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Your ref: PP-15337157

Dear Ms Chew

Joseph Norton Academy: Application to discharge condition 4 of planning permission 2025/70/91084/W

On behalf of Kirklees Council, we are pleased to submit an application to discharge condition 4 of planning permission 2025/70/91084/W for the permitted Jospeh Norton Academy, located at the site of the former Deighton Centre, Deighton Road, Huddersfield, HD2 1JP.

Planning permission was granted on the 13 May 2024 (ref. 2023/48/93350/W) for the:

"Development of former Deighton Centre (previously Deighton High School) for a social emotional and mental health school (Use Class F1) comprising single and two storey educational buildings; roof mounted photo-voltaic panels; sensory garden spaces; multi-use games areas; landscaping; hardstanding areas; carparking; access with secure fencing and ancillary development."

An application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) was submitted in April 2025 which sought the variation of this approval to reflect proposed amendments to the building and external elements. This application was granted on the 03 July 2025 (ref. 2025/70/91084/W).

An application under Section 96A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) was submitted in January 2026 which sought a number of non-material amendments to the scheme. This was granted on 29 January 2026 (ref. 2026/90154).

Application Submission

This application has been submitted via the Planning Portal (ref. PP-15337157) and comprises:

- Competed application form;
- This covering letter; and
- Landscape Management and Maintenance Plan, prepared by DLA Architecture.

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The application fee has been paid via the Planning Portal.

Condition 4

Condition 4 states:

"Prior to the first occupation of the building, a landscape management and maintenance plan (LMMP) for the external areas including any open space accessible to the public, playing fields etc shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. This should include:

- *The landscape plan including all hard and soft details together with planting plan & specification, location and specification of any play equipment or play elements and playable/educational spaces or sports facilities/pitches including safety surfacing, seats and litterbins.*
- *An implementation, management and maintenance programme including full details for management of newly establishing trees including, but not limited to, a watering regime, monitoring of stakes and ties, formative pruning, replacement of failed or damaged trees.*
- *Details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance for minimum of 5 years and seasonal maintenance operations. This should also include any SuDS features, existing trees and vegetation retained on site, slopes and bankings, woodlands, plus management of any equipment or playable/educational space, including where relevant RoSPA safety inspections.*
- *Details of monitoring and remedial measures, including replacement of any equipment, safety surfacing, site furniture, trees, shrubs, hedgerows or planting that fails or becomes diseased within the first five years from completion.*
- *The approved landscaping scheme shall, from its completion, be maintained for a period of five years. If, within this 5 year period, any tree, shrub or hedge shall die, become diseased or be removed, it shall be replaced with others of similar size and species unless the Local Planning Authority gives written consent to any variation."*

The submitted Landscape Management and Maintenance Plan, prepared by DLA Architecture, has been prepared to respond to the requirements of Condition 4. On this basis, we trust that Condition 4 can be discharged.

Summary

We trust that sufficient information has been provided to validate and determine this application. If you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or my colleague Emma Gomersal.

Yours faithfully

Ryan Barrett
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