

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

APPLICATION FOR FULL PLANNING PERMISSION

To: Gravitas Property Group Ltd
2nd Floor Syntegra House
63 Milford Road
Reading
RG1 8LG

Application No: 191703
Application type: Full Planning Approval

Applicant: Gravitas Property Group 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: Conversion from a C2A (secure residential institution) to a 6 bed, 6 person HMO (C4 use) with internal alterations

At: 35 London Road Reading RG1 5BJ

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**

Date: 12 February 2020



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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 and documents:

Drawing Nos:

01 Rev D - Proposed Floor Plans

Received 27th January 2020

02 Rev 00 - Proposed Elevations

Received 5th November 2019

03 Rev 00 - Stair-well section

Received 1st November 2019

Site Location Plan

Site Plan

Received 24th October 2019

Construction Management Statement Rev 1

received 27th January 2020

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. The HMO use at basement, ground, first and second floors hereby approved shall be restricted to 6 no. single occupancy bedrooms, with a maximum of 6 tenants at any one time.

REASON: As an increase in the number of occupants could impact on the amenity of existing and future occupiers of the property and neighbouring properties in accordance with Policy CC8 and Policy H8 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

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4. The HMO accommodation hereby approved shall not be occupied until a management plan covering the internal and external communal areas, including the proper use of bin stores and responsibility for refuse and recycling collection arrangements, has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter the approved management plan shall be adhered to while the property is in use as a HMO (see attached informative no. 6 below for further details).

REASON: In order that the prospective occupiers are made aware of their responsibilities for ensuring adequate standards of visual appearance and to safeguard the amenities of the area in accordance with Policy H8 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

5. Prior to first occupation of the development hereby approved, the refuse and recycling storage facility shall be implemented fully in accordance with those details shown on the approved plans and thereafter retained for use by occupiers of the HMO at all times.

REASON: In the interests of the visual amenity of the area and to ensure that bins can be easily accessed when required in accordance with Policy CC7 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

6. The development hereby permitted shall not be occupied until the bicycle parking facility for the development has been provided in accordance with the plans hereby approved. The facility shall be kept available for bicycle parking at all times thereafter.

REASON: To encourage travel by sustainable alternatives to driving a motorcar in accordance with Policy TR1 and TR5 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

7. The rooms labelled 'kitchen' and 'Store/snug' as shown on drawing no. 01 Rev D 'Proposed Floor Plans' shall be retained for communal use for so long as the property remains in use as an HMO.

REASON: To ensure that an adequate standard of amenity and living space is provided for the residents in accordance with Policy H8 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

8. The measures within the approved 'Construction Management Statement Rev 1' received on 27th January 2020 shall be adhered to throughout the whole of the construction period unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: 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 Policy CC8 and TR3 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

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9. The materials and detailing of proposed front door shall be carried out as specified on drawing 01 Rev D 'Proposed Floor Plans' unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority, and retained thereafter.

REASON: In the interests of visual amenity and ensuring the new development responds positively to the local context and character in accordance with Policy CC7 and EN3 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

INFORMATIVES

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. The applicant's attention is drawn to the requirements of the Housing Act 2004 (and regulations made under the legislation) with respect to occupancy levels of the property, licensing and management. More information about these requirements can be obtained from the Private Sector Housing Team on 0118 937 2151 or at www.reading.gov.uk

4. 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.

5. The applicant is reminded that works cannot begin until Listed Building Consent has been granted for the proposal by the Local Planning Authority.

6. The Council expects all properties in HMO use to be properly managed in accordance with requirements under the Housing Acts and associated regulations. The Council publishes comprehensive information in its Houses in Multiple Occupation Management Pack, <http://www.reading.gov.uk/media/1412/HMOs-Management-Pack/pdf/HMOs-Management-Pack.pdf>

Landlords/ owners are advised to follow the advice in the pack to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Housing Acts. Landlords/ owners are advised that a

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property specific management plan should be drawn up. This plan should be given to all occupants/tenants, preferably as part of their tenancy agreement or contract. The operation of the property should be undertaken in accordance with the approved management plan.

A good management plan will include matters related to:

- Responsibilities and standards for the management of internal communal areas including kitchens, dining areas, living rooms and shared bathrooms;
- Responsibilities and standards for the management of common parts, fixtures, fittings and appliances. These must be maintained in good and clean decorative repair, maintained in a safe and working condition and kept reasonably clear from obstruction, e.g. banisters and handrails, stair coverings, windows, lighting, gardens and yards, walls and fences, etc.;
- Responsibilities and standards for the management of external areas in terms of landscaping, maintenance and tidiness, in particular areas visible from the public highway or street. This will include matters relating to the erection of Satellite dishes and television aerials;
- Responsibilities and standards for the use and tidiness of bins, binstores, and rubbish in the use of the property along with appropriate facilities to enable the recycling of waste that meets the Council's current practices;
- Responsibilities and standards for the parking of cycles.
- An undertaking to ensure all occupants/tenants will be provided with a copy of the management plan as part of their tenancy agreement or contract and the importance of complying with its measures emphasised;

Where a condition is imposed requiring the submission and approval of a management plan (usually for larger "sui generis" HMO uses), the Local Planning Authority will expect all the above matters to be addressed

Applicants should note that information on the collection of rubbish can be found on the Council's website at: <http://www.reading.gov.uk/rubbish4>

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

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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.