

**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: Mr Paul Dickinson
Highway House
Lower Froyle
GU34 4NB

Application No: PL/25/1853
Application type: Full planning permission

Applicant: Dr Faiza Akif

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: Construction of a single-storey rear extension to No. 257 following demolition of the existing portacabin, change of use of ground floor to No. 255 to provide additional doctors' surgery accommodation and alterations to the first floor to provide a 2 bed flat with associated parking and soft landscaping.

At: 255-257 Whitley Wood Road, Reading, RG2 8LE

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: 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 not be carried out except in strict accordance with the following approved drawings:

WR-01R2- Location and Block Plan received 16th of April 2026

WR-04 R2 - Proposed Block Plan received 16th of April 2026

WR-06 Proposed elevations received 31 December 2025

WR-05 - Proposed Plans received 31 December 2025

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 the development hereby permitted shall match those used on the existing building.

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 demolition or preparatory works) until an Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan in accordance with the relevant recommendations of appropriate British Standards or other recognised Codes of Good Practice for all existing trees that are not shown as being removed on the approved drawings, both within and adjacent to the site, has been submitted to and been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall not be carried out other than in accordance with the approved Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan.

Reason: In order to ensure that appropriate protection is given to trees of amenity value within and adjacent to the site in accordance with Policy EN14 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

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5. No development shall take place on site until 1) a copy of an Interim BREEAM Certificate in accordance with the BREEAM 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 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.

6. No development shall commence on site until a detailed scheme for protecting the flat from noise emissions from the community use hereby approved and informed by an assessment of the likely noise emissions from the approved commercial use, 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 separating floor/ceiling and walls between the uses achieves a minimum airborne sound insulation performance of greater than or equal to 55 dB (Dntw +Ctr) and ensures that the noise levels within the property do not exceed the values specified in BS8233:2014 with appropriate penalties and adjustments for the character of the noise. The scheme shall make suitable provision for insulation from structure borne noise.

Thereafter, the development shall not be carried out other than fully in accordance with the approved scheme which shall be completed before any part of the accommodation hereby approved is first occupied and shall be retained and maintained as such at all times thereafter.

REASON: In order to safeguard the amenity of occupiers of the residential accommodation in accordance with Policies CC8 and EN16 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

7. The development hereby permitted shall not be first occupied until 1) a Final BREEAM Certificate for the building in accordance with the BREEAM 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 5 (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.

8. Prior to commencement of the development hereby approved, a Car Parking Management Plan (CPMP)) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The plan shall include full details of how the allocation of the car parking spaces for staff and

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visitors has been calculated and provided. Thereafter the approved CPMP shall be implemented in full and for the lifetime of the development.

REASON: In the interest of the safety and convenience of all highway users in accordance with TR5 of the Reading Local Plan 2019.

9. Notwithstanding the approved drawings, the development hereby permitted shall not be first occupied until details of refuse and recycling storage sufficient for the intended development has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This shall include details of how refuse and recycling collections will be managed from the site (including vehicles, servicing and deliveries). The approved details shall be fully implemented before first occupation or the use first commences, whichever is the sooner, and the areas of land so provided shall not be used for any purposes other than the storage (prior to disposal) or the collection of refuse and recycling and shall be thereafter retained and maintained as such, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: In the interests of general amenity, to ensure convenience of arrangements for refuse and recycling storage and collection and to ensure that no obstruction is caused on the adjoining highway, in the interest of highway safety and in accordance with Policy CC7 of the Reading Local Plan 2019.

10. Prior to first occupation of the development hereby approved, a plan indicating the positions, design, materials and type of boundary treatment to be erected, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Where appropriate the boundary treatment shall include the provision of mammal gaps. The boundary treatment shall be implemented in accordance with the approved plan before the development is occupied and maintained as approved thereafter.

REASON: In order to protect the privacy of adjoining and future occupiers and in the interests of the visual amenities of the locality and local wildlife in accordance with Policy CC7 and EN12 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

11. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (or any Order revoking and/or re-enacting that Order) the proposed ground floor side windows on the eastern elevation (No.255) window shall not be openable below a height of 1.7 metres when measured from the floor level of the room within which it is located [if over stairs or void then specify an alternative level e.g. the first floor level]. The window shall be glazed with obscure glass before first occupation of the development hereby approved and shall be maintained as such at all times thereafter.

REASON: To safeguard the amenities of the adjoining premises from overlooking and loss of privacy in accordance with Policy CC8 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

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12. The GP surgery and residential use in No.255 shall not be occupied until all vehicle parking space(s) have been provided in accordance with the plans hereby approved. The space(s) 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 in accordance with Policy TR3 and TR5 of the Reading Local Plan 2019.

13. The GP surgery and residential use in No.255 No shall not be occupied until the vehicle access serving it has been constructed in accordance with the plans hereby approved.

REASON: In the interests of road safety in accordance with Policy TR1 and TR3 of the Reading Local Plan 2019.

14. The GP surgery and residential use in No.255 hereby permitted shall be occupied until the bicycle parking facility for that dwelling/building 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.

15. The GP Surgery shall not be used by members of the public outside the hours of 08:00hrs to 19:00hr Monday-Friday and 8:00 am to 12 noon on Saturday, and not at all on Sundays.

REASON: In order to protect local residents from unreasonable disturbance arising from the use in accordance with Policy CC7 and 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 RBC Building Control on Building.control@reading.gov.uk OR telephone 0118 9372449 9.00am to 1.00pm Monday to Friday.

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3. 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. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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. 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:
https://images.reading.gov.uk/2019/12/CIL_Advice_to_Applicants.pdf
6. 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.
7. You advised that demolition and related activity may harm adjacent trees and/or their Root Protection Areas (as defined by BS5837:2012). As such, it is recommended that protective fencing is erected prior to commencement of demolition to protect both tree canopies and Root Protection Areas. If trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order are present or the site is within a Conservation Area, such protection measures are a necessity to prevent tree damage (potentially subject to enforcement action) and advice should be sought from the Natural Environment Team.
8. The Council's transport team should be contacted, and approval sought for the construction of any additional access(s).

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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 via the Planning Inspectorate at Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN, tel. 0303 444 5000, or online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.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

More information can be found online: <https://www.reading.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/street-naming-numbering/>

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