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Application no: SMD/2022/0210

Determined on: 30/01/2023

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
(as Amended)**

FULL PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT

This permission does not carry any approval or consent which may be required under any enactment, bylaw, order or regulation (e.g. in relation to Building Regulations or the Diversion of Footpaths etc) other than Section 57 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990.

Location of Development:

White Hart Hotel High Street Alton Staffordshire ST10 4AQ

Description of Development:

Change of use of outbuilding to rear of listed building from use class B8 (storage) to use class E(g)(ii) (the research and development of products or processes) with elevational alterations.

In pursuance of their power under the above mentioned Act, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Planning Authority, **HEREBY GRANTS PLANNING PERMISSION** for the development described above subject to the following condition(s):

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: To comply with the provisions of Section 51 of the Town and Country Planning, Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, 2004.

2. The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the details as submitted in the application form and submitted specifications and as shown in drawings:

Existing site plan 1:500 on drawing 22-1-8-01

Existing location plan 1:1250 on drawing 22-108-01

Proposed floor plan and elevations 1:50 ref 22-108-02 rev B

Reason: To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the submitted

details and approved plans, in the interests of good planning, for clarity and the avoidance of doubt.

3. Nothing in this approval shall be interpreted as granting consent for the alteration or replacement of the roof structure or removal of the interior central dividing wall beyond insertion of a doorway as shown on the floor plan in drawing 22-108-02 rev B. The internal door opening in the centre dividing wall shall not be higher than 2.0m unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the submitted details and approved plans, in the interests of good planning, for clarity and the avoidance of doubt.

4. The development hereby approved shall not be commenced until drainage plans for the disposal of foul and surface water flows have been submitted to and approved in writing 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.

Reason: 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.

5. Prior to making any structural changes or modifications to the existing timber truss roof structure and/or prior to any renovation work to the roof including support trusses, purlins and rafters and external tiling the details including details of any replacement tiles shall first be submitted for approval in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the work shall be carried out only in accordance with the details approved in writing.

Reason: To ensure that the external appearance of the development is satisfactory and appropriate to the building and its position and status in the Alton Conservation Area and in the curtilage and settings of Listed Buildings. In the interests of maintaining the historic significance of this curtilage Listed Building.

6. Prior to the installation of all external windows and doors details including frame dimensions, material finishes and depth of recess within the wall openings shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The window to the front right (north west end) shall include an inward opening hopper at the top. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the details as subsequently approved in writing.

Reason: To ensure that the external appearance of the development is satisfactory and appropriate to the building and its position and status in the Alton Conservation Area and in the curtilage and settings of Listed Buildings.

7. All pointing shall be of a strength and style appropriate to the type of walling materials present (see SMDC leaflet on pointing) and shall not include 'tuck', 'strap' or 'recessed' pointing. A sample wall panel shall be completed on site which shall be inspected and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before external facing pointing work begins and shall remain on site during the period of development. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the details of pointing and mortar mix as subsequently

approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that the external appearance of the development is satisfactory and appropriate to the building and its position and status in the Alton Conservation Area and in the curtilage and settings of Listed Buildings.

8. All rainwater goods shall be of metal or wood, finished in matt black and shall be fitted on simple rise and fall metal brackets.

Reason: To protect and enhance the visual integrity and vernacular appearance of the building and to ensure that the external appearance of the development is satisfactory and appropriate to the building and its position and status in the Alton Conservation Area and in the curtilage and settings of Listed Buildings.

9. No external cowl, vents, ducts, flues or extractor equipment whatsoever and no electric vehicle charging points shall be installed at the premises hereby permitted without the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that the external appearance of the development is satisfactory and appropriate to the building and its position and status in the Alton Conservation Area and in the curtilage and settings of Listed Buildings.

10. At any time during and following the completion of the development all exterior lighting installations shall be erected only in accordance with the protocols contained in the Institute of Lighting Engineers document "Guidance for the Reduction of Obtrusive Lighting" (2005) and the Bat Conservation Trust's "Artificial Lighting and Wildlife Interim Guidance: Recommendations to Help Minimise the Impact of Artificial Lighting" (2014).

Reason: to minimise disturbance by artificial light to protected species including bats and minimise sky-glow across the site and in the interests of the visual appearance of the development and the amenities of the area.

11. Unless prior permission has been obtained in writing from the Local Planning Authority, all noisy construction activities shall be restricted to the following times of operations.

08:00 - 18:00 hours (Monday to Friday);

08:00 - 13:00 hours (Saturday)

No working is permitted on Sundays or Bank Holidays. In this instance a noisy construction activity is defined as any activity (for instance, but not restricted to, building construction/demolition operations, refurbishing and landscaping) which generates noise that is audible at the site boundary.

Reason: To avoid the risk of disturbance to neighbouring dwellings from noise during unsocial hours.

12. Any waste material associated with the demolition or construction shall not be burnt on site but shall be kept securely for removal to prevent escape into the environment. All waste transfer records shall be retained for inspection by officers of the Local Planning Authority. No activity hereby permitted shall cause dust to be emitted beyond the site boundary so as to adversely affect adjacent residential properties and/or other sensitive uses and/or the local environment. In the event dust is caused to escape the site boundary the activity shall be

stopped until sufficient dust suppression has been undertaken to prevent further escape. There shall always be the appropriate means and sufficient water resources on site for dust suppression. These shall be made available for inspection when required by officers of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To protect the amenities of the area during development.

13. The machinery, plant or equipment including installed or operated in connection with the carrying out of this permission shall be so enclosed and/or attenuated that the noise generated by the operation of the machinery shall not increase the background noise levels during day time expressed as LA90 [1hour] (day time 07:00-23:00 hours) and/or (b) LA90 [15 mins] during night time (night time 23:00-07:00 hours) at any adjoining noise sensitive locations or premises in separate occupation above that prevailing when the machinery is not operating. Noise measurements for the purpose of this condition shall be pursuant to BS 4142:2014.

Reason: To safeguard the amenity of local residents and that of the surrounding area from noise disturbance.

14. Prior to the coming into use of the development, a scheme containing full details of arrangements for internal air extraction, odour control, and discharge to atmosphere from brewing operations, including any external ducting and flues, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The works detailed in the approved scheme shall be installed in their entirety before the use hereby permitted is commenced. The equipment shall thereafter be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and operated at all times when brewing is being carried out unless otherwise agreed beforehand in writing with the local planning authority.

Reason: To protect the amenities of nearby residents and comply with policy.

Informatives

1. You are reminded of your responsibilities under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 in respect of any protected species that may inhabit the site including bats. As a result of the survey information submitted it has been judged unlikely that protected bat species would be at risk as a result of this development. In the unlikely event that bats or bat droppings are encountered prior to or during the development all operations should be immediately ceased and advice obtained from an ecologically qualified bat specialist. Work should then continue only in accordance with the advice obtained. There may be a requirement for a Protected Species Licence to be obtained before the proposed development can continue. Failure to carry out the requirements in accordance with the legislation risks offences being committed which could result in legal action including prosecution.

2. All wild birds including their nests and eggs are protected by law. It is an offence, with certain exceptions, to kill, injure or take wild birds or to take, damage, or destroy their nests or take or destroy their eggs. Site clearance and/or demolition cannot therefore take place where there are birds nesting. Typically this will be in the period mid February to mid August.

As this development involves vegetation clearance and/or demolition and/or other activities which would be damaging to any nesting birds present the work should avoid the bird nesting season so far as possible. If such work is to take place in the nesting season an ecologist experienced in bird nesting habits should first be engaged to advise on and ensure that the intended work can legally take place.

2. A public footpath right of way passes through the site and this must not be obstructed at any time during the development and must remain available for public use on foot at all times both during development and on completion. Should temporary closure or diversion be necessary to allow the works to proceed then application should be made to the Staffordshire County Council Public Rights of Way officer. Contact: Rights of Way, Staffordshire County Council, 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford ST16 2DH. Email: rightsofway@staffordshire.gov.uk. Tel: (01785) 277244 or 277247.

3. Environmental Health: Please be aware that the responsibility for safe development and secure occupancy of the site rests with the developer.

- A Demolition or refurbishment asbestos survey and risk assessment should be carried out prior to the demolition of the existing buildings. The enforcing authority for this type of work is the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and it is recommended that you contact them directly to discuss their requirements: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/>

- Any approved noise scheme and measurements should pay due regard to the Professional Guidance on Planning and Noise (ProPG), British Standard BS8233: Sound insulation and noise reduction for buildings (Code of Practice), BS4142:2014 Methods for rating and assessing industrial or commercial sound and/or the Building Regulations 2010 Document E or other appropriate guidance

- Advice on controlling flies and light can be found in: Statutory Nuisance from Insects and Artificial Light (defra 2005) available as a free download <http://archive.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/local/legislation/cnea/documents/statnuisance.pdf>

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- During any demolition and construction activities (including landscaping) the contractor shall take all reasonable steps to prevent dust formation and prevent any dust formed from leaving the site boundary. Building Research Establishment Guidance Document 'Control of Dust from Construction and Demolition Activities' (BR456)

4. This recommendation is made following careful consideration of all the issues raised through the application process and thorough discussion with the applicants. In accordance with Paragraph 38 of the NPPF the Case Officer has sought solutions where possible to secure a development that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area.

5. The Local Planning Authority (LPA), in reaching this decision, has followed the

guidance in paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework. The Framework advises that the LPA should work proactively with applicants to secure developments that improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area.

X *B.J. Haywood*

Signed by: Ben Haywood

On behalf of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

NOTES

1. Approval under the Building Regulations may also be required. Advice in this respect can be obtained by contacting the Councils Building Control Section at BCControl@staffsmoorlands.gov.uk
2. Where a vehicle is often driven across a grass verge or kerbed footway to and from premises adjoining a highway, the occupier of the premises may, be required to pay the cost of construction of a crossing, and/or may be required to comply with conditions, imposed by the Authority. You should contact the Highway Authority at Staffordshire County Council.
3. This consent is granted subject to conditions and it is the owner(s) and the person(s) responsible for the implementation of the development who will be fully responsible for their compliance throughout the development and beyond. An application will need to be made to discharge conditions and a fee is payable with the application. For more details please refer to our web site: www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk If there is a condition that requires work to be carried out or details to be approved prior to the commencement of the development this is called a “condition precedent”. The following should be noted with regards to conditions precedent:
 - a. If a condition precedent is not complied with, the whole of the development will be unauthorised and you may be liable to enforcement action.
 - b. Where a condition precedent is breached and the development is unauthorised, the only way to rectify the development is the submission of a new application.
4. Other conditions on this permission must also be complied with. Failure to comply with any condition may render the owner(s) and the person(s) responsible for the implementation of the development liable to enforcement action.
5. The permission is granted in strict accordance with the approved plans. It should be noted however that:
 - a. Any variation from the approved plans following commencement of the development irrespective of the degree of variation will constitute unauthorised development and may be liable to enforcement action.
 - b. Variation to the approved plans will require the submission of a new planning application.
6. If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority 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.
7. If the decision to refuse planning permission is for a householder application, and you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice.
8. If this is a decision to refuse planning permission for a minor commercial application, and you

want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice.

9. If this is a decision to refuse express consent for the display of an advertisement, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 8 weeks of the date of receipt of this notice.
10. If you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision for any other type of development, including listed building consents then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice Appeals must be made using a form which you can get from the Secretary of State at Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN (Tel: 0303 444 5000) or online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
11. 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.
12. If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted. In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council (District Council, London Borough Council or Common Council of the City of London) in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
13. Domestic sprinklers,. Fire sprinklers operate automatically even if you are not at home releasing water directly over the source of the fire and sounding the alarm, they are unobtrusive and easy to install. Sprinklers are NOT expensive; normally costing around 1-2% of the cost of construction of a new building. The use of sprinklers will usually allow design freedoms as well, which can reduce construction costs and improve usability and design freedoms of the building. The chance of an accidental discharge is 16,000,000:1. If you would like further advice please contact Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service (www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk).
14. Working smoke alarms correctly positioned in your home can save your life. The Fire Service recommends you have smoke alarms on every floor of your home, including in each bedroom, and make sure you test your smoke alarms at least once a month. Although the application of approved guidance and enforcement of regulations will give buildings the legally required baseline of fire protection, the Fire Service's viewpoint is many of these fall short of what we would consider adequate. This is why we campaign for the inclusion of sprinklers.