

**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: Pentangle Design Group
Suite 1
21 Bancroft
Hitchin
SG5 1JW

Application No: 240085
Application type: Full Planning Approval

Applicant: Havell House 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: Change of Use of third floor from Class E commercial to Residential use to provide 2 No. flats. To provide new glazed doors and balustrade to provide access to flat roof to form new balconies

At: 62-66 Queens Road Reading RG1 4AZ

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:

Proposed Section C-C 3185 19 Rev A

Received 24th June 2024

Proposed Site Plan 3185 14 Rev B

Received 25th March 2024

Location Plan 3141 01 Rev B

Third Floor Plans as Proposed 3185 13 Rev E

Proposed North Elevation 3185 17 Rev C

Proposed South Elevation 3185 18 Rev C

Received 22nd January 2024

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 materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of this development shall be as specified on the plans and/or application forms unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

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 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:

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;

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- 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;
- 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 unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

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 and TR3 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

5. 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 detailed in Table 4 of BS 8233:2014 and the LMAX value stated in XXXX. 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, unless the Local Planning Authority otherwise agrees in writing.

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 Policy CC8 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

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6. No dwelling hereby permitted shall be first occupied until the bicycle parking facility for that dwelling 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 local Plan 2019.

7. No dwelling hereby approved shall be first occupied until the refuse and recycling storage facility has been implemented fully in accordance with those details shown on the approved plans and shall include measures to prevent pests and vermin accessing the bin stores. The bin storage, including pest and vermin control measures shall thereafter retained for use by occupiers of the dwellings 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 Local Plan 2019.

8. No dwelling hereby approved shall be first 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 Policies TR3 and TR5 of the Reading Local Plan 2019.

9. 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 Policies TR3 and TR5 of the Reading Local Plan 2019.

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10. No development shall take place on site until 1) a copy of an Interim BREEAM Certificate in accordance with the BREEAM Domestic Refurbishment Sustainability Standard demonstrating compliance with a minimum standard of BREEAM Very Good rating has been submitted to and receipt acknowledged in writing by the Local Planning Authority; Or, 2) an alternative sustainability assessment addressing the requirements of Policy CC2 and the need to preserve the character of the building including appropriate assessment criteria has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: To ensure that the development contributes adequately towards environmental sustainability, in accordance with Policy CC2 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

11. No dwelling hereby approved shall be first occupied until 1) a Final BREEAM Certificate for each dwelling in accordance with the BREEAM Domestic Refurbishment Sustainability Standard following a post- construction stage review carried out by a licensed assessor has been submitted to and receipt acknowledged in writing by the Local Planning Authority, demonstrating that the development has attained as a minimum the standard set out in the Interim BREEAM Certificate referred to in the above condition; Or, 2) a report demonstrating compliance with the criteria referred to in Condition 10 (2) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: To ensure that the development contributes adequately towards environmental sustainability, in accordance with Policy CC2 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

12. No change to the unit mix (1 x 1-bedroom, 1 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.

13. In the event that contamination is found at any time when carrying out the approved development not previously identified, development shall be halted on that part of the site the contamination reported in writing to the Local Planning Authority. An assessment of the nature and extent of contamination shall be undertaken and where remediation is necessary a remediation scheme, together with a timetable for its implementation, shall be submitted in writing to the Local Planning Authority for its written approval. The measures in the approved remediation scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the approved timetable. Halted works shall not be re-commenced until the measures identified in the approved remediation scheme have been completed and a validation report has been submitted to and been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

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REASON: To ensure the development is suitable for its end use and the wider environment and does not create undue risks to occupiers of the site or surrounding areas in accordance with Policy EN16 of the Reading local Plan 2019.

14. No construction, demolition or associated deliveries shall take place outside the hours of 0800hrs to 1800hrs Mondays to Fridays, and 0800hrs 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: In order to protect occupiers of nearby properties from unreasonable disturbance from works connected with implementing this permission in accordance with Policy CC8 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

15. No materials or green waste produced as a result of the clearance of the site, demolition works or construction works associated with the development hereby approved shall be burnt on site.

REASON: In the interests of air quality, the amenity of neighbours, and to promote more sustainable approaches to waste management in accordance with Policy CC8 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. 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.

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

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 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.

7. You are advised that the development lies adjacent to a potentially contaminated site. Due to the nature of the historic land use there is the potential of contaminated land being present. The developers must be aware that any ground or enabling works may bring receptors into contact with the aforementioned contaminants. You may wish to satisfy yourself that the details of the construction proposals take the necessary account of the possibility of contaminants from that source.

8. 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. 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

9. 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.

10. 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.

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11. 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.

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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/appeal-planning-decision>

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.