Reading BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
PLANNING AND COMPENSATION ACT 1991
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE ORDER 1995)

APPLICATION FOR FULL PLANNING PERMISSION

To: c/o P H Watkins
48 Broomfield Road
Tilehurst
Reading
Berks
RG30 6AL

Application No: 01/00222/FUL

Applicant: Mr Bashier

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL as local planning authority REFUSE FULL planning permission for the following development.

Proposal: Erection of end terrace property to form 1 x 1 bedroom and 1 x 3 bedroom flat

At: 32 Valentia Road Reading RG30 1DH

For the attached reasons

PLEASE READ THE NOTES ISSUED WITH THIS DECISION NOTICE

Date: 20th April 2001

David Gworthy

Head of Planning and Transport

NOTES

APPEALS

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(2) If permission to develop land is refused or granted subject to conditions, whether by the local planning authority or by the Secretary of State for the Environment and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonably beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted he may serve on the Common Council, or on the Council of the district in which the land is situated, as the case may be, a purchase notice requiring that council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

(3) In certain circumstances, a claim may be made against the local planning authority for compensation, where permission is refused or granted subject to conditions by the Secretary of State on appeal or on a reference of the application to him. The circumstances in which such compensation is payable are set out in section 114 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

(a) The statutory requirements are those set out in section 79(6) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, namely sections 70 and 72(1) of the Act.

BERKSHIRE ACT 1986 – Section 32

(1) Except as provided in subsection (a) below, where plans for the erection or extension of a building are deposited with a district council in accordance with building regulations, the district council shall reject the plans unless, after consultation with the fire authority, they are satisfied that the plans show –

(a) that there will be adequate means of access for the fire brigade to the building or, as the case may be, to the building as extended; and

(b) that the building or, as the case may be, the extension of the building will not render inadequate existing means of access for the fire brigade to a neighbouring building.

(2) No requirement concerning means of access to a building or to a neighbouring building shall be made under this section in the case of a building to be erected or extended in pursuance of a planning permission granted upon an application made under the Act of 1990, unless notice of the provisions of this section is endorsed on or accompanies the planning permission.

(3) Section 16(7) and (8) and section 36(2) to (6) of the Building Act 1984 (notice of rejection or passing of plans and enforcement of requirements) shall apply as if this section were a section of the said Act 1984.

(4) Any person aggrieved by the action of the district council in rejecting plans under this section, may appeal to a magistrates' court.

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of a building intended for the purposes of a school or an institution which provides higher education or further education (or both) and is maintained or assisted by a local education authority.

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REASONS FOR REFUSAL

1. The proposed development by virtue of its scale, massing, number of units proposed, and taking into account inadequate parking provision and unsatisfactory level of private, usable amenity space provision constitutes an over development of the site contrary to policies CUD 14 and HSG 5 of Reading Borough Local Plan.

2. The proposed development by reason of its design and layout would result in the potential overlooking of number 34 Valentia Road, and have an undue impact on the amenities and privacy of this neighbouring property due to the relationship of the rooms, contrary to policies CUD 14, HSG 5 and HSG 9 of Reading Borough Local Plan.

3. The level of parking provided on the site falls short of the level required by adopted standards and the proposal fails to make on-site provision for cycle storage facilities. As such the proposal is contrary to policies TRN 12 and TRN 5 of Reading Borough Local Plan.

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