

DECISION NOTICE

Application Ref: BN/31/26/HH

1 To Addressee

Mr Peter Sonntag
30 Bridger Close
Felpham
PO22 8FT

2 Site Address

Copsefield
Eastergate Lane
Eastergate
PO20 3SJ

3 Description of Development

Proposed rear extension to existing garage to form hydrotherapy pool; conversion of existing garage to specialist changing space and plant room; erection of link incorporating WC to main dwelling; and first floor loft conversion to provide ancillary bedroom accommodation with ensuite and sitting area.

4 In pursuance of their powers under this Act and related Orders and Regulations the Council **PERMIT** this development to be carried out in accordance with the application and plans and subject to the following conditions.

- 1 The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 3 years from the date of this permission.

Reason: To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

- 2 The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:
 - Location and Site Plan E001.
 - Proposed Site Plan P001.
 - Proposed Plans P002.
 - Proposed Elevations P003.
 - Proposed Materials P004.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of amenity and the environment in accordance with Arun Local Plan policies D DM1 and D DM4.

- 3 Prior to the commencement of the development hereby permitted, the applicant must submit a

report from an arboricultural consultant, inclusive of a baseline Tree Survey Schedule (TSS), and Tree Constraints Plan (TCP), to help ascertain the relationship between existing trees and the proposed development, to the Local Planning Authority for approval. Written confirmation of acceptance of both Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) and Tree Protection Plan (TPP) must be issued before any enabling, demolition or construction works are commenced on site. Subsequent to their approval, all activity at the site is to be carried out in strict accordance with the AMS and TPP. The TPP should indicate that any construction materials will be stored on existing hardstanding surfaces.

Reasons: To comply with BS5837:2012 and ensure the retention and protection of trees which are an important feature of the area, in accordance with Arun Local Plan policies ENV DM4 and D DM1. It is considered necessary for this to be a pre-commencement condition as the protection and retention of trees goes to the heart of the planning permission.

- 4 The proposal hereby permitted shall be occupied solely for purposes ancillary to the occupation and enjoyment of Copsefield as a hydrotherapy pool with first floor accommodation and shall not be used as a separate unit of accommodation.

Reason: To accord with Arun Local Plan policy D DM1 and to prevent the establishment of an additional independent unit of accommodation which would give rise to an over-intensive use of the site and lead to an unsatisfactory relationship between independent dwellings.

Statutory Biodiversity Gain Plan Condition

- 5 Based on the information available, this permission is exempt from the requirement to provide a biodiversity gain plan under Paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The following exemption applies:

This planning permission is for development which is a householder application within the meaning of article 2(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.

Reason: In accordance with Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

INFORMATIVE: Statement pursuant to Article 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). 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 NPPF.



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

Case Officer: Susan Haley

Decision Issued: **29th April 2026**

Arun District Council
The Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
West Sussex BN17 5LF

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THE NOTES ATTACHED TO THIS DOCUMENT

APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority 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, and you want to appeal against this planning application decision, then 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 if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or within 12 weeks of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.

As this is a decision on a Householder application, if you want to appeal a refusal, then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice. If you wish to appeal a condition, you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice.

Appeals should be made on line via Appeal A Planning Decision <https://appeal-planning-decision.service.gov.uk/before-you-start> If someone does not have access to the internet and needs help completing the appeal digitally, they should contact the Planning Inspectorate customer service team on 0303 444 5000 who will provide details of the support options available.

Before making an appeal, you may find it useful to review guidance and watch a video explaining the appeals process at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/make-an-appeal-to-the-planning-inspectorate-and-associated-guidance>

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.

PURCHASE NOTICES

If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State refused 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 (that is, where the land is situated in a National Park, the National Park authority for the Park, or in any other case the district council in whose area the land is situated). This notice will require the Council to purchase the owner's interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1 of Part VI of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.

Please note that this decision notice only relates to matters under the Planning Acts and does not give consent under any other legislation that may apply to the development. You will need to carry out your own

checks to determine whether any other consents or permissions are required. For example, the Building Regulations are likely to apply to most developments, and a Highways Licence may be required from West Sussex County Council for any development within the public highway (including the placing of skips on highway land).