Horsham District Council

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Date:	20th December 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015
Application for Prior Approval under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q

Prior Notification for Change of Use of Agricultural Building to 5no. dwellings (C3 Use Class)

Woodhouse Farm Wheatsheaf Road Woodmancote West Sussex

Further to the above prior notification which was received on 30 October 2024, I am writing to confirm that **prior approval is required and granted**. The proposal can now proceed subject to the following conditions:

1 **Pre-Commencement Condition**: Prior to the commencement of development approved by this planning permission (or such other date or stage in development as may be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority), the following components of a scheme to deal with the risks associated with contamination of the site, including the identification and removal of asbestos containing materials, shall each be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the local planning authority:

a) A preliminary risk assessment which has identified:
- all previous uses
- potential contaminants associated with those uses
- a conceptual model of the site indicating sources, pathways and receptors
- potentially unacceptable risks arising from contamination at the site.

b) A site investigation scheme, based on (a) to provide information for a detailed assessment of the risk to all receptors that may be affected, including those off site.

c) Based on the site investigation results and the detailed risk assessment (b) an options appraisal and remediation strategy giving full details of the remediation measures required and how they are to be undertaken.

d) A verification plan providing details of the data that will be collected in order to demonstrate that the works set out in (c) are complete and identifying any requirements for longer-term monitoring of pollutant linkages, maintenance and arrangements for contingency action.

Any changes to these components require the express consent of the local planning authority. The scheme shall be implemented as approved.

Reason: As this matter is fundamental to ensure that no unacceptable risks are caused to humans, controlled waters or the wider environment during and following the development works and to ensure that any pollution is dealt with in accordance with Policies 24 and 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

Additional information for applicant

Water Neutrality
The Applicant is advised that Article 3(1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended states that:

'Subject to the provisions of this Order and regulations 73 to 76 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (general development orders), planning permission is hereby granted for the classes of development described as permitted development in Schedule 2.'

Section 75 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 states that *'it is a condition of any planning permission granted by a general development order made on or after 30th November 2017, that development which -*

(a) Is likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects), and

(b) Is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site, must not be begun until the developer has received written notification of the approval of the local planning authority under regulation 77 (approval of local planning authority).'

The application site falls within the Sussex North Water Supply Zone as defined by Natural England which draws its water supply from groundwater abstraction at Hardham. Natural England has issued a Position Statement for applications within the Sussex North Water Supply Zone which states that it cannot be concluded with the required degree of certainty that new development in this zone would not have an adverse effect on the integrity of the Arun Valley SAC, SPA and Ramsar sites.

In order to demonstrate water neutrality, an application under Section 77 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 would be required to be submitted, and development subject of this Prior Approval application could not be carried out until a decision of such application has been made. Further details can be found through:-

https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/water-neutrality-in-horsham-district/regulation-77-conservation-of-habitats-and-species-regulations

Bats
The applicant is advised that it is an offence both to intentionally or recklessly destroy a bat roost, regardless of whether the bat is in the roost at the time of inspection. All trees should therefore be thoroughly checked for the existence of bat roosts prior to any works taking place. If in doubt, the applicant is advised to contact the Bat Conservation Trust at Quadrant House, 250 Kennington Lane, London, SE11 5RD, tel: 0345 1300 228, email: equiries@bats.org.uk, web: http://www.bats.org.uk/

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.

Schedule of plans/documents
The following plans and document were considered when making the above decision:

Plan Type	Description	Drawing Number	Received Date
Location plan		Pt 1	30.10.2024
Location plan		Pt 2	30.10.2024
Floor plan		447pe07	30.10.2024
Elevation plan		447pe09	30.10.2024

Appeals to the Secretary of State
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 this decision notice for a 'minor commercial' (shop front) application, and within 6 months for most 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

New postal addresses
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.

Waste bins
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.

Yours faithfully



Emma Parkes
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