

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

Application No: PL/24/0866
Application type: Full planning permission

Applicant: Mr Nick Edwards

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL as Local Planning Authority **REFUSE** planning permission for the following development in accordance with the plans and supporting information submitted in connection with this application.

Proposal: Conversion from Class E office to 2no flats C3 to first floor areas

At: 74 School Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 5BN

For the attached reasons

PLEASE READ THE NOTES ISSUED WITH THIS DECISION NOTICE

Date: 26 March 2026



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CONDITIONS & REASONS

1. In the absence of a completed legal agreement to secure an appropriate financial contribution towards the provision of affordable housing elsewhere in the Borough, the proposal fails to make an appropriate contribution to the housing needs of Reading Borough, contrary to Policies H3 of the Reading Borough Local Plan (2019), Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (2021), Planning Obligations under Section 106 SPD (2015) and paragraphs 11, 63, 64, 66 of the NPPF 2024.

INFORMATIVES

1. The decision relates to the following submitted drawings and documents:

9329-24 Design & Access Statement, dated 02/07/24
9329-100 Location Plan, dated 01/05/24
9329-103 Existing Plans, dated 01/05/24
9329-106 Existing Elevations, dated 01/05/24
9329-105 Existing Roof Plan, dated 01/05/24
9329-101 Existing & Proposed Block Plan, dated 01/05/24
9329-110 Proposed Roof Plan, dated 01/05/24
9329-108 Proposed Ground & First Floor Plan, dated 01/05/24
9329-112 Proposed Elevations, dated 01/05/24

Received by the LPA on 8 July 2024
2. The Local Planning Authority has worked positively and proactively with the applicant to see if relevant concerns could be resolved to allow permission to be granted. However, that has not been possible within the prescribed target or agreed extended timescale and therefore the decision to refuse planning permission has been taken.
3. The applicant is advised that the refused scheme, had it been approved, would have been a CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) liable development.
4. Without prejudice to any future application or appeal, the applicant is advised that reason for refusal 1 could be overcome by entering into a Section 106 Legal

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Agreement or unilateral undertaking for a scheme that was in all other respects acceptable.

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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.

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