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Our Ref: 2024/92938

Dear Sir/Madam

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT)
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2015 (as amended), SCHEDULE 2, PART 3, PART MA
NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE CLASS MA – COMMERCIAL,
BUSINESS AND SERVICE USES TO DWELLINGHOUSES
APPLICATION NUMBER: 2024/92938
AT: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Floors, 1, Lord Street, Huddersfield, HD1 1QA**

I refer to your submission of details relative to the proposed change of use as described below which was received by the Local Planning Authority on 14-Oct-2024.

Prior approval of proposed change of use of a building from commercial, business and service uses to dwellinghouses.

The proposal as submitted is acceptable and, subject to all works being carried out in accordance with the description contained in the notification, prior approval is hereby granted.

The development shall begin within a period of three years beginning with the date of this letter.

1. Details of a secure cycle storage facility for the apartments shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before any of the apartments are first occupied. The facility shall be installed in accordance with the approved details and made available for use by residents before any apartment is first occupied and shall thereafter be retained as such.

Reason: This is to ensure that future occupants have adequate cycle storage facilities, so as to promote sustainable transport options in order to mitigate the highway and transport impacts of the development in accordance with the aims of Policies LP20 and LP21(g) of the Kirklees Local Plan.

2. Before alterations to the internal layout commence, details of the provision to be made for the number and size of vehicles expected during the development, parking, loading and unloading of contractors' plant and materials, the storage of building materials and the parking of the workforce during construction works shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The conversion and construction works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved scheme.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety and to accord with LP21 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapter 9 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

3. Before alterations to the internal layout commence, a report specifying the measures to be taken to protect the development from noise from all significant noise sources that are likely to affect the proposed development including road traffic and commercial premises shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The report shall:

- a) Determine the existing noise climate
- b) Predict the noise climate in living rooms (daytime), bedrooms (nighttime) and other habitable rooms of the development
- c) Detail the proposed attenuation/design necessary to protect the amenity of the occupants of the new residences (including ventilation if required).

The development shall not be occupied until all works specified in the approved report have been carried out in full and such works shall be thereafter retained.

Reason: To protect the amenity of occupiers of the proposed development from noise or disturbance from nearby noise generating premises to accord with the aims of Policies LP24 and LP52 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapters 12 and 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

4. Before the development is brought into use written evidence to demonstrate that the airborne sound insulation performance of the party floors/walls/ceiling of the development is of a minimum of $53\text{dB } D_{nT\text{w}} + C_{tr}$ shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. If it cannot be demonstrated that the aforementioned airborne sound insulation performance has been achieved, a scheme incorporating further measures to achieve the sound insulation performance shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. All works comprised within those further measures shall be completed and further written evidence to demonstrate that the aforementioned sound insulation performance level has been achieved shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before the development is first brought into use.

Reason: To protect the amenity of occupiers of the proposed development from noise or disturbance from nearby noise generating premises to accord with the aims of Policies LP24 and LP52 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapters 12 and 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

NOTE: All noise assessments should be carried out by a competent person. The applicant may wish to contact the Association of Noise Consultants <http://www.association-of-noise-consultants.co.uk/> (020 8253 4518) or the Institute of Acoustics <http://www.ioa.org.uk> (0300 999 9675) for a list of members.

Plans and specifications schedule: -

Plan Type	Reference	Web ID	Date Received
Site Location Plan	24743_P_101	-	15 th October 2024
Site Block Plan	24743_P_102	-	15 th October 2024
Existing Floor Plans & Elevations	24743_P_103	-	15 th October 2024
Proposed Floor Plans & Elevations	24743_P_104	A	19 th November 2024
Supporting Letter – Supporting Information	-	-	15 th October 2024
Environmental Noise Assessment – Supporting Information	10104E	Rev 1	15 th October 2024

Development within a Coal Mining Area

The proposed development lies within an area that has been defined by the Coal Authority as containing coal mining features at surface or shallow depth. These features may include: mine entries (shafts and adits); shallow coal workings; geological features (fissures and break lines); mine gas and former surface mining sites. Although such features are seldom readily visible, they can often be present and problems can occur, particularly as a result of new development taking place.

It is recommended that information outlining how former mining activities may affect the proposed development, along with any mitigation measures required (for example the need for gas protection measures within the foundations), is submitted alongside any subsequent application for Building Regulations approval (if relevant).

Any form of development over or within the influencing distance of a mine entry can be dangerous and raises significant land stability and public safety risks. As a general precautionary principle, the Coal Authority considers that the building over or within the influencing distance of a mine entry should be avoided. In exceptional circumstance where this is unavoidable, expert advice must be sought to ensure that a suitable engineering design which takes into account all the relevant safety and environmental risk factors, including mine gas and mine-water. Your attention is drawn to the Coal Authority Policy in relation to new development and mine entries available at:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-on-or-within-the-influencing-distance-of-mine-entries

Any intrusive activities which disturb or enter any coal seams, coal mine workings or coal mine entries (shafts and adits) requires a Coal Authority Permit. Such activities could include site investigation boreholes, excavations for foundations, piling activities, other ground works and any subsequent treatment of coal mine workings and coal mine entries for ground stability purposes. Failure to obtain a Coal Authority Permit for such activities is trespass, with the potential for court action.

If any coal mining features are unexpectedly encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Coal Authority on 0345 762 6848. Further information is available on the Coal Authority website at:

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority

Digital Infrastructure: Fibre To The Property (FTTP)

Access to affordable and reliable broadband is necessary for Kirklees' residents, businesses, and visitors to take advantage of the growing digital economy and 'digital by default' services. Fibre optic cables direct to a property (FTTP) is the most reliable way of delivering high speed broadband connectivity and allows for gigabit internet speeds. Access to high quality digital infrastructure provides the foundations for, amongst other things:

- Economic prosperity – workforces that are digitally-literate enables business to thrive.
- Digital literacy – digital literacy and skills increase employability and people can exploit the internet for transactional, social, entertainment and learning purposes.
- New services – digital delivery can lower costs and provide innovative public and health services more conveniently.

It is therefore advised that digital infrastructure, including FTTP, and its benefits for the development be considered from the earliest feasible stage. Methods include working with Internet Service Providers to install digital infrastructure alongside other utilities or providing pre-infrastructure allowing for speeder installation at a later date.

Note: The provision of fibre infrastructure is often available from certain telecommunications providers free of charge for development over a certain scale, provided that sufficient notice is given. Notice periods are typically at least 12 months prior to first occupation. In some cases, providers may request a contribution from the developer.

Note: Where no telecommunications provider has been secured to provide fibre infrastructure by the time of highway construction, it is advised that additional dedicated telecommunications ducting is incorporated alongside other utilities to enable the efficient and cost effective provision of fibre infrastructure in the future.

Customer Feedback

An important part of improving our service is to review your feedback on the way that we have dealt with your planning application(s). Please take a couple of minutes to email your comments to dc.admin@kirklees.gov.uk so that we can work on continually improving our customer service. Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Mathias Franklin
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