to Policies 25 and 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

3 It has not been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority, in the absence of a sequential test and sufficient Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy, that the proposal would not result in an increased flood risk, such that there is uncertainty with regards to flood management such that the proposal would be contrary to policy 38 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

4 It has not been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority, in the absence of a sufficient ecological information, that the proposal would not result in an adverse impact to legally protected bats and aquatic species, such that there is uncertainty with regards to maintaining and enhancing existing green infrastructure and biodiversity such that

the proposal would be contrary to policy 31 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

5 Insufficient information has been provided to demonstrate with a sufficient degree of certainty that the proposed development would not contribute to an existing adverse effect upon the integrity of the internationally designated Arun Valley Special Area of Conservation, Special Protection Area and Ramsar sites by way of increased water abstraction, contrary to Policy 31 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015), Paragraphs 185 and 186 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2023), thus the Local Planning Authority is unable to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority Habitats & Species).

Schedule of plans/documents:

Plan Type	Description	Drawing Number	Received Date
Location & Block plan		20/WF/110	18.10.2023
Site plan	As existing	19/WF/100	18.10.2023
Floor plan	Ground and First, as proposed	20/WF/101	18.10.2023
Elevation plan	East, as existing and proposed	20/WF/102 REV A	18.10.2023
Elevation plan	North, and section, as existing and proposed	20/WF/102	18.10.2023
Elevation plan	South, and section, as existing and proposed	20/WF/102	18.10.2023
Elevation plan	West, as existing and proposed	20/WF/102A	18.10.2023

Note to Applicant – Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL):
Horsham District Council has adopted a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule which took effect on 1st October 2017. **This development constitutes CIL liable development**.

If you have not received a Liability Notice from the Council within 1 month of the decision date please contact the CIL Team at cil@horsham.gov.uk

CIL is a mandatory financial charge on development. To avoid additional financial penalties, the requirements of CIL must be managed before development is commenced (including in the event of any successful appeal).

Payment must be made in accordance with the requirements of the CIL Demand Notice issued.

Note To Applicant:
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.

Emma Parkes
Head of Development and Building Control

Date: 30/04/2024

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Right of Appeals
If you are aggrieved by the decision 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.

You must appeal within 12 weeks of the date of the decision notice for a householder application or 'minor commercial' (shop front) development, and within 6 months for other types of planning applications. There are different timescale – usually 28 days – if an enforcement notice is/has been served for the same (or very similar) land and development. Please note, only the applicant possesses the right of appeal.

Appeals can be made online at: https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate. 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 at https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/casework-dealt-with-by-inquiries.