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Application Number: DC/25/0407

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

On behalf of: Mr and Mrs Pete and Aey Aspdin

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:

**Variation of condition 6 of previously approved application reference DC/23/1667 (Demolition of existing cottage and erection of single storey replacement dwelling and associated outbuilding) to refer to revised water neutrality report incorporating updated internal water fixtures and fittings.**

**Cobweb Cottage Emms Lane Brooks Green West Sussex**

to be carried out in accordance with Application No. DC/25/0407 submitted to the Council on 18/03/2025 and subject to compliance with the plans/documents and conditions specified hereunder.

**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.

Emma Parkes
Head of Development and Building Control

Date: 09/06/2025

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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Layout plan | Drainage Layout | 101 P5 | 12.05.2025 |

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| Supporting Docs | Water Fittings Specification | A105-4-SCH002 | 12.05.2025 |
| Supporting Docs | Water Neutrality Report by cgs Civils dated 07.01.2025 | C2565 Rev -P2 | 18.03.2025 |
| Location plan | | A150-P-100 | 07.09.2023 |
| Location plan | | NONE | 07.09.2023 |
| Site plan | As Existing | A150-P-101 | 07.09.2023 |
| Elevation plan | As Existing | A150-P-102 | 07.09.2023 |
| Site plan | As Proposed | A150-P-103 | 07.09.2023 |
| Floor plan | As Proposed | A150-P-104 | 07.09.2023 |
| Elevation plan | North and East, As Proposed | A150-P-105 | 07.09.2023 |
| Elevation plan | South and West, As Proposed | A150-P-106 | 07.09.2023 |
| Section plan | A and B, As Proposed | A150-P-107 | 07.09.2023 |
| Supporting Docs | Overheating Risk Report | NONE | 07.09.2023 |
| Supporting Docs | Bat Emergence and Re-entry Surveys | NONE | 07.09.2023 |
| Supporting Docs | Tree Survey and Arboricultural Impact Assessment | NONE | 07.09.2023 |
| Supporting Docs | Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Preliminary Roost Assessment | NONE | 07.09.2023 |
| Elevation & Floor plan | Roof (Outbuilding), As Proposed | A150-P-109 | 05.10.2023 |
| Floor plan | As Existing | A150-P-108 | 05.10.2023 |
| Supporting Docs | Biodiversity Enhancement & External Lighting Plan | A150-4-003 A | 13.01.2025 |
| Supporting Docs | Rainwater Harvesting Installation and Maintenance Instructions | NONE | 19.05.2025 |
| Supporting Docs | RainBackup in A Box Mains Water Backup | NONE | 19.05.2025 |
| Supporting Docs | Rainwater Harvesting Manual | NONE | 19.05.2025 |
| Supporting Docs | Rainwater Harvesting Installation Guide | NONE | 19.05.2025 |
| Section plan | Direct Supply System with Mains Water Backup Unit Plan | Platin_Direct System | 19.05.2025 |
| Layout plan | Mains Water Backup Unit Dimensions | Mains Water Backup Unit | 19.05.2025 |

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

2 **Regulatory (Time) Condition**: The development hereby permitted must be commenced by the 12th of February 2027.

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

3 **Pre-Commencement Condition**: No development shall commence, including demolition pursuant to the permission granted, ground clearance, or bringing equipment, machinery or materials onto the site, until the following preliminaries have been completed in the sequence set out below:

- All trees on the site shown for retention on approved Tree Survey and Arboricultural Impact Assessment, as well as those off-site whose root protection areas ingress into the site, shall be fully protected throughout all construction works by tree protective fencing affixed to the ground in full accordance with section 6 of BS 5837 'Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction - Recommendations' (2012).

- Once installed, the fencing shall be maintained during the course of the development works and until all machinery and surplus materials have been removed from the site.

- Areas so fenced off shall be treated as zones of prohibited access, and shall not be used for the storage of materials, equipment or machinery in any circumstances. No mixing of cement, concrete, or use of other materials or substances shall take place within any tree protective zone, or close enough to such a zone that seepage or displacement of those materials and substances could cause them to enter a zone.

Any trees or hedges on the site which die or become damaged during the construction process shall be replaced with trees or hedging plants of a type, size and in positions agreed by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: As this matter is fundamental to ensure the successful and satisfactory protection of important trees and hedgerows on the site in accordance with Policy 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

4 **Pre-Occupation Condition**: All works shall be undertaken in accordance with the submitted Water Neutrality Statement (Water Neutrality Report C2565 REV P2, received 21.03.2025). No dwelling hereby permitted shall be first occupied until evidence has been submitted to and been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority that the approved water neutrality strategy for that dwelling has been implemented in full. The evidence shall include the specification of fittings and appliances used, evidence of their installation, and completion of the as built Part G water calculator or equivalent. The installed measures shall be retained as such thereafter.

Reason: To ensure the development is water neutral 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), Paragraphs 179 and 180 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2021), its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority Habitats & Species).

5 **Regulatory Condition**: All mitigation and enhancement measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the details contained in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Preliminary Roost Assessment (ArbTech, March 2023) and the Bat Emergence and Reentry Surveys (ArbTech, July 2023) and Biodiversity Enhancement & External Lighting Plan reference A150-4003 A as already submitted with the planning application and agreed in principle with the local planning authority prior to determination.

This will 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 and enhance 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 (Priority habitats & species) and Policy 31 of the Horsham Development Framework.

6 **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).

7 **Regulatory Condition**: The outbuilding hereby permitted shall be used solely for purposes incidental, as a workshop, gym and office, to the occupation and enjoyment of the residential property at Cobweb Cottage, Emms Lane, Brooks Green, West Sussex, RH13 0TR (as identified on the approved plans) and shall not be used as a separate unit of accommodation, as habitable living accommodation, for any commercial purposes or for any other purpose(s)/use(s).

Reason: The establishment of an additional independent unit of accommodation, additional living accommodation, commercial use or any other use(s) would give rise to an over-intensive use of the site and lead to an unsatisfactory relationship between independent units of living accommodation contrary to Policies 26 and 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

8 **Regulatory Condition**: All works shall be executed in full accordance with the submitted Arboricultural Impact Assessment/Method Statement (Tree Survey and Arboricultural Impact Assessment 07.09.23).

Reason: To ensure the successful and satisfactory protection of important trees, shrubs and hedges on the site in accordance with Policies 30 and 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

9 **Regulatory Condition**: The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the lighting design scheme for biodiversity as approved under Biodiversity Enhancement & External Lighting Plan reference A150-4003 A. All external lighting shall be installed in accordance with the specifications and locations set out in the scheme and maintained thereafter in accordance with the scheme. Under no circumstances should any other external lighting be installed without prior consent from the local planning authority.

Reason: To 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 (Priority habitats & species) and Policy 31 of the Horsham Development Framework.

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).

**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)).

**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:**
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.

**Compliance with the Approved Plans and Conditions**
The development hereby approved must be implemented in accordance with the approved plans and any conditions set out in the Notice. Some of the conditions may specify that works are to be carried out, and/or details submitted and approved before all or part of the development is started. These will appear in the 'Pre-Commencement Conditions' section of the Notice.

If works on implementing this permission is started without these requirements being fully met, the development may be unauthorised and the permission invalidated, and could lead to enforcement proceedings or in some cases to prosecution.

**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.

**Conditions Compliance**
Requests for confirmation of compliance with conditions associated with that permission should be made in writing or by using the application form 'Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions'.

A request may be for confirmation that one or more conditions imposed on the same permission have been complied with. We aim to respond within 8 weeks of receipt of the request.

**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.