

**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: The Keen Partnership  
The Courtyard  
Edinburgh Road  
Reading  
RG30 2UA

Application No: 181372  
Application type: Full Planning Approval

**Applicant:** Royle Berkshire Developments

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 of an existing basement flat and 5 bedsit rooms to 4 x 1 - bed residential flats (Class C3) and erection of a part-one, part-two storey rear extension, front lightwell with external steps, cycle/waste storage areas and associated works.

**At:** 66 Watlington Street Reading RG1 4RT

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

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 approved shall not be carried out other than in accordance with the following drawings:

PL-02 - Existing - Proposed Block Plan, as received 21/09/18

PL-03 - Proposed Site Plan, as received 21/09/18

PL-06 Rev B - Proposed Floorplans, as received 16/11/18

PL-08 - Proposed Floorplans 2, as received 21/09/18

PL-08 Rev B - Proposed Elevations Front - Rear, as received 22/11/18

PL-09 - Existing and Proposed Section, as received 21/09/18

PL-11 - Proposed Elevations Left - Right, as received 21/09/18

Reason: To clarify which drawings have been approved and in the interests of proper planning.

3. \*No development shall take place until details (including physical samples and manufacturer details) of all materials (including brick, roof slate, glazing, window frames/cills/surrounds, doors, boundary treatments (brickwork and railings), guttering and downpipes) to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the development, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The development shall not be carried out other than in full accordance with the approved details.

Reason: In the interests of safeguarding the character and appearance of the building and the wider immediate area, including the Eldon Square Conservation Area, in accordance with Policies CS7 & CS33 of the Reading Borough LDF Core Strategy 2008 (Altered 2015).

4. No dwelling hereby permitted shall be occupied until the bicycle parking facility for that dwelling has been provided in accordance with the approved plan (PL-06 Rev B -



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Proposed Floorplans, as received 16/11/18). 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 policies CS23 and CS24 of the Reading Borough LDF Core Strategy 2008 (Altered 2015).

5. No dwelling shall be occupied until the bin storage facilities shown on the approved plan (PL-06 Rev B - Proposed Floorplans, as received 16/11/18) have been provided and the bin storage facility shall be retained thereafter for use by occupiers of the dwelling/building at all times.

Reason: To ensure that sufficient provision is made for the storage and collection of refuse and recyclables and to safeguard the amenity (including visual amenity) of existing nearby / future occupiers / road users from potential disturbance and/or smells and highway safety, in accordance with Policies CS2 and CS7 of the Reading Borough LDF Core Strategy 2008 (Altered 2015) and Policies DM4 and DM12 of the Sites and Detailed Policies Document 2012 (Altered 2015).

6. No residential unit hereby approved shall be occupied until the Council has been notified in writing of the full postal address of the unit. The notification shall be sent to the Council's Planning Manager 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 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 CS24 of the Reading Borough LDF Core Strategy 2008 (Altered 2015) and Policy DM12 of the Reading Borough LDF Sites and Detailed Policies Document Policy 2012 (Altered 2015).

7. 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



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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 CS24 of the Reading Borough LDF Core Strategy 2008 (Altered 2015) and Policy DM12 of the Reading Borough LDF Sites and Detailed Policies Document 2012 (Altered 2015).

### **INFORMATIVES**

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

There should be no burning of waste on the site. For further information about construction and demolition nuisance law please refer to the Environmental Health section of the Council's website.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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



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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.

7. 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.

8. The Council introduced the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) 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 NIL CHARGE.

9. Thames Water requests that you should incorporate within your proposal, protection to the property by installing a positive pumped device (or equivalent reflecting technological advances) to avoid the risk of backflow at a later date, on the assumption that the sewerage network may surcharge to ground level during storm conditions. Fitting only a non-return valve could result in flooding to the property should there be prolonged surcharge in the public sewer. If as part of the basement development there is a proposal to discharge ground water to the public network, this would require a Groundwater Risk Management Permit from Thames Water. Any discharge made without a permit is deemed illegal and may result in prosecution under the provisions of the Water Industry Act 1991. Thames Water would expect the developer to demonstrate what measures he will undertake to minimise groundwater discharges into the public sewer. Permit enquiries should be directed to Thames Water's Risk Management Team by telephoning 02035779483 or by emailing [wwriskmanagement@thameswater.co.uk](mailto:wwriskmanagement@thameswater.co.uk). Application forms should be completed on line via [www.thameswater.co.uk/wastewaterquality](http://www.thameswater.co.uk/wastewaterquality)

There are public sewers crossing or close to your development. If you're planning significant work near Thames Water sewers, it's important that you minimise the risk of damage. Thames Water will need to check that your development doesn't reduce capacity, limit repair or maintenance activities, or inhibit the services we provide in any other way. You are advised to read the Thames Water guide 'working near or diverting our pipes'.

<https://developers.thameswater.co.uk/Developing-a-large-site/Planning-your-development/Working-near-or-diverting-our-pipes>.

Thames Water will aim to provide customers with a minimum pressure of 10m head (approx 1 bar) and a flow rate of 9 litres/minute at the point where it leaves Thames



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Waters pipes. The developer should take account of this minimum pressure in the design of the proposed development.

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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.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he 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 him 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. In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the Local Planning Authority based their decision on a direction given by him.

Appeals must be made using a form which you can get from the Planning Inspectorate at Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN, tel. 0303 444 5000, or online at [www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs).

### 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](mailto: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.