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10 December, 2019

Dear Councillor,

PLANNING CONTROL COMMITTEE 3:00 PM, WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER, 2019 COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, CANNOCK

You are invited to attend this meeting for consideration of the matters itemised in the following Agenda.

The meeting will commence at 3.00pm or at the conclusion of the site visit, whichever is the later. Members are requested to note that the following site visit has been arranged:-

Application Number	Application Description	Start Time
CH/19/366	32 Holly Street, West Chadsmoor, Cannock. WS11 5RU - Change of use from 8 bed HMO to 10 bed HMO	2.30pm

Members wishing to attend the site visit are requested to meet at 32 Holly Street, West Chadsmoor, Cannock WS11 5RU at 2.30pm as indicated on the enclosed plan.

Yours sincerely,

T. McGovern

Managing Director



To Councillors:-

Cartwright, Mrs. S.M. (Chairman)
Allen, F.W.C. (Vice-Chairman)

Crabtree, S.K. Smith, C.D. Dudson, A. Startin, P.D.

Fisher, P.A. Stretton, Mrs. P.Z. Thompson, Mrs. S.L. Jones, Mrs. V. Todd, Mrs. D.M. Layton, Mrs. A. Woodhead, P.E.

Pearson, A.R.

AGENDA

PART 1

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

To declare any personal, pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct and any possible contraventions under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

3. Disclosure of details of lobbying of Members

4. Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November, 2019 (enclosed).

5. Members' Requests for Site Visits

6. Report of the Development Control Manager

Members wishing to obtain information on applications for planning approval prior to the commencement of the meeting are asked to contact the Development Control Manager.

Finding information about an application from the website

- On the home page click on planning applications, listed under the 'Planning & Building' tab.
- This takes you to a page headed "view planning applications and make comments". Towards the bottom of this page click on the text <u>View planning</u> <u>applications</u>. By clicking on the link I agree to the terms, disclaimer and important <u>notice above</u>.



- The next page is headed "Web APAS Land & Property". Click on 'search for a planning application'.
- On the following page insert the reference number of the application you're interested in e.g. CH/11/0001 and then click search in the bottom left hand corner.
- This takes you to a screen with a basic description click on the reference number.
- Halfway down the next page there are six text boxes click on the third one view documents.
- This takes you to a list of all documents associated with the application click on the ones you wish to read and they will be displayed.

SITE VISIT APPLICATION

	Application Number	Application Location and Description	<u>Item</u> Number
1.	CH/19/366	32 Holly Street, West Chadsmoor, Cannock. WS11 5RU – Change of use from 8 bed HMO to 10 bed HMO	6.1 – 6.17

PLANNING APPLICATION

2. CH/19/305 Mercury House, 63 Union Street, Bridgtown, Cannock. 6.18 – 6.28 WS11 0BS – Variation of Condition (2) parking provision and (6) approved plans – pursuant to CH/19/129

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

PLANNING CONTROL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER, 2019 AT 3:00 P.M.

IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors Cartwright, Mrs. S.M. (Chairman) Allen, F.W.C. (Vice-Chairman)

> Buttery, M. (substituting for Pearson, A.R. Thompson, Mrs. S.L.) Smith, C.D. Fisher, P.A. Startin, P.D. Stretton, Mrs. P.Z. Jones, Mrs. V. Layton, Mrs. A. Todd. Mrs. D.M. Martin, Mrs. C.E. (substituting Woodhead, P.E.

for Dudson, A.)

72. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. Crabtree, A. Dudson, Mrs. A.A. Fitzgerald and Mrs. S.L. Thompson.

(Notice had been received that Councillor M. Buttery would be substitute for Councillor Mrs. S.L. Thompson and Councillor Mrs. C.E. Martin would substitute for Councillor A. Dudson).

Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and 73. **Restriction on Voting by Members**

Nothing declared.

74. **Disclosure of lobbying of Members**

None disclosed.

75. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 October, 2019 be approved as a correct record.

76. Members' Requests for Site Visits

RESOLVED:

(A) That a site visit be undertaken in respect of an application which has been submitted following refusal of CH/18/373, for the development of a bungalow, Brindley Heath Road, Hednesford

Reason: In order to view the effect the development would have on the visual amenity of the area and to assess whether very special circumstances exist to justify this development in the Green Belt.

(B) That a site visit be undertaken in respect of Application CH/19/374, construction of 79 houses, land between Wharf Road and Hardie Avenue, Rugeley WS15 1NX

Reason: In order to assess the impact on the highway

77. Application CH/19/280, Pentalver, Pentalver Way, Cannock, WS11 8XY – Installation railhead to comprise 5 line rail siding with two gantry cranes and alterations to existing site layout to convert existing depot to a multi-modal container handling facility. Expansion of depot site onto adjoining former Rumer Hill Industrial Estate to include provision of trailer parking and car parking areas and erection of new 2 storey office building

Following a site visit consideration was given to the report of the Development Control Manager (Item 6.1-6.70 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Prior to consideration of the application representations were made by Stewart Charlesworth, representing Rumer Hill Residents Assocation, who was speaking against the application. Further representations were made by Nick Matthews, Operations Director, Pentalver, speaking in support of the application.

The Development Control Manager circulated the following update to the Committee:-

Following consultation with the applicant the recommended list of conditions to be attached to any permission has been subject to amendment as set out below:

Conditions (and Reasons for Conditions):

 The development to which this permission relates must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date on which this permission is granted.

Reason:

To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.

<u>Design</u>

2. No part of the office building hereby approved shall be undertaken above ground level until details of the materials to be used for the external surfaces have been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

In the interests of visual amenity and to ensure compliance with Local Plan Policies CP3 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

3. No part of the gantries hereby approved shall be constructed above ground level until details of the colour coating to be used for the external surfaces have been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

In the interests of visual amenity and to ensure compliance with Local Plan Policies CP3 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Highways

4. The replacement office building hereby permitted shall not be occupied until the associated parking and turning areas have been provided in accordance with submitted Drg. No.CO0206798-1000 Rev. P11 the subject of this consent and shall thereafter be retained at all times for their designated purposes.

Reason:

In the interests of highway safety in accordance with paragraph 109 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

5. The replacement office building hereby permitted shall not be occupied until details of revisions to the Rumer Hill Road (U5050) access have been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The revisions to the Rumer Hill Road (U5050) access shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details prior to the replacement office building being occupied.

Reason:

In the interests of highway safety in accordance with paragraph 109 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

6. The proposed trailer slots within the site curtilage shall be retained at all times for their designated purpose.

Reason:

In the interests of highway safety in accordance with paragraph 109 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

7. Prior to the commencement of development details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority indicating a Construction Vehicle Management Plan (CVMP). The approved CVMP shall thereafter be implemented prior to the commencement of the construction phase and thereafter adhered to throughout construction unless otherwise approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

In the interests of highway safety in accordance with paragraph 109 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

8. The replacement office building hereby permitted shall not be occupied until details of a secure weatherproof parking facility for 16No. bicycles, 16No lockers for bike users and showers have been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The bicycle parking facility, lockers and showers shall thereafter be installed in accordance with the approved details prior to the replacement office building being occupied. Thereafter the parking facility, lockers and showers shall be retained for the life of the development.

Reasons:

In the interests of site sustainability.

Drainage

 The development hereby permitted should not commence until drainage plans for the disposal of foul and surface water flows have been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority, and

The scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details before the development is first brought into use. This is to ensure that the development is provided with a satisfactory means of drainage as well as to prevent or to avoid exacerbating any flooding issues and to minimise the risk of pollution.

Reason:

In the interest of providing proper drainage to the development

10. No development shall take place until a detailed surface water drainage scheme for the site has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local

Planning Authority in consultation with the Lead Local Flood Authority. The scheme shall subsequently be implemented in accordance with the approved details before the development is completed. The scheme to be submitted shall demonstrate:

Provision of surface water run-off attenuation storage in accordance with the principles outlined in the Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy by Amey Consulting (ref: CO00206798/Rev1, dated 04/03/2019).

Detailed design (plans, network details and calculations) in support of any surface water drainage scheme, including details on any attenuation system, and the outfall arrangements. Calculations should demonstrate the performance of the designed system for a range of return periods and storm durations inclusive of the 1 in 1 year, 1 in 2 year, 1 in 30 year, 1 in 100 year and 1 in 100 year plus climate change return periods.

Plans illustrating flooded areas and flow paths in the event of exceedance or failure of the drainage system.

Provision of an acceptable management and maintenance plan for surface water drainage to ensure that surface water drainage systems shall be maintained and managed for the lifetime of the development.

Evidence provided that the proposed discharge does not exceed the conveyance capacity of the receiving waterbody, particularly where proposed discharge points differ from the existing arrangement

Reason:

In the interest of providing proper drainage to the development and the prevention of flooding.

11. Prior to discharge to any watercourse, surface water sewer, soakaway or pond all surface water drainage from parking areas and hardstandings shall be passed through an oil interceptor designed and constructed to have capacity and details compatible with the site being drained. Roof water shall not pass through the interceptor.

Reason:

In the interest of protecting the aquatic environment in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework.

Contamination

12. If, during development, contamination not previously identified is found to be present at the site then no further development (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority) shall be carried out until a remediation strategy detailing how this contamination will be dealt with has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The remediation strategy shall be implemented as approved.

Reason:

To ensure that the development does not contribute to, is not put at unacceptable risk from, or adversely affected by, unacceptable levels of water pollution from previously unidentified contamination sources at the development site. This is in line with paragraph 170 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

13. The construction of the office block shall not commence until ground gas protection measures evaluating to a score of 5.5 (as per BS8485:2015) have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

No building on the site shall be occupied until

- (i) the works comprising the approved scheme have been implemented; and
- (ii) verification that the works have been completed has been submitted to the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

Ground gas monitoring has demonstrated that the site is at high risk from ground gas.

14. The development shall be carried out in strict accordance with the Operational Noise Management Plan dated April 2019 and found at Appendix C of the Noise Assessment, Reference A110049 Revision 3, dated 19th June 2019, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. In such instances the development shall be carried out in strict accordance with the approved revised Operational Noise Management Plan.

The Operational Noise Management Plan shall be reviewed and if necessary revised bi-annually to account for changing circumstances and evidence of any adverse noise impact from the operations.

Reason:

In the interests of protecting the amenity of the occupiers of nearby residential properties in accordance with Policy CP3 of the Cannock Chase Local Plan and paragraph 127(f) of the National Planning Policy Framework.

15. The development shall be carried out in strict accordance with the Ecological Management Plan, dated October 2019 And prepared by FPCR Environment and Design Ltd unless otherwise approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

In the interests of protecting the amenity of the occupiers of nearby residential properties in accordance with Policy CP12 of the Cannock Chase Local Plan and paragraph 174 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

16. The office hereby approved shall not be occupied until a scheme for the fitting of the car park with electric charging points for electric vehicles has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the works comprising the approved scheme have been completed. The works shall thereafter be retained for the lifetime of the development unless otherwise approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

In the interests of improving air quality and combatting climate change in accordance with policy CP16 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Landscaping Conditions

17. Notwithstanding the details of the approved plans no trees within Group G10 as identified in the Arboricultural Assessment, prepared by FPCR Environment and Design Limited, shall be felled, topped or lopped until a detailed survey has been undertaken and a report identifying which trees are to be removed has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The landscaping works thereafter undertaken shall be carried out in accordance with the scheme approved under this condition.

Reason:

Given the way the group of trees has grown up selection of trees to be felled and removed needs careful consideration to avoid future impacts on the remaining trees and the contribution they make to the character of the wider area in accordance with Policy CP3 of the Cannock Chase Local Plan.

18. The approved landscape works shown on Dwg. Nos. LN03931/LA2 Rev P5, LA3 Rev P5, LA4 Rev P5, LA5 Rev P5, LA6 Rev P5 and LA7 Rev P5 shall be carried out in the first planting and seeding season following the occupation of any buildings or the completion of the development whichever is the sooner.

Reason:

In the interest of visual amenity of the area. In accordance with Local Plan Policies CP3, CP12, CP14 and the NPPF.

19. Any trees or plants which within a period of five years from the date of planting die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased, shall be replaced in the following planting season with others of similar size and species unless the Local Planning Authority gives written consent to any variation.

Reason:

In the interests of visual amenity of the area. In accordance with Local Plan Policies CP3, CP12, CP14 and the NPPF.

20. The site landscape, following completion of establishment, shall be managed in accordance with the approved Management Plan Ref LN03931 Rev G, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

In the interests of visual amenity of the area. In accordance with Local Plan Policies CP3, CP12, CP14 and the NPPF.

21. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the recommendations and terms of the Ecological Implementation Plan, dated November 2019, produced by FPCR Environment and design Limited.

Reason:

The measures contained with the Ecological Implementation Plan to upgrade and maintain remaining areas of semi- natural vegetation around the development are required to offset ecological damage resulting from the development proposals" in accordance with Policy CP12 of the Cannock Chase Local Plan and paragraphs 170, 174, 177, 179 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

22. The Ecological Management Plan, dated October 2019, shall be implemented for the life time of the development.

Reason:

The measures contained with the Ecological Management Plan to maintain remaining areas of semi- natural vegetation around the development are required to offset ecological damage resulting from the development proposals" in accordance with Policy CP12 of the Cannock Chase Local Plan and paragraphs 170, 174, 177, 179 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

23. Should discrepancies exist between the Ecological Implementation Plan and the Landscape Management Plan, the provisions of the Ecological Implementation Plan shall take precedence in all retained areas supporting semi-natural vegetation.

Reason:

The application of herbicides and pesticides should only be used where absolutely essential in areas of established semi-natural vegetation ion order to safeguard the ecologocal value fo the site in accordance with Policy CP12 of the Cannock Chase Local Plan and paragraphs 170, 174, 177, 179 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

24. No trees or hedges shown as retained on the approved plans shall be cut down, topped, lopped, uprooted or removed without the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority nor shall they be wilfully damaged or destroyed.

Any trees or hedges which, within a period of 5 years from completion of the development are cut down, topped, lopped or uprooted without permission of the Local Planning Authority or become seriously damaged or diseased or die shall be replaced in the next planting season with similar size and species unless the Local Planning Authority gives written consent to any variation.

Reason:

The existing vegetation makes an important contribution to the visual amenity of the area. In accordance with Local Plan Policies CP3, CP14, CP12 and the NPPF.

25. The approved arboricultural work shall be carried out fully in accordance with the submitted details including timetable and to BS 3998 Tree Work & BS 5837 Trees in Relation to Construction, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

To ensure the retention and appropriate maintenance of the existing vegetation which makes an important contribution to the visual amenity of the area. In accordance with Local Plan Policies CP3, CP12, CP14 and the NPPF.

- 26. No development shall not commence until:
 - (a) a scheme of intrusive site investigations for approval which includes the investigation of both shallow coal workings and the recorded on-site mine entries has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority; and
 - (b) The scheme of intrusive site investigations has been implemented in full; and
 - (c) A report of findings arising from the intrusive site investigations along with a scheme of remedial works / mitigatory measures for approval; has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and
 - (d) the remedial works have been implemented in full.

Reason:

The site is located within an area which has been previously been subject to mineral workings and a scheme is required to ensure that the site can be redeveloped safely with appropriate remediation.

27. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

Application form dated 08.07.19

Drawing CO00206798/1011 Rev P1 - Site location plan (Amey Consulting)

Drawing CO00206798/1033 Rev P1 - Topographical Survey (Amey Consulting)

Drawing CO00206798/1000 Rev P11 – Proposed Masterplan layout (Amey Consulting)

Drawing CO00206798/2000 Rev P06 - Cross Sections Through the Site (Amey Consulting)

Drawing CO00206798/2001 Rev P0 – Typical Cross Section through Gantry Crane (Amey Consulting)

Drawing CO00206798/3000 Rev P04 – Proposed Phasing Plan (Amey Consulting)

Drawing PR1828_SPA_V1_DR_B_0001 Rev A - Proposed Office Ground Floor Plan & Section A-A (Spencer Pughe Associates)

Drawing PR1828_SPA_V1_DR_B_0002 Rev B – Proposed Office First Floor Plan & Roof Plan (Spencer Pughe Associates)

Drawing PR1828_SPA_V1_DR_B_0003 Rev A - New Office Proposed Elevations and Illustrations prepared by Spencer Pughe Associates;

Drawing PR1828_SPA_V1_DR_B_0004 Rev B — Proposed Authorised Testing Building Plans & Elevations (Spencer Pughe Associates)

Design and Access Statement (Spencer Pughe Associates)

Planning Statement dated July 2019 (WYG Planning)

Transport Statement dated October 2019 (Mayer Brown)

Transport Technical Note issued August 2019 (Mayer Brown)

Framework Travel Plan dated June 2019 (Mayer Brown)

Framework Construction Vehicle Management Plan dated October 2019 (Mayer Brown)

Phase I Geoenvironmental Site Investigation Report dated November 2018 (GeoCon Site Investigations)

Phase II Geoenvironmental Site Investigation Report dated November 2018 (GeoCon Site Investigations)

Noise Assessment dated October 2019 (WYG Acoustic team)

Air Quality Assessment dated September 2019 (WYG Air Quality team)

Air Quality Damage Costs note (WYG Air Quality team)

Ecological Appraisal dated May 2019 (FPCR Environment and Design Ltd)

Arboricultural Assessment Rev E dated 6 November 2019 (FPCR Environment and Design Ltd)

Bat Report dated October 2019 (FPCR Environment and Design Ltd)

Ecological Implementation Plan dated November 2019 (FPCR Environment and Design Ltd)

Lighting Assessment dated October 2019 (WYG Lighting team)

Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Rev D dated October 2019 (WYG Landscape team)

Landscape Proposals Plans dated (WYG Landscape team) Drawing no's LA2 Rev P5, LA3 Rev P5, LA4 Rev P5, LA5 Rev P5, LA6 Rev P5 and LA7 Rev P5

Landscape Management Plan Rev G dated 6 November 2019 (WYG Landscape team)

Flood Risk Assessment & Drainage Strategy Revision 3 dated October 2019 (Amey Consulting)

CIL Additional Information Form.

Reason:

For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

28. Notwithstanding the details of the approved plan the red line defining the boundary of the application site is that shown on the Drawing CO00206798/1000 Rev P11 "Proposed Masterplan Layout" prepared by Amey Consulting.

Reason:

For the avoidance of doubt.

Following this a Member asked whether it would be possible to include a condition to ensure larger HGV's did not enter the site via the Rumer Hill Road entrance. The Development Control Manager advised that an additional condition could be added should the application be approved.

A Member referred to the wording in Condition 14 of the officer update sheet, which made reference to the Operational Noise Management Plan being reviewed and, if necessary, revised "bi-annually". He sought clarification regarding the meaning of "bi-annually" and whether it was intended to mean twice each year or whether it was meant to read biennially (every other year). The Development Control Manager advised that he would liaise with Environmental Health Officers to clarify what they meant by "bi-annually".

RESOLVED:

- (A) Members were minded to approve the application subject to:
 - (i) the amended list conditions and reasons as outlined in the officers update sheet and;
 - (ii) the following additional condition:-

The development hereby approved shall not be brought into use until a scheme for the servicing by vehicles of the office building has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the works comprising the approved scheme have been implemented in full. The office building shall thereafter be serviced in accordance with the approved scheme for the lifetime of the development.

Reason:

In the interests of highway safety and the amenity of the residents of Rumer Hill in accordance with Policy CP3 of the Cannock Chase Local Plan and Paragraph 127(f) of the National Planning Police Framework

and;

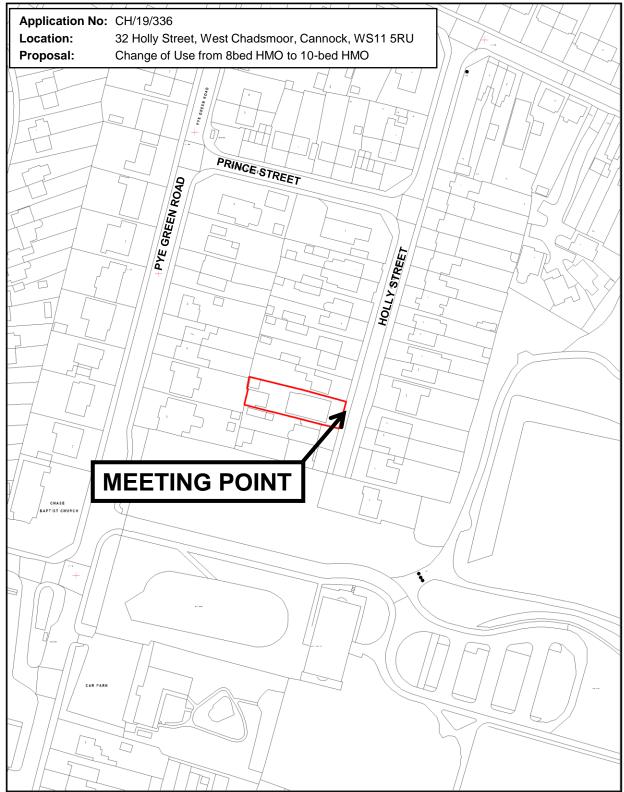
- (iii) delegated powers being granted to the Development Control Manager to clarify the meaning of "bi-annually" as contained in Condition 14, and;
- (iv) the completion of a Section 106 Agreement to secure funding for the implementation of a Travel Plan; and that
- (B) Provided no new material issues are received between the meeting of Planning Control Committee on 20 November and the expiration of the publicity period on 28 November 2019; delegated powers be granted to the Development Control Manager to issue the decision.

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.	
	CHAIRMAN



SITE VISIT







Application No: CH/19/336

Proposal:

Location: 32 Holly Street, West Chadsmoor, Cannock, WS11 5RU

Change of Use from 8bed HMO to 10-bed HMO



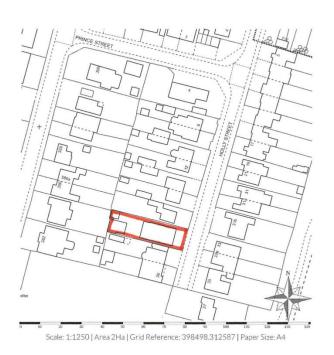


Location Plan

05/09/2019

32, HOLLY STREET, WEST CHADSMOOR, CANNOCK, WS11 5RU







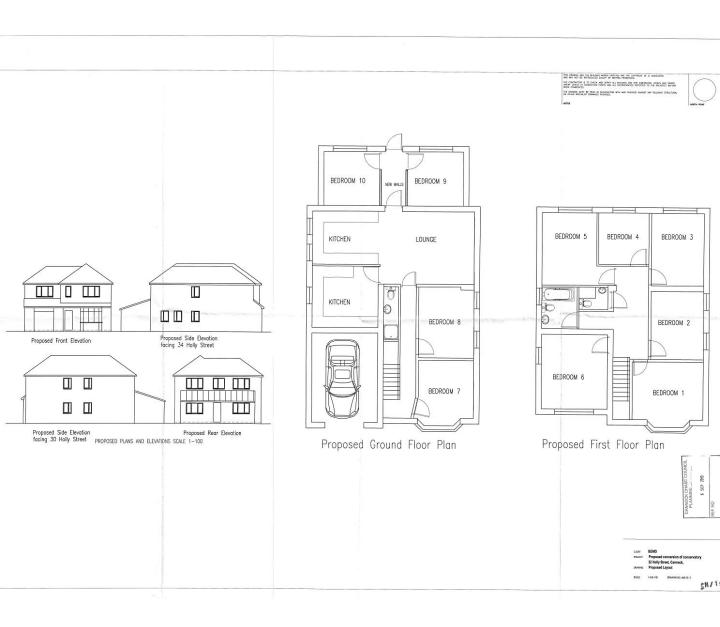
Block Plan



Existing Plans



Proposed Plans



Contact Officer:	Claire Faulkner
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PLANNING CONTROL COMMITTEE 18 DECEMBER 2019

Application No:	CH/19/336
Received:	12-Sep-2019
Location:	32 Holly Street, West Chadsmoor, Cannock, WS11 5RU
Parish:	Non Parish Area
Description:	Change of Use from 8-bed HMO to 10-bed HMO
Application Type:	Full Planning Application

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Subject to Conditions

Reason(s) for Recommendation:

In accordance with paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework the Local Planning Authority has worked with the applicant in a positive and proactive manner to approve the proposed development, which accords with the Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Conditions (and Reasons for Conditions):

1. The development to which this permission relates must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date on which this permission is granted.

Reason

To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.

2. Within three months of the issuing of permission for development, the existing access within the limits of the public highway shall be increased in width by 7.65m to the north and completed. The widened access shall thereafter be retained for the lifetime of the development.

Reason

In the interests of highway safety and to comply with the objectives of Paragraph 108 of the NPPF.

3. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

Proposed Layout - Dwg.No.JMD 53/3

Reason

For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

Notes to the Developer:

Please note that prior to the access being constructed you require Section 184 Notice of Approval from Staffordshire County Council. The link below provides a further link to 'vehicle dropped crossings' which includes a 'vehicle dropped crossing information pack' and an application form for a dropped crossing. Please complete and send to the address indicated on the application form which is Network Management Unit, Staffordshire County Council, 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford.ST162DH. http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/transport/staffshighways/licences/

Please note that Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service has advised as follows

VEHICLE ACCESS

Appropriate supplies of water for fire fighting and vehicle access should be provided at the site, as indicated in Approved Document B Volume 1 requirement B5, section 11.

I would remind you that the roads and drives upon which appliances would have to travel in order to proceed to within 45m of any point within the property, should be capable of withstanding the weight of a staffordshire firefighting appliance (G.V.W of 17800 kg)

AUTOMATIC WATER SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS (SPRINKLERS)

I wish to draw to your attention Staffordshire Fire and Rescue service's stance regarding sprinklers.

DOMESTIC SPRINKLERS

In the interest of preventing deaths and injuries from fires within domestic dwellings Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service strongly recommend the provision of a sprinkler system to a relevant standard.

Early consultation with the fire service when designing buildings which indorporate sprinklers may have a significant impact on reducing fire deaths and injuries in domestic premises and financial implications for all stakeholders.

Further information can be found at www.bafsa.org.uk – the website of the British Automatic Fire Sprinklers Association Ltd.

Consultations and Publicity

External Consultations

Crime Prevention Staffordshire Police HQ

No objections

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service

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Highways

No objections subject to the imposition of a number of conditions, should permission be granted.

Internal Consultations

Environmental Health

No adverse comments for this application.

It has been operating for 10 years or more as a HMO and has a license with ourselves to accommodate up to 10 people in this HMO.

Development Plans and Policy Unit

No objection.

The scheme proposes an increase in the number of bedrooms in an existing House in Multiple Occupation (HMO). The site is within a residential area and is not protected for a specific use on the Local Plan (Part 1) Policies Map.

The Cannock Chase Local Plan (Part 1) 2014 does not include any specific policy provisions for HMO developments. However, Local Plan (Part 1) Policy CP3 and the Design SPD provide guidance on overall expectations for standards of good quality and amenity for all developments which should be considered. There are no set standards for bedroom sizes within Local Plan policy/guidance. Guidance could be sought from the Council's Environmental Health/ Private Sector Housing Team with regards to the detailed proposals in this regard (as the licensing authority for HMOs).

The Cannock Chase Local Plan (Part 1) 2014 was adopted more than five years ago; it is therefore the subject of a review. This review is at an early stage in the process with consultation on 'Issues and Options' being undertaken recently (May-July 2019). Therefore limited weight can be afforded to it. The starting point for the determination of planning applications remains the adopted development plan (Local Plan (Part 1).

The revised National Planning Policy Framework (2019) sets out the national planning policy context.

As the proposal is a sui generis use, there is no CIL liability arising.

The case officer will need to consider whether the scale of the project would require mitigation measures for residential development on the Cannock Chase SAC, and the process for dealing with this accordingly. The advice of Natural England should be sought, as set out in the Frequently Asked Questions sheet which has been jointly produced by Natural England and the Cannock Chase SAC Partnership https://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/cc_sac_-_fag_may_2018_0.pdf

Response to Publicity

The application was advertised by neighbour letter and site notice. 9 letters of representation have been received, all objecting to the proposal. The main, summarised points of objection are:

- Holly Street is a narrow cul de sac with no turning space and the number of vehicles belonging to this house greatly exceeds the 4 parking spaces at the front of the premises.
- Vehicles park on the road making the passage of other vehicles difficult and impossible for delivery vehicles or refuse vehicles or emergency vehicles.
- Issues regarding parking and extra vehicles will become a lot worse leading to frustration for residents on this street.

Relevant Planning History

CH/03/0618 Domestic extension. Approved.

Site and Surroundings

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- 1.1 The application site relates to a detached dwelling located towards the end of Holly Street, Cannock.
- 1.2 The application building is a two storey brick and render detached dwelling with an integral garage. The building has previously been extended. The front of the dwelling is laid over to hardstanding entirely and is bound by a combination of dwarf wall and low level fencing to the side boundaries.
- 1.3 The dwelling is on the western side of Holly Street in a residential cul-de-sac with surrounding dwellings being a mixture of detached and semi-detached two storey dwellings. Overall the general character of this location is residential.
- 1.4 The application site lies within a Mineral Safeguarding Area and is considered to be in a low risk area by the Coal Authority.

2 Proposal

- 2.1 The proposal is for the change of Use from 8- bed House in Multiple Occupancy (HMO) to 10-bed HMO.
- 2.2 To facilitate the additional bedrooms the existing conservatory would be converted to form two new bedrooms, separated by a central passage providing access for all residents to the rear garden.
- 2.3 The applicant has confirmed that there is a license in place with Environmental Health to accommodate up to 10 people at the property.
- 2.4 As the total number of rooms would allow up to 10 people living together in one dwelling, the use of the site would be Sui Generis under the Use Classes Order (2016).
- 2.5 No external alterations or enlargements of the existing building are proposed.

3 Planning Policy

- 3.1 Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires planning applications to be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Development Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.
- 3.2 The Development Plan currently comprises the Cannock Chase Local Plan (2014) and the Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire (2015-2030).
- 3.3 Relevant Policies within the Local Plan Include:

CP1 - Strategy – the Strategic Approach

CP2 - Developer Contributions

CP3 - Chase Shaping - Design

CP5 - Social Inclusion and Healthy Living

CP6 - Housing Land

CP7 - Housing Choice

CP10 - Sustainable Transport

CP11- Centres Hierarchy

CP12 - Biodiversity and Geodiversity

CP13 - Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation

3.4 Relevant Policies in the Minerals Plan:-

Policy 3.2

3.5 National Planning Policy Framework

- 3.6 The NPPF (2019) sets out the Government's position on the role of the planning system in both plan-making and decision-taking. It states that the purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development, in economic, social and environmental terms, and it states that there should be 'presumption in favour of sustainable development' and sets out what this means for decision taking.
- 3.7 The NPPF (2019) confirms the plan-led approach to the planning system and that decisions must be made in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.
- 3.8 Relevant paragraphs within the NPPF include paragraphs: -

8: Three dimensions of Sustainable Development

11-14: The Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development

47-50: Determining Applications

124, 127, 128, 130: Achieving Well-Designed Places

212, 213 Implementation

3.9 Other relevant documents include: -

Design Supplementary Planning Document, April 2016.

Cannock Chase Local Development Framework Parking Standards, Travel Plans and Developer Contributions for Sustainable Transport.

4 Determining Issues

- 4.1 The determining issues for the proposed development include:
 - i) Principle of development
 - ii) Design and impact on the character and form of the area
 - iii) Impact on residential amenity.
 - iv) Impact on highway safety.
 - v) Impact on nature conservation/SAC/CIL
 - vi) Drainage and flood risk
 - vii) Mineral safeguarding
 - viii) Waste and recycling facilities

4.2 Principle of the Development

- 4.2.1 The proposal is for the conversion of an existing conservatory positioned to the rear of an existing building already used as an 8 bedroom HMO. The application site is located within an established residential area located within a built up location in Cannock. The site is not allocated or designated within the Local Plan. Both the NPPF and Cannock Chase Local Plan Policy CP1 advocate a in favour of sustainable development unless presumption considerations indicate otherwise. The Cannock Chase Local Plan (Part 1) 2014 does not include any specific policy provisions for HMO developments. It is considered that the principle of development of the proposed conversion to provide two additional bedrooms is acceptable subject to the considerations below.
- 4.2.2 However, although a proposal may be considered to be acceptable in principle it is still required to meet the provisions within the development plan in respect to matters of detail. The next part of this report will go to consider the proposal in this respect.
- 4.3 Impact on the Character and Form of the Area
- 4.3.1 In respect to issues in relation to design Policy CP3 of the Local Plan requires that, amongst other things, developments should be:-
 - (i) well-related to existing buildings and their surroundings in terms of layout, density, access, scale appearance, landscaping and materials;
- 4.3.2 Relevant policies within the NPPF in respect to design and achieving well-designed places include paragraphs 124, 127, 128 and 130. Paragraph 124 makes it clear that the creation of high quality buildings and places is fundamental to what the planning and development process should achieve.
- 4.3.3 Paragraph 127 of the NPPF, in so much as it relates to impacts on the character of an area goes on to state: -

Planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments:

- a) will function well and add to the overall quality of the area, not just for the short term but over the lifetime of the development;
- b) are visually attractive as a result of good architecture, layout and appropriate and effective landscaping;
- are sympathetic to local character and history, including the surrounding built environment and landscape setting, while not preventing or discouraging appropriate innovation or change (such as increased densities);
- establish or maintain a strong sense of place, using the arrangement of streets, spaces, building types and materials to create attractive, welcoming and distinctive places to live, work and visit;

- 4.3.4 Finally Paragraph 130 states planning permission should be refused for development of poor design that fails to take the opportunities available for improving the character and quality of an area and the way it functions, taking into account any local design standards or style guides in plans or supplementary planning documents. Conversely, where the design of a development accords with clear expectations in plan policies, design should not be used by the decision taker as a valid reason to object to development.
- 4.3.5 In this respect, the proposal would not alter the external appearance of the building or extend the footprint of the existing building in order to facilitate the two additional rooms proposed. The applicant would convert the existing conservatory located to the rear of the building. The frontage comprises of hardstanding which is already given over to parking and is no different to other neighbouring properties that have off road parking areas to the front of their properties.
- 4.3.6 It is therefore considered that the proposal would not have a significant detrimental impact to the character and appearance of this residential location and therefore accords with Policy CP3 of the Local Plan.

4.4 Impact on Residential Amenity

- 4.4.1 Policy CP3 of the Local Plan states that the following key requirements of high quality design will need to addressed in development proposals and goes onto include [amongst other things] the protection of the "amenity enjoyed by existing properties". This is supported by the guidance as outlined in Appendix B of the Design SPD which sets out guidance in respect to space about dwellings and garden sizes.
- 4.4.2 Paragraph 127(f) of the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments [amongst other things] create places with a high standard of amenity for existing and future users.
- 4.4.3 In this instance it is noted that the proposed additional bedrooms would be located within the existing conservatory/ orangery style extension which has existing windows in the rear elevation giving views down the application site garden. Therefore the proposal would have no detrimental impact to the neighbouring occupiers in terms of outlook, privacy or daylight over and above that of the existing arrangement.
- 4.4.4 In respect to the standard of residential amenity for the future users of the property it is noted that the additional bed rooms would be served by windows in the rear elevation which have an open aspect that meets the 45/25 degree test for adequate light. In addition to the above it is also noted that the property already benefits from a license to allow it to operate as an HMO for up to 10 people.
- 4.4.5 Given the above it is considered that the proposal would adequately protect the amenity of existing residents and would result in a high standard of residential amenity for both future users and the occupiers of nearby neighbouring properties. As such the proposal would meet the requirements of policy CP3 and the provisions of the NPPF.

4.5. Impact on Highway Safety

- 4.5.1 Paragraph 109 of NPPF states that development should only be prevented or refused on highway grounds if there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe.
- 4.5.2 The Cannock Chase Local Development Framework Parking Standards, Travel Plans and Developer Contributions for Sustainable Transport (2005) has no specific parking requirements for houses in multiple occupation and as such there is no local guidance with which to assess the proposal. The assessment of the proposal in respect to highway safety should therefore be led by the provisions of paragraph 109 of the NPPF, that is whether the proposal would lead to an "unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe".
- 4.5.3 In this respect it is noted that residents within the cul-de-sac have objected to the proposal in relation to the parking provision and current parking issues within Holly Street.
- 4.5.4 Officers note that the application site has very limited parking to serve a 10 bedroom building. The applicant states that they have 8 residents already living in the property, all of whom are in full time employment. Of the existing residents the applicant confirms that 5 have vehicles. The applicant has interviewed two potential applicants for the additional bedrooms however these two residents do not have access to vehicles. The applicant has confirmed that they do not anticipate any further vehicles at this time as most of the residents within the property are long term residents. Furthermore, photographic evidence has been submitted by the applicant in an attempt to show that parking is not problematic within Holly Street. However, officers note that no photographic evidence has been submitted by neighbours to show otherwise.
- 4.5.5 The County Highways Authority has been consulted on the proposal and have no objections, subject to the imposition of a suitable condition to ensure the parking is laid out in accordance with the plan. It is further noted that the application site is located within a sustainable location, with good access to local amenities and local bus routes to Cannock Town Centre. Officers consider that both these factors swing heavily in favour of the proposal.
- 4.5.6 It is therefore considered, on balance, that the proposal would not result in unacceptable impacts on highway safety and that the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would not be severe. As such the proposal would be in accordance with paragraph 109 of the NPPF.

4.6 Impact on Nature Conservation Interests

- 4.6.1 The application site is not subject to any formal or informal nature conservation designation and is not known to support any species or habitat that is protected or of particular conservation interest.
- 4.6.2 Under Policy CP13 development will not be permitted where it would be likely to lead directly or indirectly to an adverse effect upon the integrity of the European Site network and the effects cannot be mitigated. Furthermore, in order to retain

- the integrity of the Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation (SAC) all development within Cannock Chase district that leads to a net increase in in dwellings will be required to mitigate adverse impacts.
- 4.6.3 In this respect the comments of the Policy Officer are accepted that as the proposal is not proposing a new residential dwelling (or HMO) and only relates to a limited increase in the number of bedrooms within the existing HMO it is considered that the proposal, alone or in combination with other projects is not likely to have a significant impact on Cannock Chase SAC and therefore no contribution towards the Cannock Chase SAC is required.

4.7 <u>Mineral Safeguarding</u>

- 4.7.1 The site falls within a Mineral Safeguarding Area (MSAs) for Bedrock Sand and Superficial Sand and Gravel. Paragraph 206, of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Policy 3 of the Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire (2015 2030), both aim to protect mineral resources from sterilisation by other forms of development.
- 4.7.2 Policy 3.2 of the new Minerals Local Plan states that:

Within a Mineral Safeguarding Area, non-mineral development except for those types of development set out in Appendix 6, should not be permitted until the prospective developer has produced evidence prior to determination of the planning application to demonstrate:

- a) the existence, the quantity, the quality and the value of the underlying or adjacent mineral resource; and
- that proposals for non-mineral development in the vicinity of permitted mineral sites or mineral site allocations would not unduly restrict the mineral operations.
- 4.7.3 The proposal falls within the exemptions criteria of Table 7 for Minerals Safeguarding. As such, the proposal is compliant with Policy 3 of the Minerals Local Plan.

4.7 <u>Drainage and Flood Risk</u>

- 4.8.1 The site is located within Flood Zone 1 in the Environment Agency's Flood Risk maps and hence is at the lowest risk of flooding.
- 4.8.2 The applicant has stated that foul and surface water will be disposed to mains drains. There is no evidence to suggest that in principle these systems of discharge would be inappropriate, particularly given the size of the site and its location within an urban area with access to sewerage infrastructure. The area occupied by buildings and hard standing would not increase and so there would not be any increase in run-off as a direct result of the proposal.
- 4.8.3 As such it is concluded that the proposal would be acceptable in respect to drainage and flood risk.

4.9 Waste and Recycling Facilities

- 4.9.1 Policy CP16(1) (e) 'Climate Change and Sustainable Resource Use' of the Cannock Chase Local Plan states that development should contribute to national and local waste reduction and recycling targets according to the waste hierarchy'. One of the ways of achieving this is by ensuring development can be adequately serviced by waste collection services and that appropriate facilities are incorporated for bin collection points (where required).
- 4.9.2 It is noted that the property and its use as a HMO already exists within a residential street where the Council already collect bins. As such, the proposal to increase the existing number of bedrooms by two would not have a significant detrimental impact on the existing situation. As such, the proposal accords with Policy CP16 of the Local Plan.

4.10 Crime and the Fear of Crime

- 4.10.1 Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on each local authority 'to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can do to prevent crime and disorder in its area to include anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and behaviour which adversely affects the environment'.
- 4.10.2 In addition to the above paragraph 127(f) of the NPPF states planning policies and decisions should ensure that development create places which [amongst other things] create places that are safe and where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine quality of life, social cohesion and resilience.
- 4.10.3 The comments of the neighbours are noted with regard to the lack of on site parking and the potential to cause conflict with existing neighbours. However no evidence has been submitted by the objectors to substantiate these allegations. It is not uncommon to find on many estates built from 2000 onwards that parking is limited due to parking standards at that time set as maximums rather than minimums. However, there is no evidence to suggest that this has resulted in significant increases in crime and disorder on those estates. As such the comments made by the objectors in this respect should be given very little weight.
- 4.10.4 Given the above there is no evidence to suggest that the proposal would be contrary to paragraph 127(f) of the NPPF.

5 Human Rights Act 1998 and Equalities Act 2010

Human Rights Act 1998

5.1 The proposals set out in this report are considered to be compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998. The recommendation to approve the application accords with the adopted policies in the Development Plan which aims to secure the proper planning of the area in the public interest.

Equalities Act 2010

5.2 It is acknowledged that age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation are protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.

By virtue of Section 149 of that Act in exercising its planning functions the Council must have due regard to the need to:

Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited;

Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;

Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

It is therefore acknowledged that the Council needs to have due regard to the effect of its decision on persons with protected characteristics mentioned.

Such consideration has been balanced along with other material planning considerations and it is considered that the proposal is acceptable in respect to the requirements of the Act. Having had regard to the particulars of this case officers consider that the proposal would not conflict with the aim of the Equalities Act.

6 Conclusion

- 6.1 In respect to all matters of acknowledged interest, including the standard of amenity, impact on the character of the area, highway safety, nature conservation interests, and the provision of waste and recycling facilities the proposal is considered acceptable.
- 6.2 Given the nature of the proposal, it is not liable for CIL, or required to make contributions towards the SAC or affordable housing.



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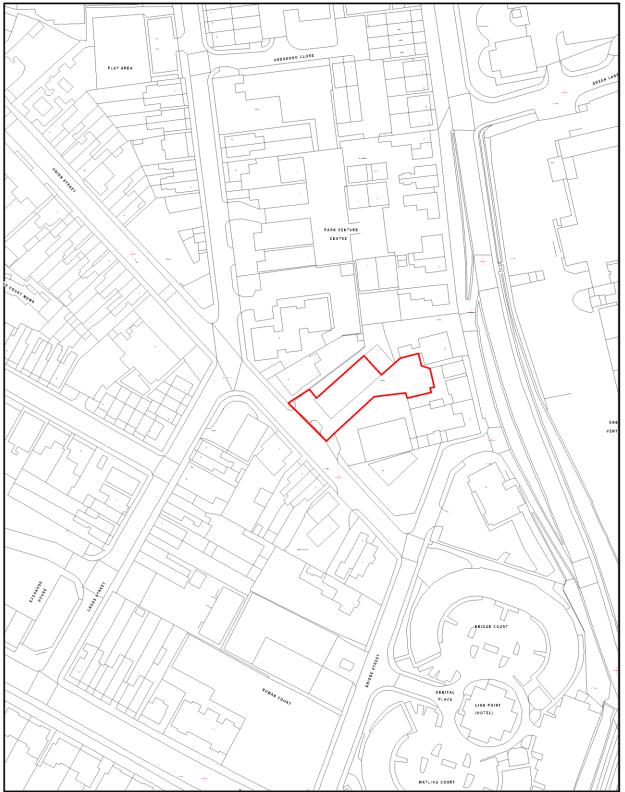
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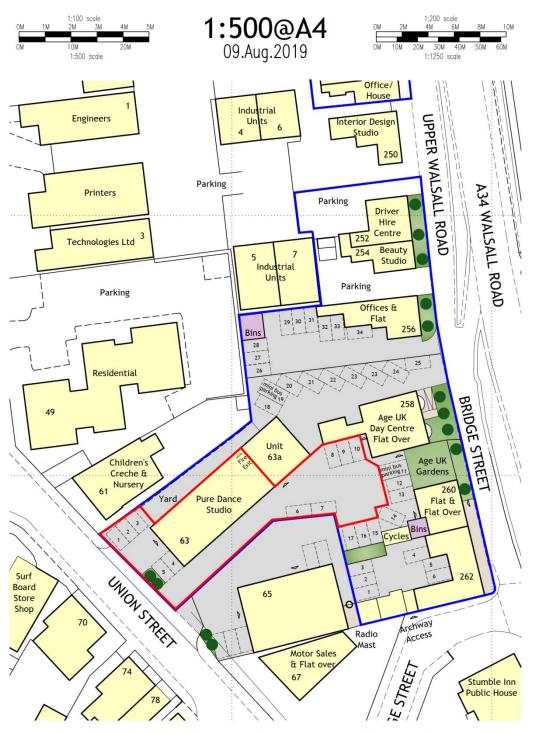
Proposal: Variation of Condition (2) parking provision and (6)

approved plans - Pursuant to CH/19/129





Site Plan



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PLANNING CONTROL COMMITTEE 18 DECEMBER 2019

Application No:	CH/19/305
Received:	13-Aug-2019
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Parish:	Bridgtown
Description:	Variation of Condition (2) parking provision and (6) approved plans - Pursuant to CH/19/129
Application Type:	Full Planning Application

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Subject to Conditions

Reason(s) for Recommendation:

In accordance with paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework the Local Planning Authority has worked with the applicant in a positive and proactive manner to approve the proposed development, which accords with the Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Conditions (and Reasons for Conditions):

1. Within 3 months of the date of this permission, the parking and turning areas indicated to the rear of the building as demonstrated on Dwg. Titled Mercury Court, 1:500 Site Plan, dated 11th November 2019 shall be provided and surfaced in a bound material with the individual parking bays clearly delineated which shall thereafter be retained for parking only for the life of the development.

Reason

To comply with the objectives and policies contained within the National Planning Policy Framework and in the interests of Highway Safety.

 The building shall not be open to customers outside the hours of 08:00hrs to 22:00hrs Monday to Saturday and 10:00hrs to 16:00hrs on Sundays or Bank or Public Holidays.

Reason

To ensure the protection of neighbouring occupiers in accordance with Policy CP3 of the Cannock Chase Local Plan and paragraph 127f of the National Planning Policy Framework

3. Notwithstanding the approved plans, the premises shall be used as a dance school only within the D2 Use Class of the Use Class Order 2017 and for no other use falling within the D2 Use Class.

Reason

To ensure the continued protection of neighbouring occupiers.

4. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

Block Plan dated 11th November 2019

18-MC-11*

18-MC-12*

(* as approved under planing permission CH/19/129)

Reason

For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

Consultations and Publicity

External Consultations

<u>Travel Management and Safety</u>
No objection subject to conditions

Bridgtown Parish Council

No response to date

Internal Consultations

None undertaken

Response to Publicity

Adjacent occupiers were notified and a site notice displayed with 2 letters of representation received. The comments of the letters are summarised below:-

- The parking is not acceptable;
- No notice had been displayed for these requirements to the parking situation and neighbours weren't aware of it until I asked. I thought this was a legal requirement?

- There is no signage or direction to the spaces;
- The public are still parking on Union Street and causing residents to be blocked in and preventing access to enclosed drives. The parking on both sides of the street is also preventing emergency fire engines from getting through;
- There is no lighting between the entrance to the building and allocated parking at the rear causing a potential hazard to pedestrians when entering or leaving the premises;
- The customers leaving the unit are not leaving considerately and are shouting, laughing, slamming doors and sounding horns. This carries on well after the agreed hours of work.
- The ground being uneven and several pot holes are apparent on the route to the additional parking;
- The Environmental Noise Report carried out sound testing and dated the report and signed it off before the date of the survey;
- No. 63A to the rear of the application site is currently being lived in;
- The waste disposal into a temporary skip at the side of the application building.

Relevant Planning History

CH/19/129 Change of use from Industrial to professional dance studio & manufacture of professional dance clothing. Approved

CH/19/129A Discharge of Conditions. Approved

1 Site and Surroundings

- 1.1 The application site comprises a modern factory unit built from brick under a cement fibre roof with side yard served by a vehicular access to Union Street.
- 1.2 The frontage of the unit has been updated to facilitate the use as a dance studio with new glazed openings and signage. The frontage has been marked out with 5 parking spaces with the remaining space given over to some soft landscaping.
- 1.3 Opposite the site, across Union Street, are several semi-detached houses; to the east a Gunmakers unit, to the west is 'Tiny Toes' day nursery. To the rear is Julian House which is used by Age Concern.
- 1.4 The surrounding area is mixed use in character with residential properties situated adjacent to commercial properties and where there is considerable variety in the scale of buildings from domestic scale up to the Orbital Plaza Hotel and the commercial units at the Green Lane Venture Centre.
- 1.5 Union Street is somewhat narrow and congested with most properties having no alternative but on-street parking.
- 1.6 The site is unallocated and undesignated in the Cannock Chase Local Plan (Part 1).

2 Proposal

- 2.1 The application seeks permission for the variation of condition 2 of planning permission CH/19/129 for the re-design of the parking layout to provide an improved access for emergency vehicles.
- 2.2 The use permitted under planning permission CH/19/129 has been implemented and the relevant conditions discharged.

3 Planning Policy

- 3.1 Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires planning applications to be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Development Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.
- 3.2 The Development Plan currently comprises the Cannock Chase Local Plan (2014) and the Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire (2015-2030). Relevant policies within the Local Plan include:

CP1- Strategy CP3 - Chase Shaping – Design

The relevant policies within the Minerals Local Plan Policy:-

Policy 3.2 Mineral Safeguarding

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- 3.4 The NPPF (2018) sets out the Government's position on the role of the planning system in both plan-making and decision-taking. It states that the purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development, in economic, social and environmental terms, and it states that there should be 'presumption in favour of sustainable development' and sets out what this means for decision taking.
- 3.5 The NPPF (2018) confirms the plan-led approach to the planning system and that decisions must be made in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.
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212, 213 Implementation

3.7 Other relevant documents include: -

Design Supplementary Planning Document, April 2016.

Cannock Chase Local Development Framework Parking Standards, Travel Plans and Developer Contributions for Sustainable Transport.

4 Determining Issues

- 4.1 When planning permission is granted, development must take place in accordance with the permission and conditions attached to it, and with any associated legal agreements. However, new issues may arise after planning permission has been granted, which require modification of the approved proposals. Where these modifications are not fundamental or substantial, but still material in nature, a developer may seek to obtain approval for the changes through the provision of Section 73 of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act.
- 4.2 An application can be made under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to vary or remove conditions associated with a planning permission. One of the uses of a Section 73 application is to seek a minor material amendment, where there is a relevant condition that can be varied (Paragraph: 013 Reference ID: 17a-013-20140306 of the Planning Practice Guidance).
- 4.3 Section 73(2) of the 1990 Act states: -

On such an application the local planning authority shall consider only the question of the conditions subject to which planning permission should be granted, and—

- (a) if they decide that planning permission should be granted subject to conditions differing from those subject to which the previous permission was granted, or that it should be granted unconditionally, they shall grant planning permission accordingly, and
- (b) if they decide that planning permission should be granted subject to the same conditions as those subject to which the previous permission was granted, they shall refuse the application.
- 4.4 The determining issues for the proposal are whether the proposed variations to conditions would be acceptable in respect of their impact on: -
 - (i) The principle of the development
 - (ii) The Impact of the proposal on the character and appearance of the approved development
 - (iii) The impact on highway safety
 - (iv) The standard of amenity in the locality

4.5 The Principle of the Development

4.5.1 The principle of the development is already approved under the previous planning application ref no CH/19/129. This permission has been implemented.

Hence the principle for the change of use of the site has been firmly established and there have been no material changes in policy or circumstances that would alter this stance.

- 4.6 The Impact of the proposal on the character and appearance of the approved development
- 4.6.1 The original permission accepted a parking layout that provided 6 spaces to the front and a further 4 spaces along the side of the building. The applicant now seeks to revise the parking layout to provide 5 spaces to the front of the unit and a further 5 spaces to the rear. The 5 spaces to the front have already been provided.
- 4.6.2 The surrounding buildings and parking areas are all in the ownership of the applicant. The applicant is seeking to formalise this wider parking area to be utilised by all of the existing occupiers. The buildings with access to the shared parking area include: The Dance Studio, No.63a Union Street, Age Uk (258 Walsall Road) and No.260 Walsall Road.
- 4.6.3 The applicant has confirmed the current provision for the wider site is as follows:-
 - The Dance Studio benefits from 10 parking spaces;
 - Age UK benefits from 7 allocated spaces:
 - No.260 Walsall Road benefits from 2 allocated spaces for 2 flats;
 - No.258 Walsall Road benefits from 3 spaces for 3 first floor flats;
 - No.63a Union Street benefits from 1 space; and
 - There are three vacant spaces within the blue line which can accommodate visitors to the site.
- 4.6.4 Overall, the car park within the wider site already exists with some spaces being provided on an ad hoc basis. The formalisation of this existing parking area would have no significant impact on the character and appearance of the wider area. As such, the variation in the design of the previously approved parking layout would not significantly alter the overall design, character and layout of the approved development. Therefore it is considered that the proposal would meet the requirements of the NPPF and Policy CP3 of the Cannock Chase Adopted Local Plan.

4.7 Highway Implications

- 4.7.1 The applicant states that AGE UK (No.258 Walsall Road) and the Dance Studio (63 Union Street) have some synergy as their requirement for parking provision is at different times of the day, for example; the dance studio is generally closed for lessons during daytime hours when Age Concern is open.
- 4.7.2 The Highway Authority was consulted on the application and, subject to conditions raised no objection to the variation of the parking layout.
- 4.7.3 As such, it is considered that given the above, the proposal would not result in circumstances where the cumulative impact of the development on local roads

would be severe. The test set out in paragraph 109 of the NPPF is therefore met.

4.8 <u>Impact on the Residential Amenity</u>

- 4.8.1 The only issue in the determination of this application is whether the proposed alterations would lead to unacceptable impacts on the standard of amenity to any adjacent neighbouring properties.
- 4.8.2 The proposal would retain the appropriate number of parking spaces for the use of the dance studio within the wider curtilage of the site. Therefore there would be no significant impact on the amenity of residential properties over and above that of the already approved use.
- 4.8.3 Given the above, it is considered that subject to the above, the variation of condition 2 of planning permission CH/17/079 would meet the requirements of the NPPF and Policy CP3 of the Cannock Chase Adopted Local Plan in respect to maintaining a high standard of residential amenity.
- 4.9 Objections raised not covered above.
- 4.9.1 An objector has commented that the parking is not acceptable however Officers note there is no reason given for this statement and that the Highway Authority have no objection to the proposal.
- 4.9.2 An objector states that no notice had been displayed. Your Officers confirm that the neighbour initially raised concern with the Council regarding conditions imposed on planning permission CH/19/129 not being adhered to. As a consequence of this, the applicant was notified and asked to provide the parking as per the approved plans. The applicant confirmed that they would not be providing the parking layout as per the approved plans but would be submitting a revised layout to formalise the parking area to the rear of the units. Once an application was received neighbours with boundaries directly abutting the site were notified and a site notice erected on the lamppost to the front of the site. Your Officers confirm that the neighbor consultation process does not commence until an application has been received and registered by the Planning Authority.
- 4.9.3 An objector stated that there is no signage or direction to the spaces. Your Officers confirm that there was no requirement for directional signage as a consequence of the planning permission.
- 4.9.4 Objectors have stated that the public are still parking on Union Street and causing residents to be blocked in and preventing access to enclosed drives. The objector continues that the parking on both sides of the street is also preventing emergency fire engines from getting through. Your Officers confirm that whilst the applicant has an obligation to provide the required parking spaces, there is no means to enforce the use of the spaces. Also, it is noted that the issue of parking on both sides of the highway is a historic one with the area comprising of light industrial, residential, leisure and retail uses.

- 4.9.5 Objectors have stated that there is no lighting between the entrance to the building and allocated parking at the rear causing a potential hazard to pedestrians when entering or leaving the premises. Your Officers confirm that there was no requirement for lighting as a consequence of the planning permission.
- 4.9.6 An objector has stated that the customers leaving the unit are not leaving considerately and are shouting, laughing, slamming doors and sounding horns. The objection continued that this carries on well after the agreed hours of work. Your Officers confirm that this is not a material consideration for the determination of this application however the issue is currently being investigated and the Planning Officer is working with the applicant to ensure the tenant is using the premises considerately and within the hours imposed by condition. The land owner has confirmed that a CCTV is currently being erected on site. Whilst this will not measure noise it will give the applicant a better indication of any breach of hours conditions and other anti-social behaviour occurring on the site.
- 4.9.7 An objector also raised concern with:
 - The ground being uneven and several pot holes are apparent on the route to the additional parking;
 - The Environmental Noise Report carried out sound testing and dated the report and signed it off before the date of the survey;
 - No. 63A to the rear of the application site is currently being lived in;
 - The waste disposal into a temporary skip at the side of the application building;
- 4.9.8 Your Officers confirm that the above points raised are not material considerations for the determination of this particular application which only relates to differences in the car park arrangements and no other issue.

5 Human Rights Act 1998 and Equalities Act 2010

Human Rights Act 1998

5.1 The proposals set out in this report are considered to be compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998. The recommendation to approve the application accords with the adopted policies in the Development Plan which aims to secure the proper planning of the area in the public interest.

Equalities Act 2010

- 5.2 It is acknowledged that age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation are protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.
- 5.3 By virtue of Section 149 of that Act in exercising its planning functions the Council must have due regard to the need to:

Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited;

Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;

Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it

- 5.4 It is therefore acknowledged that the Council needs to have due regard to the effect of its decision on persons with protected characteristics mentioned.
- 5.5 Such consideration has been balanced along with other material planning considerations and it is considered that the proposal is acceptable in respect to the requirements of the Act. Having had regard to the particulars of this case officers consider that the proposal would make a neutral contribution towards the aim of the Equalities Act.

6 Conclusion

- 6.1 In respect to all matters of acknowledged interest and policy tests it is considered that the proposal, subject to the attached conditions, would not result in any significant harm to acknowledged interests and is therefore considered to be in accordance with the Development Plan.
- 6.2 It is therefore recommended that the application be approved subject to the attached conditions.