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Thornhill Works Billingshurst Road Coolham Horsham
Erection of commercial building and associated parking

Your application DC/24/1342 has now been determined and I enclose the decision notice. The decision notice contains important information. Please take a moment to read it as further action may be required.

Conditions
Before you start work, information must be submitted for any conditions that require discharge before development can begin. The decision notice will set out what information need to be sent.

Biodiversity Net Gain Condition
Please note the requirement within the Environment Act 2021 for development to deliver a minimum of 10% net gain in biodiversity may be applicable to your development. In the event your development is required to achieve a minimum 10% net gain in biodiversity then a Biodiversity Net Gain Condition (separate to the main list of conditions) will appear on your decision notice requiring the submission of a Biodiversity Gain Plan for approval prior to development commencing.

Failure to discharge conditions before commencing development could result in the development being unlawful or enforcement action being taken. You can notify us of your intention to initiate development by completing a pre-commencement notification which will help us to monitor your development. There is no fee to use this service. To do this, or for further information about discharging planning conditions, visit us online at horsham.gov.uk/planning/discharging-a-planning-condition

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
If this development is CIL liable, the requirements of CIL must be met before you start work. Failure to do so could result in additional financial penalties. For further information relating to CIL visit horsham.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/community-infrastructure-levy/cil-charges-and-how-to-pay

If you have any questions about the decision notice, you can call us and speak to a member of the team on 01403 215187 between 9AM - 5PM, Monday to Friday.

If you are acting as the planning agent for this application, please ensure that the applicant is given a copy of the decision notice and this letter.

Yours Sincerely,
Development Management

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Application Number: DC/24/1342

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

On behalf of: Slinfold Properties Ltd

In pursuance of their powers under the above-mentioned Act and Order, the Council hereby notify you that they PERMIT the following development, that is to say:

Erection of commercial building and associated parking

Thornhill Works Billingshurst Road Coolham Horsham

to be carried out in accordance with Application No. DC/24/1342 submitted to the Council on 21/10/2024 and subject to compliance with the plans/documents and conditions specified hereunder.

Emma Parkes
Head of Development and Building Control

Date: 21/11/2025

1 **Plans Condition**: The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans listed in the schedule below.

SCHEDULE OF PLANS/DOCUMENTS

Plan Type	Description	Drawing Number	Received Date
Supporting Statement	BNG Metric	NSP Abridged report Thornhill works	14.11.2025
Location & Site plan	and Proposed plans and elevations	24-05-01	12.08.2024
Supporting Statement	Ecological Appraisal	NONE	12.08.2024
Supporting Statement	Planning	NONE	21.10.2024

Supporting Docs		Impact plan for great crested newt district licensing	14.11.2025
Supporting Statement		CEMP	18.11.2025

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of proper planning.

2 **Standard Time Condition**: The development hereby permitted shall begin before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

3 **Pre-Commencement (Slab Level) Condition**: No new-build development above ground floor slab level shall take place until a scheme of soft landscaping for the site, to a scale of not less than 1:200, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The soft landscaping details shall include

- Planting plans
- Written specifications (including cultivation and other operations associated with plant and grass establishment)
- Schedules of plants noting species, plant sizes and proposed numbers / densities.

The approved scheme of soft landscaping works shall be implemented not later than the first planting season following commencement of the development (or within such extended period as may first be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority). Any planting removed, dying or becoming seriously damaged or diseased within five years of planting shall be replaced within the first available planting season thereafter with planting of similar size and species unless the Local Planning Authority gives written consent for any variation.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory development that is sympathetic to the landscape character and in the interests of visual amenity in accordance with Policies 10, 26 and 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

4 **Pre-Commencement (Slab Level) Condition**: No new-build development above ground floor slab level shall take place until details of a hard landscaping scheme for the site have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. These details shall include proposed finished levels and contours showing earthworks and mounding; surfacing materials; boundary treatments; car parking layouts; other vehicle and pedestrian access and circulations areas; hard surfacing materials; retained historic landscape features and proposals for restoration where relevant.

The scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the agreed details prior to the occupation of any part of the development (or within such extended period as may first be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority).

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory development that is sympathetic to the landscape character and in the interests of visual amenity in accordance with Policies 10, 26 and 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

5 **Pre-Occupation Condition**: No part of the development hereby permitted shall be first occupied until the car parking has been constructed in accordance with the approved site plan. These spaces shall thereafter be retained at all times for their designated purpose.

Reason: To provide adequate car-parking space for the development in accordance with Policies 40 and 41 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

6 **Regulatory Condition**: All works of demolition, construction and ancillary activities, including deliveries and dispatch, shall be restricted to 08:00-18:00 hours on Monday to Friday, from 08:00 to 13:00 hours on Saturdays and at no time on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

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

7 **Regulatory Condition**: No external lighting or floodlighting shall be installed or operated without the prior written approval of the local planning authority. Any lighting shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To enhance protected and Priority species & habitats and allow the Local Planning Authority to discharge its duties under paragraph 187d of NPPF 2024 and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (as amended).

8 **Regulatory Condition**: The use hereby permitted shall take place solely within the buildings. No open storage shall take place outside the buildings on open areas.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the locality and in accordance with Policies 26 and 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

9 **Regulatory Condition**: No waste material, including construction, demolition, excavation arisings and green wastes, shall be imported or stored at the site.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the locality in accordance with Policies 32 and 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

10 **Regulatory Condition**: No part of the site shall be open for trade or deliveries apart from between the hours of:

- 08:00 and 18:00 hours on Monday to Friday;
- 08:00 and 13:00 hours on Saturdays, and
- At no time on Sundays and Bank / 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 materials to be used in the development hereby permitted shall strictly accord with those indicated on the approved plan (24-05-01) and Planning Statement.

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).

12 **Regulatory Condition**: Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (or any order amending or revoking and/or re-enacting that Order), the premises hereby permitted shall be used solely for warehousing, storage and distribution activities within Class B8 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (or in any provision equivalent to that Class in any statutory instrument revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification). The premises shall not be used for any other purpose without express planning consent from the Local Planning Authority first being obtained.

Reason: Changes of use as permitted by the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order or Use Classes Order 1987 are not considered appropriate in this case due to its location to neighbouring dwellings under Policy 33(2) of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

13 **Regulatory Condition**: No development hereby permitted shall take place except in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Council's Organisational Licence (WML-OR136, or a 'Further Licence') and with the proposals detailed on plan "Thornhill Works: Impact plan for great crested newt District Licensing (Version 1)", dated 11th November 2025.

Reason: In order to ensure that adverse impacts on great crested newts are adequately mitigated and to ensure that site works are delivered in full compliance with the Organisational Licence (WML-OR136, or a 'Further Licence'), section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Circular 06/2005 and the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

14 **Regulatory Condition**: No development hereby permitted shall take place unless and until a certificate from the Delivery Partner (as set out in the District Licence WML-OR136, or a 'Further Licence'), confirming that all necessary measures regarding great crested newt compensation have been appropriately dealt with, has been submitted to and approved by the planning authority and the authority has provided authorisation for the development to proceed under the district newt licence. The delivery partner certificate must be submitted to this planning authority for approval prior to the commencement of the development hereby approved.

Reason: In order to adequately compensate for negative impacts to great crested newts, and in line with section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Circular 06/2005 and the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

15 **Regulatory Condition**: No development hereby permitted shall take place except in accordance with Part 1 of the Great Crested Newt Mitigation Principles, as set out in the District Licence (WML-OR136, or a 'Further Licence') and in addition in compliance with the following:

- Works which will affect likely newt hibernacula may only be undertaken during the active period for amphibians.

Reason: In order to ensure that adverse impacts on great crested newts are adequately mitigated and to ensure that site works are delivered in full compliance with the Organisational Licence (WML-OR136, or a 'Further Licence'), section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Circular 06/2005 and the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

16 **Regulatory Condition**: All mitigation and enhancement measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the details contained in the Ecological Appraisal (Deepdene Ecology, July 2024) and the Precautionary Method Statement for mobile protected species (in Table 7, Section 8 of the Ecological Appraisal).

Reason: As these matters are fundamental to safeguard the ecology and biodiversity of the area in accordance with Policy 31 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015), and to enhance Protected and Priority Species/habitats and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

Biodiversity Net Gain Condition

Paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states that planning permission is deemed to have been granted subject to the "biodiversity gain condition" which means development granted by this notice must not begin unless:

(a) a Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority, and
(b) the planning authority has approved the plan.

The planning authority, for the purposes of determining whether to approve a Biodiversity Gain Plan if one is required in respect of this permission is Horsham District Council.

This permission will require the submission and approval of a Biodiversity Gain Plan before development is begun.

For guidance on the contents of the Biodiversity Gain Plan that must be submitted and agreed by the Council prior to the commencement of the consented development please see the link: Submit a biodiversity gain plan - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

Statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements

There are statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements which mean that the biodiversity gain condition does not always apply. These can be found at Paragraph: 003 Reference ID: 74-003-20240214 of the Planning Practice Guidance, which can be found at https://www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-net-gain.

Irreplaceable habitat

If the onsite habitat includes irreplaceable habitat (within the meaning of the Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Irreplaceable Habitat Regulations 2024) there are additional requirements for the content and approval of Biodiversity Gain Plans.

Note to Applicant

- It is recommended that the NatureSpace certificate is submitted to this planning authority at least 6 months prior to the intended commencement of any works on site.

- It is also recommended that the NatureSpace Best Practice Principles are considered and implemented where possible and appropriate.

- It is essential to note that any works or activities whatsoever undertaken on site (including ground investigations, site preparatory works or ground clearance) prior to receipt of the written authorisation from the planning authority which permits the development to proceed under the District Licence (WML-OR136, or a 'Further Licence') are not licensed under the great crested newt District Licence. Any such works or activities have no legal protection under the great crested newt District Licence and if offences against great crested newts are thereby committed then criminal investigation and prosecution by the police may follow.

- It is essential to note that any ground investigations, site preparatory works and ground / vegetation clearance works / activities (where not constituting development under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990) in a red zone site authorised under the District Licence but which fail to respect controls equivalent to those detailed in the planning condition above which refers to the NatureSpace great crested newt mitigation principles would give rise to separate criminal liability under the District Licence, requiring authorised developers to comply with the District Licence and (in certain cases) with the GCN Mitigation Principles (for which Natural England is the enforcing authority); and may also give rise to criminal liability under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and/or the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) (for which the Police would be the enforcing authority).

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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Planning Permission – Important Provisos
If planning permission has been granted, please note that your Notice of Decision refers only to consideration of your proposal under the Town and Country Planning Acts. It is not a building regulations approval and does not mean that you can disregard other Acts of Regulations or avoid any other legal obligations. Some of these obligations, of particular relevance to your proposal are referred to elsewhere in this note. Before you proceed with your proposal you should ensure that a Building Control application is not required or has been submitted. The Building Control Department can be contacted on 01403 215151.

If this permission relates to new dwellings, commercial premises or other buildings which will require a new postal address you should contact the Council's Street Naming & Numbering Department as soon as possible or before work commences on site. Further details are available on the Street Naming page on the Council's website or alternatively e-mail streetnaming@horsham.gov.uk or telephone 01403 215139.

It is the responsibility of the developer to provide bins for the development. If you are a developer and need to purchase bins, please email hop.oast.admin@horsham.gov.uk.

It must be stressed that the information included on this Notice of Decision may not include all your legal obligations, and it does not grant you rights to carry out works on or over lands, or to access land that is not within your control or ownership.

Amendments
Should alterations or amendments be required to the approved plans, it will be necessary to apply either under Section 96A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for non-material alterations, or under Section 73 of the Act for minor material alterations. An application must be made using the standard application form and you should consult with us, to establish the correct type of application to be made.

Monitoring
Horsham District Council monitors the implementation of planning permissions. Please be aware that monitoring officers may visit the application site at various stages of the development to ensure compliance with the approved plans and conditions.

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.