Horsham District Council

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Application Number: DC/23/1818

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

On behalf of: Mr Ben Jones

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:

Change of use of existing agricultural storage building to 1No residential dwelling and regularisation of the Deemed Consent (DC/14/0882)

The Barn Capel Road Rusper West Sussex

as shown on Plan and Application Number DC/23/1818 submitted to the Council on 08/04/2024. The reasons for the Council's decision to refuse to permit the above works are specified hereunder.

1 The proposed development would be sited within an unsustainable location in the countryside, outside of a defined built-up area boundary, and on a site not allocated for housing development within the Horsham District Planning Framework, or a made Neighbourhood Plan. Furthermore, the proposed development is not essential to its countryside location. 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 1, 2, 3, 4 and 26 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

2 The proposed openings would be uniformly spaced and of uniform size, with the glazing details considered to be overly domestic in character and appearance. When considered cumulatively, the proposed openings would fail to reflect the character and visual amenity of the building and would result in a poor quality design and appearance that would fail to relate sympathetically to the rural character and countryside setting. The proposed development would therefore be contrary to Policies 32 and 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

3 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).

4 Insufficient information has been provided to demonstrate that the proposed development would have no adverse impact on protected species and its habitat, and to establish how the development will contribute to measurable Biodiversity Net Gain, contrary to Policy 31 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015) and Paragraphs 180 and 186 of the NPPF.

Schedule of plans/documents:

Plan Type	Description	Drawing Number	Received Date
Location plan	Location Plan	NONE	29.09.2023
Block plan	Block Plan	NONE	08.04.2024
Floor plan	Existing Plans	RUSPERBARN-EXTPLN REV	29.09.2023
Elevation plan	Existing Elevations	RUSPERBARN-EXTELE REV	29.09.2023
Floor plan	Proposed Plans	RUSPERBARN-PROPLN REV	29.09.2023
Elevation plan	Proposed Elevations	RUSPERBARN-PROELE REV	29.09.2023
Supporting Statement	Water Neutrality Statement dated April 2024	NONE	05.04.2024

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: 03/06/2024

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.