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**The Blue Ship The Haven Billingshurst West Sussex  
Conversion of stable into a 1 bed holiday unit with associated works. (Full Application).**

Your application DC/26/0187 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](https://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](https://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/26/0187

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

On behalf of: Mrs Sophie Bailey

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:

**Conversion of stable into a 1 bed holiday unit with associated works. (Full Application).**

**The Blue Ship The Haven Billingshurst West Sussex**

to be carried out in accordance with Application No. DC/26/0187 submitted to the Council on 03/02/2026 and subject to compliance with the plans/documents and conditions specified hereunder.

Emma Parkes  
Head of Development and Building Control

Date: 17/04/2026

- 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 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Plans                     | Location and existing block, ground floor, first floor and elevations | EA0204/PL1      | 03.02.2026    |
| Plans                     | Proposed block, ground floor, first floor and elevations              | EA0204/PL2      | 03.02.2026    |
| Design & Access Statement | and heritage                                                          | 260-07-30 REV 2 | 03.02.2026    |
| Supporting Statement      | Bat emergence survey                                                  | NONE            | 03.02.2026    |

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 Condition:** No relevant works shall commence until the following details have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The works must not be executed other than in complete accordance with these approved details:

Specification and/or drawings fully describing method of incorporating thermal, fire and sound insulation, describing the effect to the appearance and fabric of historic and architectural features including roof junctions at ridge, verges and eaves.

Reason: As this matter is fundamental to ensure that the significance of the designated heritage asset, and the character, appearance and integrity of the building, is not prejudiced, thereby preserving the special architectural or historic interest which it possesses, and to comply with Policy 34 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

- 4 **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 holiday let shall commence until the approved cycle parking facilities 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).

- 5 **Regulatory Condition:** The flue hereby permitted shall be finished in a dark, matt coating. No additional plumbing, pipes, soil stacks, flues, vents, ductwork or the like, shall be fixed to any external face of the building other than as shown on the drawings hereby approved.

Reason: To ensure that the significance of the designated heritage asset, and the character, appearance and integrity of the building, is not prejudiced, thereby preserving the special architectural or historic interest which it possesses, and to comply with Policy 34 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

- 6 **Regulatory Condition:** The new windows and doors fitted in the building hereby permitted shall be timber. The window casements shall be flush fitted with their frames.

Reason: To ensure that the significance of the designated heritage asset, and the character, appearance and integrity of the building, is not prejudiced, thereby preserving the special architectural or historic interest which it possesses, and to comply with Policy 34 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

- 7 **Regulatory Condition:** The roof lights hereby permitted shall be metal framed and sit flush with the roof slope.

Reason: To ensure that the significance of the designated heritage asset, and the character, appearance and integrity of the building, is not prejudiced, thereby preserving the special architectural or historic interest which it possesses, and to comply with Policy 34 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

- 8 **Regulatory Condition:** All new and replacement rainwater goods shall be cast iron or cast aluminium.

Reason: To ensure that the significance of the designated heritage asset, and the character, appearance and integrity of the building, is not prejudiced, thereby preserving the special architectural or historic interest which it possesses, and to comply with Policy 34 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

- 9 **Regulatory Condition:** The vehicle parking spaces serving the development hereby permitted, as shown on the Proposed Site Plan, shall be retained and kept available for that purpose at all times.

Reason: To ensure the continued availability of adequate parking provision in the interests of highway safety and convenience, in accordance with Policy 40 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

- 10 **Regulatory Condition:** The residential accommodation hereby permitted shall be occupied and managed in accordance with the following: -

- The accommodation shall be occupied for holiday and short-term let purposes only;
- The accommodation shall not be occupied as a person's sole, or main place of residence;
- The accommodation shall not be occupied by any one person for a period exceeding 28 days in any calendar year;
- The accommodation shall at all times be managed and supervised by The Blue Ship;
- The owners / operators shall maintain an up-to-date register of the names of all owners / occupiers of the accommodation on the site, and of their main home addresses, and shall make this information available to the Local Planning Authority upon request.

Reason: To maintain the availability of the site as short term holiday tourist accommodation in accordance with Policies 10, 11 and 26 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

- 11 **Regulatory Condition:** The holiday accommodation hereby permitted shall meet the optional requirement of building regulation G2 to limit the water usage of each dwelling to no more than 110 litres per person per day. The subsequently installed water limiting measures shall thereafter be retained.

Reason: To limit water use in order to improve the sustainability of the development in accordance with Policy 37 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015), and to avoid an adverse impact on the Arun Valley SACSPA and Ramsar sites in accordance with Policy 31 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015), Paragraph 193 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2024), and to allow the Local Planning Authority 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).

- 12 **Regulatory Condition:** No external lighting or floodlighting shall be installed other than with the permission of the Local Planning Authority by way of formal application.

Reason: In the interests of the amenities of the locality and in accordance with Policy 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

- 13 **Regulatory Condition:** All mitigation measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the details contained in the Preliminary Roost Assessment, Bat Emergence Survey, BNG Review (Ecology Partnership, September 2025), as already submitted with the planning application and agreed in principle with the local planning authority prior to

determination. This includes the non-licensed Precautionary Method Statement for bats in Section 4.3 of the Preliminary Roost Assessment, Bat Emergence Survey, BNG Review (Ecology Partnership, September 2025), Section 4.2, which avoids impacts on European Protected Species.

This may include the appointment of an appropriately competent person e.g. an ecological clerk of works (ECoW) to provide on-site ecological expertise during construction. The appointed person shall undertake all activities, and works shall be carried out, in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To conserve protected and Priority species and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (as amended).

### **Note to Applicant - 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.

Under Regulations 4, 5, 7 & 8 of the Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Exemptions) Regulations 2024 the statutory biodiversity gain condition required by Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) does not apply in relation to planning permission for development which:

1. does not impact an onsite priority habitat (a habitat specified in a list published under section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006); and impacts less than 25 square metres of onsite habitat that has biodiversity value greater than zero and less than 5 metres in length of onsite linear habitat (a hedgerow habitat or watercourse habitat identified for the purposes of the biodiversity metric);
2. is the subject of a householder application within the meaning of article 2(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015;
3. is undertaken solely or mainly for the purpose of fulfilling, in whole or in part, the biodiversity gain planning condition which applies in relation to another development (In determining whether a development is undertaken solely or mainly for this purpose, no account is to be taken of any facility for the public to access or to use the site for educational or recreational purposes, if that access or use is permitted without the payment of a fee);
4. consists of no more than 9 dwellings, is carried out on a site which has an area no larger than 0.5 hectares, and consists exclusively of dwellings which are self-build or custom housebuilding ("Self-build or custom housebuilding" has the same meaning as in section 1(A1) of the Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015 (as amended)).

In addition, the Biodiversity Gain Plan Condition does not apply to applications for major development made before 12 February 2024, or non-major development made before 2 April 2024.

**Based on the information submitted in the planning application documents, the Planning Authority considers that this permission is exempt from biodiversity net gain, and as such does not require approval of a biodiversity gain plan before development is begun.**

*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 – Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL):**

Horsham District Council has adopted a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule which took effect on 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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>.