

Recommendation Report for Planning Permission**REF NO:** BR/157/14/PL**LOCATION:** 5 Canada Grove
Bognor Regis**PROPOSAL:** Retrospective planning application for the installation of new shopfront/roller shutter**SITE AND SURROUNDINGS**

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above.
SITE AREA	Approximately 51 square metres.
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DENSITY (NET)	N/A
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat
TREES	None of any significance affected by the proposed development.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	Front is open to the highway, north side has wall approximately 1m in height.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	Semi-detached single storey building. The building has brick on the upper level with render on the north side elevation. The shopfront is blue with white fascia sign illuminated by 4 no. down lighters.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	Main road in a central location within walking distance of the Town Centre. Mixture of commercial and residential properties predominantly two storey terraced. Adjacent building is The Language Shop, Funeral Directors to the rear.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

BR/185/00/	Self contained first floor flat (re-submission following BR/63/00)	ApproveConditionally 06-12-2000
BR/17/66	New shop fronts & interior alterations	ApproveConditionally 07-04-1966

REPRESENTATIONS**Representations received:**

Bognor Regis Town Council

No objection

Comments on Representations received:

None

CONSULTATIONS

Consultations responses received:

None

Comments on Consultation responses:

None

POLICY CONTEXT

Designation applicable to site:

Built Up Area Boundary

Class A Road

No Public Sewer

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

Arun District Local Plan 2003: [GEN2](#)
[GEN7](#)

[Publication Version of the Local Plan -
Excluding the Spatial Portrait, Employment,
Housing Allocations, Transport, Monitoring and
Implementation sections \(February 2014\):](#)

Built-up Area Boundary
The Form of New Development

D DM1 Aspects of Form and Quality
D SP1 Design
SD SP2 Built -Up Area Boundary

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

NPPF

National Planning Policy Framework

POLICY COMMENTARY

The above policies combine to describe the criteria against which the application will be assessed particularly with regard to visual and residential amenity.

The Development Plan consists of the Arun District Local Plan 2003.

Paragraph 215 of the NPPF ensures that specific policies in Arun District Local Plan 2003 can carry weight. The weight afforded to the policies with Local Plan policies can be assessed according to their level of consistency of the various policies with the National Planning Policy Framework. It should be noted that the NPPF states that weight is given to individual policies and not to the plan as a whole.

NPPF Paragraph 216 confirms that weight can be given to policies in emerging plans following publication. The Council agreed the majority of the Arun Local Plan in February 2014 (Publication Version) and this is a material consideration in the determination of this planning application. The remaining chapters of the Local Plan namely: the Spatial Portrait, Employment & Enterprise, Housing Allocations, Transport, Monitoring and Implementation will be considered for publication at a later meeting of Full Council. Following 'publication' of the Local Plan a formal public consultation, examination and adoption process takes place. The chapters that have been published will undergo public consultation alongside the remaining chapters when they have been

agreed. The weight given to the current published policies can be significant depending:

- the stage of preparation of the emerging plan (the more advanced the preparation, the greater the weight that may be given);
- the extent to which there are unresolved objections to relevant policies (the less significant the unresolved objections, the greater the weight that may be given);
- the degree of consistency of the relevant policies in the emerging plan to the policies in the NPPF (the closer the policies in the emerging plan to the policies in the Framework, the greater the weight that may be given).

The policies within this published version of the plan are at an advanced stage as they have been agreed by Full Council for regulation 19 consultation, they have been subject to independent audit and are considered to meet the NPPF and there are no known significant unresolved issues arising from regulation 18 consultation for the published policies.

The policies are published under Regulations 19 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The statement of representations procedure and statement of fact produced by the Council under regulation 19 explains that the consultation will take place once the remaining chapters/policies have been published.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan

Where applicable, Neighbourhood Development Plan's (more commonly known as a neighbourhood plan or NDP), once made by Arun District Council, will form part of the statutory local development plan for the relevant designated neighbourhood area and policies within them will be considered in determining planning applications. Made NDP policies will be considered alongside other development plan documents including Arun District Council's Local Plan. Whilst an NDP is under preparation it will afford little weight in the determination of planning applications. Its status will however gain more weight as a material consideration the closer it is towards it being made. Arun District Council will make reference to an NDP when it has, by the close of planning application consultation, been publicised for pre-submission consultation(Reg.14).

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states:-

"If regard is to be had to the development plan for the purpose of any determination to be made under the planning Acts the determination must be made in accordance with the plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise."

The proposal is considered to comply with relevant Development Plan policies in that it would have no materially adverse effect on the visual amenities of the locality or the residential amenities of the adjoining properties, nor would it have an adverse impact upon the established character of the surrounding area.

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that there are no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

CONCLUSIONS

The building which was formally a milk depot is currently occupied by Euro Express as a supermarket. The application seeks to retain the existing shopfront and roller shutter that has recently been installed.

The former timber shopfront had a central door with glazed panels on either side. The new shopfront has four panels and is aluminium powder coated and blue in colour. The sliding entrance door is sited on the northern side of the building and behind the four sections of the shopfront there are applied vinyl graphic panels. When not in use the electrically operated roller shutter is concealed under the fascia sign behind a blue panel the same colour as the shopfront.

It is not considered that the shopfront although readily visible within the street scene detracts from the character and appearance of the surrounding area.

The application is recommended for approval.

HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

The Council in making a decision should be aware of and take into account any implications that may arise from the Human Rights Act 1998. Under the Act, it is unlawful for a public authority such as Arun District Council to act in a manner, which is incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights.

Consideration has been specifically given to Article 1 of the First Protocol (protection of property). It is not considered that the recommendation for approval of the grant of permission in this case interferes unreasonably with any local residents' right to respect for their private and family life and home, except insofar as it is necessary to protect the rights and freedoms of others (in this case, the rights of the applicant). The Council is also permitted to control the use of property in accordance with the general interest and the recommendation for approval is considered to be a proportionate response to the submitted application based on the considerations set out in this report.

DUTY UNDER THE EQUALITIES ACT 2010

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In assessing this proposal a neutral impact has been identified upon those people with the following protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation).

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE CONDITIONALLY

- 1 The shopfront hereby approved has been carried out in accordance with the following plans:

Location 1:1250, Block 1:500, Floor/Elevations 1:50 Drg No CAN01/1 received on 16th July 2014.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of amenity and the environment in accordance with policy GEN7 of the Arun District Local Plan.

- 2 INFORMATIVE: The illuminated fascia sign will require an application for Advertisement Consent.
- 3 INFORMATIVE: Statement pursuant to Article 31 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2012. 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.