

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
PLANNING AND COMPENSATION ACT 1991
THE TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015**

APPLICATION FOR FULL PLANNING PERMISSION

To: Hooper Curry Hamilton LLP
1 Royal Close
Manor Road
Stoke Newington
N16 5SE

Application No: 210902
Application type: Full Planning Approval

Applicant: Burleigh Estates Ltd

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL as Local Planning Authority **GRANT FULL** planning permission for the following development in accordance with the plans and supporting information submitted in connection with this application.

Proposal: Construction of new residential floor above existing roof level to create new residential use Class C3 to comprise 8 residential units.

At: Alexander House 205-207 Kings Road Reading RG1 4LS

Subject to such conditions and for such reasons as may be attached

**OTHER STATUTORY CONSENTS MAY BE REQUIRED
PLEASE READ THE NOTES ISSUED WITH THIS DECISION NOTICE**

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CONDITIONS & REASONS

1. The development hereby permitted shall begin no later than three years from the date of this planning permission.

REASON: In pursuance of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) in order to prevent an accumulation of unimplemented planning permissions.

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

AHR_PA2 001_Existing Location Plan
AHR_PA2 002_Existing Site Plan
AHR_PA2 003_Existing Basement Ground Floor Plans
AHR_PA2 004_Existing First Loft Floor Plans
AHR_PA2 005_Existing RoofPlan
AHR_PA2 006_Existing Elevations A B
AHR_PA2 007_Existing Elevations C D
AHR_PA2 008_Existing Sections AA BB
AHR_PA2 009_Existing Contextual Elevations A B
AHR_PA2 103_Proposed Basement Ground Floor Plans

As all received on 01/06/2021

AHR_PA2 104 Rev 0 - PD First & Prior Approval Floor Plans
AHR_PA2 105 Rev 0 - Proposed Third Floor Plan
AHR_PA2 106 Rev 0 - Proposed roof terrace and roof floor plans

As all received on 23/09/2021

AHR_PA2 101 Rev A - Proposed Location Plan
AHR_PA2 102 Rev A - Proposed Site Plan
AHR_PA2 107 Rev 0 - Proposed Elevation A & B
AHR_PA2 108 Rev 0 - Proposed Elevation C & D
AHR_PA2 109 Rev A - Proposed Section AA&BB
AHR_PA2 110 Rev A - Proposed Contextual Elevations A&B

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As all received on 16/09/2022

REASON: For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure that the development is carried out and adhered to in accordance with the application form and associated details hereby approved.

3. * No development shall commence until a schedule of the materials (specification details and photographs) to be used in the construction of the following external surfaces of the development hereby permitted:

- a) third floor and roof terrace floor extension façade materials;
- b) windows and doors details;
- c) external balcony materials

have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out and thereafter maintained in accordance with the details approved.

REASON: These details are required due to insufficient information being contained within this submission and in the interests of visual amenity and ensuring the new development responds positively to the local context and character in accordance with Policy CC7 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

4. * No development shall commence on site, including any works of demolition, until a site specific Construction Method Statement has been submitted to and been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Statement shall provide for WHERE REQUIRED:

- a) Space on site where vehicles of site operatives and visitors can be parked with details of how site operatives and visitors will be required to make use of the parking area provided;
- b) Location on site for storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development;
- c) The erection and maintenance (including removal of any graffiti or fly posters) of security hoarding around the site;
- d) Identification of any footpath closures or road closures needed during construction;
- e) Required wheel washing facilities on site;
- f) A scheme for recycling waste resulting from the construction works.
- g) Measures for controlling the use of site lighting whether required for safe working or for security purposes;
- h) Required measures to control the emission of dust, dirt and other airborne pollutants during demolition and construction;
- i) Provisions to be made for the control of noise coming from the site during demolition and construction;

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j) Full details of pest control measures following any demolition required. Where necessary, capping of drains/sewers and baiting arrangements.

The measures within the approved Statement shall be adhered to throughout the demolition and construction period.

REASON: These details are required due to insufficient information being contained within this submission and in the interests of protecting the amenity of local land uses or neighbouring residents, the character of the area and highway safety in accordance with Policies CC8, EN15 and TR3 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

5. * No development shall commence on site until written verification has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority demonstrating that the dwellings hereby permitted have achieved a minimum of a 19% improvement in the dwelling emission rate over the target emission rate as defined in The Building Regulations for England Approved Document L1a: Conservation of Fuel and Power in New Dwellings (2013 edition), and built to the higher water efficiency standard under Regulation 36(3). Such evidence shall be in the form of a 'design stage' Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP), produced by an accredited energy assessor.

REASON: To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with sustainable building standards in accordance with Policy CC2 and H5 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

6. The development hereby permitted shall not be occupied until written verification has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority demonstrating that the dwellings hereby permitted have achieved a minimum of a 19% improvement in the dwelling emission rate over the target emission rate as defined in The Building Regulations for England Approved Document L1a: Conservation of Fuel and Power in New Dwellings (2013 edition), and built to the higher water efficiency standard under Regulation 36(3). Such evidence shall be in the form of an 'As Built' Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP), produced by an accredited energy assessor.

REASON: To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with sustainable building standards in accordance with Policies CC2 and H5 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

7. * No development shall commence on site until a detailed scheme, informed by an assessment of the current noise environment, for protecting the dwellings from the external noise environment of the area has been submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme itself shall be designed, specified and constructed so that the sound insulation performance of the structure and the layout of the dwellings are such that the indoor ambient noise levels do not exceed the values

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detailed in Table 4 of BS 8233:2014 and that the individual noise events do not exceed 45 dB LA,max,F more than 10 times a night. Where opening windows will lead to an internal noise level increase of 5 dBA or greater above BS 8233:2014 recommended internal levels, the scheme shall include provision of alternative mechanical ventilation with minimum performance equivalent to a mechanical heat recovery (MVHR) system with cool air bypass as an alternative means of cooling and ventilation. Noise from the system should not result in BS8233 internal levels being exceeded.

Thereafter, the development shall not be carried out other than in accordance with the approved scheme which shall be completed before any part of the accommodation hereby approved is occupied.

REASON: These details are required due to insufficient information being contained within this submission and in order to safeguard the amenity of occupants in accordance with Policies EN16 and CC8 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

8. * No development shall commence on site until a detailed Air Quality Assessment to determine whether mitigation is required to protect the residents from the effects of poor air quality is submitted to and approved in writing by Local Planning Authority. Where this Air Quality Assessment identifies that future residents will be exposed to poor air quality, an air quality mitigation scheme shall accompany this assessment demonstrating sufficient mitigation to protect the occupants. The scheme shall be implemented as approved prior to occupation of any part of the development and retained as approved at all times thereafter.

REASON: These details are required due to insufficient information being contained within this submission and in order to protect the health of future occupants of the proposed development in accordance with Policies EN15 and CC8 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

9. No dwelling hereby permitted shall be first occupied until details of refuse and recycling bin stores have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The details shall include measures to prevent pests and vermin accessing the bin store(s). The approved bin storage, including pest and vermin control measures, shall be provided in accordance with the approved details prior to first occupation of any permitted dwelling and the areas of land so provided shall not be used for any purposes other than the storage (prior to disposal) or the collection of refuse and recycling and shall be thereafter retained and maintained as such.

Reason: In the interests of general amenity, to ensure convenience of arrangements for refuse and recycling storage and collection and to ensure that no obstruction is caused on the adjoining highway, in the interest of highway safety, in accordance with Policies CC5, CC8 and TR3 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

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10. No dwelling hereby permitted shall be first occupied until a plan showing how a minimum of 4 cycle parking spaces can satisfactorily be provided on site is submitted to and been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The cycle parking spaces shall be provided in full accordance with the approved details prior to first occupation and thereafter kept free of obstruction and retained in accordance with the approved details and shall remain available for the parking of cycles at all times.

REASON: These details are required due to insufficient information being contained within this submission and in order to encourage travel by sustainable alternatives to private vehicle in accordance with Policies TR3 and TR5 of the Reading Local Plan 2019.

11. No residential unit hereby approved shall be occupied until the Local Planning Authority has been notified in writing of the full postal address of the unit(s) hereby approved. The notification shall be sent to the Local Planning Authority quoting the application reference specified on this Notice.

REASON: In order that the Council can update its records to ensure that parking permits are not automatically issued to the occupiers of the new residential units hereby approved, and thus ensure that the development does not harm the existing amenities of the occupiers of neighbouring residential properties by adding to the already high level of on street car parking in the area in accordance with Policy TR3 and TR5 of the Reading Local Plan 2019.

12. Prior to any agreement being entered into for a new occupation of, or transfer of any interest in, the residential unit(s) hereby approved, the prospective occupier/transferee shall be informed that there is no automatic entitlement to a car parking permit for any existing residential parking permit schemes and future schemes on adjacent and surrounding streets. All material used for advertising or marketing the residential unit(s) for letting or sale shall make it clear to prospective tenants and occupiers that they will not be automatically entitled to a parking permit, but any application for a parking permit will be considered on its merits.

REASON: In order that the prospective occupiers are made aware of the fact that while they can submit an application they will not be automatically entitled to an on-street car parking permit. In the interests of the proper management of parking, and to ensure that the development does not harm the existing amenities of the occupiers of neighbouring residential properties by adding to the already high level of on street car parking in the area Policy TR3 and TR5 of the Reading Local Plan 2019.

13. No dwelling hereby approved shall be first occupied until details of an electric vehicle (EV) charging Scheme comprising a layout plan and detailed specification for a minimum of ten percent of all vehicle parking spaces within the site to be provided

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with electric vehicle charging points, and a further ten percent of spaces provided with cabling and other supporting infrastructure reasonably required to enable EV charging points to be fitted, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

No dwelling shall be first occupied until the Scheme has been fully provided in accordance with the approved details. The spaces shall be maintained for vehicle charging in accordance with the approved Scheme at all times thereafter.

REASON: In the interests of environmentally sustainable transport in accordance with Policies TR3 and TR5 of the Reading Local Plan 2019.

14. No change to the unit mix (4x studio units, 1 x 1-bedroom and 3 x 2- bedroom units) shall be made to the development hereby permitted without written approval from the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: In order to ensure that the proposed development provides an appropriate range of housing opportunities / dwelling types to meeting requirements for different groups, in accordance with Policy H2 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

15. * No development shall commence on site (including demolition or preparatory works) until details of a habitat enhancement scheme are submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme is to include a programme for implementation and ongoing maintenance. The habitat enhancement scheme shall thereafter be implemented and adhered to in accordance with agreed programme.

REASON: Details are required prior to commencement as insufficient information was submitted with the application and in order to avoid harm to habitats and species whilst securing biodiversity enhancement in the long term. This accords with Paragraph 175 of the NPPF (2019), Policy EN12 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019, the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

16. Prior to the first occupation of any residential unit hereby approved, details of a management plan relating to the use of the roof terrace floor roof terrace shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved management plan shall thereafter be adhered to.

REASON: These details are required due to insufficient information being contained within this submission, to safeguard the amenities of future and existing nearby residential units from noise, disturbance, overlooking and loss of privacy in accordance with Policies CC8 and EN16 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

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17. Prior to the first occupation of any residential unit hereby approved, details of privacy screens (location and position of the screens, their dimensions, design and manufactures specification, and ongoing maintenance arrangements) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved privacy screens will be installed before the first occupation of the relevant residential units hereby approved and shall be permanently maintained as such.

REASON: These details are required due to insufficient information being contained within this submission, to safeguard the amenities of the adjoining residential units from overlooking and loss of privacy in accordance with Policy CC8 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

18. Prior to the first occupation of any residential unit hereby approved, details of the measures each unit will include to be accessible and adaptable in line with M4(2) of the Building Regulations shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved measures will be installed before the first occupation of the relevant residential unit hereby approved and shall be permanently maintained as such.

REASON: These details are required due to insufficient information being contained within this submission, to safeguard the amenities of future residential units and their changing needs over time, in accordance with Policy H5 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

INFORMATIVES

1. The Local Planning Authority has worked positively and proactively with the applicant to resolve relevant matters to allow permission to be granted within the agreed extended timescale for the decision to be issued.

2. In accordance with Article 35 (DMPO 2015) some conditions have been highlighted with a * to make clear that they require approval from the Local Planning Authority before any development begins. This is because the details need to be designed or works implemented before any other works start on the site or are of a nature that it would be impractical to consider after work has started.

3. i) The attention of the applicant is drawn to Section 59 of the Highways Act 1980, which enables the Highway Authority to recover expenses due to damage caused by extraordinary traffic.

ii) Any works affecting the Highway shall be in accordance with Reading Borough's Council's document "Guidance Notes for Activities on the Public Highway within the Borough of Reading". The applicant should note that compliance with this document is

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mandatory and licences to work on the Highway will only be issued if the requirements contained within it are met. A copy can be obtained from the Council's website.

4. A section 106 Agreement has been completed for this development. A copy of the S106 Legal Agreement is available on the Council's Public Register of Planning.

5. Your attention is drawn to the terms and conditions of this permission. Any development which is carried out but which differs materially from the approved plans and details, or does not comply with any condition(s) or planning obligation(s) attached to the permission may result in the Council taking action to remedy the breach of planning control. If you are in any doubt please contact the Council.

6. Your attention is drawn to the requirement for submission of a Building Regulations application for the proposed development. Please contact Building Control on 0118 937 2449 for advice.

7. Complaints are commonly received about noise and dust caused by construction and demolition works, particularly working outside reasonable hours and smoke from bonfires associated with the burning of waste on site. The developer is reminded that construction and demolition associated with the approved development will be subject to environmental health law.

8. Noisy construction, demolition and associated activities should be restricted to between the hours of 08:00hrs to 18:00hrs Mondays to Fridays, and 09:00hrs to 13:00hrs on Saturdays, with no noisy works taking place at any time on Sundays and Bank or Statutory Holidays.

9. To minimise the disturbance by noise of future residential occupiers of the flats and its effect on neighbouring residents, residential accommodation must be designed and constructed or converted so as to achieve the insulation requirements set out in Building Regulations Approved Document E.

10. During the course of construction, the developer should take care to ensure that no part of this development (foundations, eaves, guttering, etc.) would encroach on, under or across the boundary line with the adjoining property, as the requisite Notice has not been served on the owner of that property. This permission does not confer any right of access onto land that is not under the developer's control. The developer should also be mindful of the obligations and requirements of the Party Wall Act (1996) details of which can be found at:

www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/partywall

11. The Council introduced the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

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on 1st April 2015. CIL is a way of securing financial contributions towards infrastructure from new development, and partially replaces the Section 106 planning obligation regime. It is a set charge per sq m of floorspace for different uses, and, unlike Section 106, it is non-negotiable. It applies to developments which result in at least one dwelling; where the space has not been in lawful use for 6 months within the last 3 years or 100 sq m of new floorspace. For this approved development the CIL status is CHARGEABLE. If chargeable you will be sent a CIL Liability Notice with the calculated amount soon. CIL becomes payable on commencement of the development or by instalments. For more information go to:

https://images.reading.gov.uk/2019/12/CIL_Advice_to_Applicants.pdf

12. Work on a loft or roof may affect bats. The applicant will need to consider protected species when planning work of this type. A survey may be needed, and if bats are using the building, a licence may be required. To view specific information regarding bats use the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/wildlife-licences>

13. The occupiers of the residential unit(s) will not be automatically entitled to an on-street car parking permit. Current and new occupiers should be informed of this and be advised to find out more about parking permits on the Council's website. There is already a high level of on street car parking in the area and the site is located close to local facilities, with frequent public transport services on nearby roads.

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NOTES

APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

If you are aggrieved by the decision of the Council 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.

If this is a decision on a planning application relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice, if you want to appeal against the Council's decision on the application you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice.

If an enforcement notice is served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and you want to appeal against the Council's decision on your application, you must do so within 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or within 6 months (or 12 weeks in the case of a householder appeal) of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.

If the above circumstances do not apply, any appeal must be made within the following time limits.

If this is a householder application and you want to appeal against the Council's decision then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice. If this is an advertisement application and you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 8 weeks of the date of this notice. If you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision for any other type of application (which is not a householder or advertisement application, or an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness) then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice.

Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>.

If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate

(inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal.

Further details are on GOV.UK.

Purchase Notices

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 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.

Street Naming & Numbering

You must contact Reading Borough Council to:

- Name or number a new development
- Name a new street
- Get addresses for flat conversions
- Name or rename an existing building

Otherwise the following may occur:

- You will not have an official address or postcode. When your property goes through the official process it may be given a different address and Postcode than you are currently using.
- You may have difficulty receiving mail
- You may have problems when buying goods or services such as utilities and telecommunications
- The emergency services may have difficulty locating you.
- You may have problems accessing Council services such as Education, Parking Services and Electoral Registration.

The Council is responsible for assigning house names and numbers and street names. It is also responsible for updating the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) which is a list of addresses which meet a common standard (BS7666) used throughout the country.

When a new address or change of address is requested, the Council contacts Royal Mail who check the address on behalf of the Emergency Services, assign a postcode and add it to their Postal Address File (PAF). The PAF list is used by many companies and services to check addresses, authenticate transactions and order goods, as well as deliver mail, so it is in your interest for your address to be on that list. Royal Mail will not create an address until requested to do so by the Council.

How to apply:

Email us using streetnamingnumbering@reading.gov.uk

Or telephone us on 0118 9373737

What we need to complete your request:

For new addresses or flat conversions:

- Site layout plan containing plot numbers
- Location plan - No bigger than A3 size (hard copy, PDF, JPEG or AutoCAD) showing the site boundary, including the new development, together with surrounding buildings for reference
- Anticipated completion and occupation dates

For change of address:

- You must be, or have authorisation from, the owner to request a change of address.
- Floor plan of the existing property
- Reason for change

Once created, the Council informs various bodies of your new address including the Emergency Services, Council Tax, Land Registry and utility companies as well as adding it to the National Land and Property Gazetteer.

Please be advised that companies and services using the PAF file only update the addresses monthly, quarterly or even less frequently, therefore it may take a while for your address to be listed in some places. It will, however, appear on the Royal Mail website within a few days once it has been added to the live address file.

Reading Borough Council has no control over the frequency by which other organisations update their address files.