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To Whom it may concern,

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015 AS AMENDED

APPLICATION NO: 24/00059/COUNOT
PROPOSAL: Prior Approval Application under Part 3, Class MA of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for conversion of the existing first floor offices into 2 flats: Flat 1 (1b/1p; 53.8m²) and Flat 2 (1b/2p; 55.1m²), with the associated refuse enclosure and cycle storage on the ground floor.
LOCATION: 268 High Street Harwich Essex CO12 3PD

Thank you for your notification on the above matter which was received on 15 January 2024 and made valid on 15 January 2024 and was allocated the reference **24/00059/COUNOT**.

I can now advise you that this proposal will **not** require prior approval of the Local Planning Authority.

The proposal constitutes permitted development as defined in the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) and may therefore be carried out providing that it is wholly in accordance with the legislation.

Conditions

1 COMPLIANCE - TIME LIMIT

CONDITION: Development under Class MA is permitted subject to the condition that development under Class MA.2. (5) must be completed within a period of 3 years starting with the prior approval date.

REASON: To comply with the requirements of the relevant legislation.

2 COMPLIANCE - PRIOR APPROVAL

The development must be carried out where prior approval is not required, or where sub-paragraph (11)(c) applies, in accordance with the details provided in the application referred to in sub-paragraph (1).

REASON: To comply with the requirements of the relevant legislation.

3 ACTION REQUIRED - SOUND INSULATION

CONDITION: Prior to the commencement of development, a scheme of sound insulation, shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority showing the proposed residential unit (with the windows closed) meets the required internal noise levels as set out in BS8233. The approved scheme shall be carried out, in its entirety, before the units are first occupied and shall be retained thereafter.

REASON: To safeguard the residential amenities of future residents of the flats.

4 HIGHWAYS PROVISION OF PARKING AND CYCLE STORAGE

CONDITION: The hereby approved development shall not be first occupied until such time as the areas for parking of vehicles and cycle storage, as shown on the approved plans, have been provided and made functionally available. These areas shall then be retained and remain free of obstruction thereafter.

REASON: To ensure that on street parking of vehicles in the adjoining streets does not occur in the interests of highway safety and that appropriate parking and layout is provided to ensure the provision of adequate on-site space for the parking and manoeuvring of vehicles where on-street parking and manoeuvring would otherwise be detrimental to highway safety.

5 RESIDENTIAL TRAVEL INFORMATION PACK

CONDITION: Prior to first occupation of the flats, the Developer shall be responsible for the provision and implementation of a Residential Travel Information Pack per dwelling, for sustainable transport, approved by Essex County Council, to include six one day travel vouchers for use with the relevant local public transport operator free of charge.

REASON: In the interests of reducing the need to travel by car and promoting sustainable development and transport.

6 ACTION REQUIRED: REFUSE BINS AND COLLECTION AREAS

CONDITION: Prior to first use/ occupation of the development, or in accordance with an alternative timetable for provision as may be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority, the area to be provided for storage of refuse/recycling bins as shown on the approved drawings shall be provided and then retained thereafter.

REASON: In the interest of highway safety to ensure that refuse recycling bins do not cause any obstruction or danger on the highway.

NOTE/S FOR CONDITION:

It is an OFFENCE to carry out works within the public highway, which includes a Public Right of Way, without the permission of the ECC Highway Authority. Any conditions which involve work within the limits of the public highway do not give the applicant permission to carry them out. Unless otherwise agreed in writing all works within the public highway shall be carried out by Essex County Council or its agents at the applicant's expense.

7 FURTHER APPROVAL - CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT TO BE AGREED (PRE COMMENCEMENT)

CONDITION: Prior to the commencement of development details of the construction methodology and timetable shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority. This shall incorporate the following information:-

- a) Details of the hours of work/construction of the development within which such operations shall take place and the hours within which delivery/collection of materials for the said construction shall take place at the site.
- b) Details of the loading/unloading/storage of construction materials on site, including details of their siting and maximum storage height.
- c) Details of how construction and worker traffic and parking shall be managed.
- d) Details of any means of access to the site during construction.
- e) Details of the scheduled timing/phasing of development for the overall construction period.
- f) Details of measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during construction and including details of any wheel washing to be undertaken, management and location it is intended to take place.
- g) Details of the siting of any on site compounds and portaloos.
- h) Details of the method of any demolition to take place, including the recycling and disposal of said materials resulting from demolition.
- i) Site waste management plan (that shall include reuse and recycling of materials)
- j) Scheme for sustainable construction management to ensure effective water and energy use.
- k) Scheme of review of complaints from neighbours.
- l) Registration and details of a Considerate Constructors Scheme
- m) Details on the provision, location and management of any show home/s or reception, including opening times, parking and advertisements (including flags and directional signs).

The said methodology as may be approved shall be implemented in its entirety and shall operate as may be approved at all times during construction.

REASON: To minimise detriment to nearby residential and general amenity by controlling the construction process to achieve the approved development. This condition is required to be agreed prior to the commencement of any development as any construction process, including site preparation, by reason of the location and scale of development may result adverse harm on amenity.

NOTE/S FOR CONDITION:

You are strongly advised to discuss this condition with the Local Planning Authority and if possible/available local residents likely to be affected by this development prior to submission of details.

INFORMATIVES:

Positive and Proactive Statement

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received and subsequently determining to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

Noise Control

- 1) The use of barriers to mitigate the impact of noisy operations will be used where possible. This may include the retention of part(s) of the original buildings during the demolition process to act in this capacity.
- 2) No vehicle connected with the works to arrive on site before 07:30 or leave after 19:00(except in the case of emergency). Working hours to be restricted between 08:00 and 18:00 Monday to Saturday (finishing at 13:00 on Saturday) with no working of any kind permitted on Sundays or any Public/Bank Holidays.
- 3) The selection and use of machinery to operate on site, and working practices to be adopted will, as a minimum requirement, be compliant with the standards laid out in British Standard 5228.
- 4) Mobile plant to be resident on site during extended works shall be fitted with non-audible reversing alarms (subject to HSE agreement).
- 5) Prior to the commencement of any piling works which may be necessary, a full method statement shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority (in consultation with Pollution and Environmental Control). This will contain a rationale for the piling method chosen and details of the techniques to be employed which minimise noise and vibration to nearby residents.
- 6) If there is a requirement to work outside of the recommended hours the applicant or contractor must submit a request in writing for approval by Pollution and Environmental Control prior to the commencement of works.

- Emission Control

- 1) All waste arising from the demolition process, ground clearance and construction processes to be recycled or removed from the site subject to agreement with the Local Planning Authority and other relevant agencies.
- 2) No materials produced as a result of the site development or clearance shall be burned on site.
- 3) All reasonable steps, including damping down site roads, shall be taken to minimise dust and litter emissions from the site whilst works of construction and demolition are in progress.
- 4) All bulk carrying vehicles accessing the site shall be suitably sheeted to prevent nuisance from dust in transit.

Note

If the development relates to the creation of new dwelling(s), under Use Classes G, H, M, MA, N, O, P, PA, Q then:

Under article 3(1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (the GPDO) permitted development rights are subject to regulations 75 to 78 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (the 2017 Regulations). In particular, regulation 75 provides that it is a condition of any planning permission granted by a general development order on or after 30th November 2017, that development which is likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site and is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site, must not be begun until the developer has received written notification of the approval of the Local Planning Authority (LPA) under regulation 77.

It has already been determined that where there is a net increase in residential dwellings within the Zone of Influence of protected European sites this will have a significant effect on those European sites through recreational disturbance within Tendring, and this has been identified as an issue for all of the Essex coastal Habitat sites through published Habitats Regulations Assessments. Therefore, where permitted development rights under the GPDO permit development which will

result in a net increase in residential dwellings, article 3(1) of the GPDO and regulations 75 to 78 of the 2017 Regulations will apply.

Prior to the commencement of the development which is the subject of this prior approval determination an application must be made to the LPA under regulation 77 of the 2017 Regulations for the approval of the LPA before the development can be commenced. Mitigation has been agreed through The Essex Coast Recreational disturbance Avoidance & Mitigation Strategy (Essex Coast RAMS) to protect the integrity of these sites from this type of development, and a standard unilateral undertaking (UU) could secure payment to mitigate the harm arising from the development to the designated site before commencement. Please contact Tendring District Council to make an application under Regulation 77 of the 2017 Regulations and to arrange the required UU prior to commencement of the development.

If you require any clarification on this matter or further information, please contact Tendring District Council direct.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Pateman-Gee', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Pateman-Gee
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Planning Service