

**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: Bluestone Planning
Suite 5 Enterprise Centre Building 41/42
Shrivenham 100 Business Park
Swindon
SN6 8TZ

Application No: 190650
Application type: Full Planning Approval

Applicant: Greyfriars Church

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: Demolition of the existing western foyer, and replacement with a larger glazed foyer area and other internal works; and single storey rear extension to no's 2 and 4 Sackville Street to link the church to these building, and the change of use of the premise from Sui Generis (Counselling services offices) to Class D1 use (non-residential institution - public worship or religious instruction), and changes to external parking and landscaping.

At: Greyfriars Church Friar Street Reading RG1 1EH

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 within three years from the date of this planning permission.

Reason: to prevent an accumulation of unimplemented planning permissions, and in accordance with Section 91 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

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

Drawing No: GRE-4 173 01- Proposed Plan Church & Link to Sackville St, as received 23 April 2019

Drawing No: GRE-4 175 00 - Proposed Roof Plan, as received 23 April 2019

Drawing No: GRE-4 176 02 - Proposed Floorplans 2&4 Sackville St, as received 23 April 2019

Drawing No: GRE-4 177 01 - Proposed North & South Elevations Church, as received 23 April 2019

Drawing No: GRE-4 178 01 - Proposed East & West Elevations Church, as received 23 April 2019

Drawing No: GRE-4 170 00 - Proposed OS Plan, as received 23 April 2019

GRE-4 171 01 - Proposed Block Plan, as received 23 April 2019

Drawing No: GRE-4 172 02 - Proposed Site Plan, as received 4 July 2019

Document Ref: BS5837 - Tree constraints on any proposed development, arboircultural implication of development, & Tree retention & protection method statement, by BJ Unwin Forestry Consultancy dated 20

June 2018 (revision), as received 2 July 2019

Drawing No: GRYFTRP-Jun19 - Tree retention and protection plan, but EXCLUDING works to protected Limes trees T1-T16, T10-T11 and Council trees T21 and T28 (as numbered in the Tree Survey), as received 2 July 2019

Reason: As permission is granted in respect of the development as detailed in the approved plans only.

3. * No development, other than demolition shall take place until details of the materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the development including all external fixtures, fittings, window frames and mortar and details of window and doorway reveals, details of limestone cladding, details of roof lights and lanterns, roofing materials, and guttering have been submitted to and been approved

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in writing by the local planning authority. The development shall be carried out using only the approved materials.

REASON: As no details have been submitted and in the interests of the visual appearance of the building and the area in accordance with policies CS7 and CS33.

4. No development, including works of demolition shall commence on site until details of the following matters have been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority:

a) A Construction Method Statement to provide for:

- 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
- location on site for storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development
- the erection and maintenance (including removal of any graffiti or fly posters) of security hoarding around the site • any footpath closures or road closures needed during construction
- wheel washing facilities on site
- a scheme for recycling waste resulting from the construction works

b) A car parking management plan shall be submitted detailing how the car park will be managed during the construction phase, and how the car parking spaces will be allocated for staff and visitors during the use of the buildings. This shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority, and maintained thereafter 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 DM12.

5. No development, other than demolition to ground level and excluding the breaking up and removal of floor slabs, foundations and other below ground obstructions, shall take place within the application area until the applicant, their agents or successors in title have secured and implemented a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation, which has been submitted by the applicant and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall only be undertaken in accordance with the agreed programme of work pursuant to this condition.

Reason: The site lies in an area of archaeological potential, as illustrated by the Berkshire Archaeology Historic Environment Record. Archaeological monitoring or evaluation will ensure preservation, either by record or in situ, of any heritage assets present on the site in a manner appropriate to their significance, in accordance with Policy CS33.

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6. No development, other than demolition shall take place until full details of both hard and soft landscaping have been submitted to and been approved in writing by the local planning authority. The submitted details shall include:

- (a) hard surfacing materials; and
- (b) proposed and existing functional services above and below ground (e.g drainage, power, communications cables, pipelines etc. indicating lines, manholes etc); and
- (c) planting plans; written specifications (including cultivation and other operations associated with plant and grass establishment); schedules of plants, noting species, plant sizes and proposed numbers/planting densities where appropriate.
- (d) Tree pit specifications.

Reason: in the interest of ensuring that the landscaping of the development enhances the visual local environment and in accordance with Policy CS7

7. Prior to the occupation of the development, details of biodiversity enhancements, to include bird and bat boxes, tiles or bricks on and around the new buildings and native and wildlife friendly landscaping, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the council. The biodiversity enhancements shall thereafter be installed as approved no later than first use of the development.

REASON: To incorporate biodiversity in and around developments in accordance with paragraph 170 and 175 of the NPPF.

8. The hard and soft landscaping of the development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the approved landscaping plans and documents. The hard landscaping shall be completed before occupation of the development. The soft landscaping shall take place no later than during the first planting season following the date when the development hereby permitted is ready for occupation or in accordance with a timetable agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: in the interests of the character and appearance of the new development and in accordance with Policy CS7

9. All planted materials shall be maintained for five years and any trees or plants removed, dying, being severely damaged or becoming seriously diseased within 5 years of planting shall be replaced with others of similar size and species to those originally required to be planted. Reason: in the interests of the character and appearance of the new development and in accordance with Policy CS7

10. The development hereby approved shall not be carried out other than in accordance with the approved Arboricultural Document and Tree Retention & Protection Plan ref: BS5837 Tree Survey Report by BJ Unwin Forestry Consultancy dated December 2018.

REASON: To ensure that appropriate protection is given to trees of amenity value within and adjacent to the site in accordance with Policy CS38.

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11. All areas of hedges, scrub or similar vegetation where birds may nest which are to be removed as part of the development, are to be cleared outside the bird-nesting season (March - August inclusive) or if clearance during the bird-nesting season cannot reasonably be avoided, a suitably qualified ecologist will check the areas to be removed immediately prior to clearance and advise whether nesting birds are present. If active nests are recorded, no vegetation clearance or other works that may disturb active nests shall proceed until all young have fledged the nest.

REASON: To ensure that wildlife is not adversely affected by the proposed development in line with Policy CS36 and wildlife legislation.

12. No mechanical plant shall be installed until a noise assessment of the proposed mechanical plant has been submitted and approved by this Council. The assessment shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant recommendations of appropriate British Standards or other recognised Codes of Good Practice. The predicted rating level, L_Ar,Tr (specific sound level plus any adjustment for the characteristic features of the sound) as measured at a point 1 metre external to sensitive facades shall be at least 10dB below the existing background sound level, L_A90,T when all plant/equipment (or any part of it) is in operation. The plant shall only be installed in accordance with the assessment and shall thereafter be maintained so that it operates to the same standard.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the adjoining premises and the area generally, in accordance with Policy CS34 and Policy DM4.

13. No construction, demolition or associated deliveries shall take place outside the hours of 0800hrs to 1800hrs Mondays to Fridays, and 0900hrs to 1300hrs on Saturdays, and not at any time on Sundays and Bank or Statutory Holidays without prior written approval from the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: to protect occupiers of nearby properties from unreasonable disturbance from works connected with implementing this permission in accordance with Policy DM4.

14. The development hereby permitted shall not be occupied until all vehicle parking spaces have been provided in accordance with the relevant approved plans in Condition 2 above. The space shall be kept available for parking at all times thereafter.

Reason: To ensure that the development is provided with adequate parking facilities to meet the needs of future occupiers and reduce the likelihood of roadside parking which could be a danger to other road users to accord with Policy CS23 & CS24 and Policy DM12.

15. The development hereby permitted shall not be occupied until the bicycle parking facility for the development has been provided in accordance with the relevant plan in Condition 2 above. The facility shall be kept available for bicycle parking at all times thereafter.

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Reason: To encourage travel by sustainable alternatives to driving a motorcar in accordance with the Local Planning Authority's approved transport policies CS23 and CS24.

INFORMATIVES

1. The approved Tree retention and protection method statement approved under the above does not imply or consent to any works to protected lime trees, labelled T1-T16, T10-T11 and Council Trees T21 and T28. These works would require specific approval under a separate TPO application to the Local Planning Authority.
2. 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.
3. In accordance with Article 35 (DMPO 2015) some conditions above 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.
4. Works to the Listed Building must be undertaken and approved in accordance with The Ecclesiastical Exemption (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (England) Order 2010.
5. 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 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.
6. 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.
7. The Council introduced the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on 1st April 2015. CIL is a way of securing financial contributions towards infrastructure from new

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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 (NOT APPLICABLE). 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:

http://www.reading.gov.uk/media/2791/Community-Infrastructure-Levy-Advice-to-Applicants/pdf/CIL_Advice_to_Applicants.pdf

8. 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.

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

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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.