

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of use from Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E) to Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3)

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 3, Class MA

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1. Applicant Name and Address

Title: First name:

Last name:

Company (optional):

Unit: Number: Suffix:

Building name:

Address 1:

Address 2:

Address 3:

Town:

County:

Country:

Postcode:

2. Agent Name and Address

Title: First name:

Last name:

Company (optional):

Unit: Number: Suffix:

Building name:

Address 1:

Address 2:

Address 3:

Town:

County:

Country:

Postcode:

3. Site Address Details

Please provide the full postal address of the application site.

Unit:

Number:

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Suffix:

Building name:

Address 1:

High Street

Address 2:

Littlehampton

Address 3:

Address 4:

Postcode:

BN17 5EJ

4a. Eligibility - The current building and site

Has the building been vacant for a continuous period of at least 3 months immediately prior to the date of this application?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If you have answered No above, the proposal will exceed the limits set by legislation. In this circumstance, you should not continue with this application and seek advice from the Local Planning Authority on the best course of action.

Has the use of the building, for a continuous period of at least 2 years immediately prior to the date of this application, been any of the following:

- For periods prior to 1 September 2020 -
 - Shops (Use Class A1);
 - Financial and professional services (Use Class A2);
 - Food and drink (Use Class A3)
 - Business (Use Class B1);
 - Medical or health services - Non-residential institutions (Use Class D1(a));
 - Crèche, day nursery or day centre - Non-residential institutions (Use Class D1(b));
 - Indoor and outdoor sports - Assembly and leisure (Use Class D2(e)), other than as an indoor swimming pool or skating rink;
- For periods from 1 September 2020 - Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E)

☒ Yes ☐ No

If you have answered No above, the proposal will exceed the limits set by legislation. In this circumstance, you should not continue with this application and seek advice from the Local Planning Authority on the best course of action.

Does the cumulative floor space of the existing building exceed 1,500 square metres?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If you have answered Yes above, the proposal will exceed the limits set by legislation. In this circumstance, you should not continue with this application and seek advice from the Local Planning Authority on the best course of action.

Is any land covered by, or within the curtilage of, the building:

- in a site of special scientific interest;
- a listed building or land within its curtilage;
- a scheduled monument or land within its curtilage;
- a safety hazard area;
- a military explosives storage area;

Or, is the building:

- in an area of outstanding natural beauty;
- in an area specified by the Secretary of State for the purposes of enhancement and protection of the natural beauty and amenity of the countryside;
- in the Broads;
- in a National Park;
- in a World Heritage Site

☐ Yes ☒ No

If you have answered Yes above, the proposal will exceed the limits set by legislation. In this circumstance, you should not continue with this application and seek advice from the Local Planning Authority on the best course of action.

4b. Eligibility - The proposed change of use

For applications, submitted before 1 August 2022, proposing a change of use to Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3) from Offices (Use Class E(g)(i), previously Use Class B1(a)).

Is/Was there an Article 4 direction in place that has removed these specific permitted development rights?

☐ Yes☒ No / Not relevant

If you have answered Yes above, the proposal will exceed the limits set by legislation. In this circumstance, you should not continue with this application and seek advice from the Local Planning Authority on the best course of action.

Will all the proposed new dwellinghouses have gross internal floor areas of at least 37 square metres, and comply with the nationally described space standard?

☒ Yes☐ No

If you have answered No above, the proposal will exceed the limits set by legislation. In this circumstance, you should not continue with this application and seek advice from the Local Planning Authority on the best course of action.

Following the changes of use, will every dwellinghouse in the building remain in use within Use Class C3 and for no other purpose, unless that purpose is ancillary to the primary use as a dwellinghouse?

☒ Yes☐ No

If you have answered No above, the proposal will exceed the limits set by legislation. In this circumstance, you should not continue with this application and seek advice from the Local Planning Authority on the best course of action.

5. Agricultural Tenants

Is any part of the land covered by or within the curtilage of the building occupied under any agricultural tenancy agreements?

☐ Yes☒ No

If yes, have all the parties to any agricultural tenancy agreements consented to the change of use?

☐ Yes☐ No

If occupied under any agricultural tenancy agreements and:

- all parties have consented to the change of use

You will need to include copies of the written confirmations from all relevant parties, stating their consent, when this application is submitted.

- not all parties have consented to the change of use

Your proposals will not be eligible for permitted development based on the limits set by legislation. In this circumstance, you should not continue with this application and seek advice from the Local Planning Authority on the best course of action.

6. Description of Proposed Works, Impacts and Risks

Please describe the proposed development including details of any dwellinghouses and other works proposed:

Change of use from offices (Class E) to a dwellinghouse (Class C3) at 43 High Street, relating to the first floor of the building. The ground floor is to be retained as a shop (Class E).

6. Description of Proposed Works, Impacts and Risks (continued)

Please provide details on the provision of adequate natural light in all habitable rooms of the dwellinghouses:

All proposed habitable rooms are served by existing windows. The apartment will therefore provide ample natural light to the habitable spaces (living, dining, and sleeping area) of the new dwelling.

What will be the net increase in dwellinghouses: 1

Note that this figure should be the number of dwellinghouses proposed by the development that is additional to the number of dwellinghouses in the existing building.

Please provide details of any transport impacts and how these will be mitigated, particularly to ensure safe site access:

The site benefits from very good transport links. It is located within a 10-minute walk of Littlehampton Mainline Station and there are several bus stops in the immediate vicinity of the site which serve the wider town and beyond.

This availability of non-car borne transport options will encourage the use of sustainable transport modes and it is feasible that future occupiers would not need a private car. As such the proposed use is unlikely to have an adverse impact on local transport or the highways network.

In any case, it is unlikely that the proposed use would generate a significant increase in trips over the existing use. The current lawful use as offices necessitates a similar level of people coming to and from the site daily in comparison to that which would occur through the proposed use as one self-contained apartment.

Please provide details of any contamination risks and how these will be mitigated:

The previous use of the site is very unlikely to have caused land contamination at the site. There are no known or no obvious sources of contamination at the site. Additionally, no ground would be broken through the development, which consists only of internal alterations on the first floor. It is therefore not considered that there would be any issues with contaminated land.

6. Description of Proposed Works, Impacts and Risks (continued)

Please provide details of any flooding risks and how these will be mitigated.

A flood risk assessment should accompany the application where the site:

- is in Flood Zones 2 or 3 (Check online: <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/>); or
- is in an area with critical drainage problems (Check with the Local Planning Authority, it will have been notified of such areas by the Environment Agency).

43 High Street is in Flood Zone 2. The site is within a ' Low ' risk flood zone for surface water flooding and for flood risk from rivers or the sea as confirmed by the Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) by Ashfield Solutions Group.

A Flood Risk Assessment by Ashfield Solutions Group has been submitted alongside the application which demonstrates that risk of flooding is low.

Please provide details of the impacts of noise from any commercial premises on the intended occupiers of the new dwellinghouses and how these will be mitigated:

The site is within an established mixed-use area where residential and commercial uses co-exist. Therefore, it is not considered any adverse impacts would occur to future occupiers.

If the proposed development would result in a building that contains more than one dwellinghouse, and is either 18 metres (or more) in height or contains 7 (or more) storeys.

Please provide details of the fire safety impacts on the intended occupants of the building.

For such proposals, a 'Fire statement' that covers the fire safety design principles, concepts and standards that have been applied to the development should also accompany the application.

The building is less than 18 metres tall and contains fewer than 7 storeys, so a Fire Safety Report is not required.

6. Description of Proposed Works, Impacts and Risks (continued)

If the building is located in a conservation area, and the development involves a change of use of the whole or part of the ground floor. Please provide details of the impacts that the change of use will have on the character or sustainability of the conservation area and how these will be mitigated:

The site is not in a conservation area.

If the building is located in an area currently in use for general or heavy industry, waste management, storage and distribution, or a mix of such uses.

Please provide details of the impacts on intended occupiers of the development of the introduction of residential use in the area and how these will be mitigated:

The site is not within an area where industrial, waste management or storage and distribution uses exist.

If the proposal involves the loss of services provided by a registered nursery, or a health centre. Please provide details of the impacts on the local provision of the type of services lost and how these will be mitigated:

The development would not involve the loss of a registered nursery or health centre.

7. Checklist

Please read the following checklist to make sure you provide all the required information in support of your proposal. The information provided should include all the details necessary for the Local Planning Authority to determine if the proposal complies with permitted development legislation, and if its prior approval is required or should be granted. If sufficient information is not provided the Local Authority can either request it, or refuse the application.

All sections of this application completed in full, dated and signed.	☒	The confirmations in regard to agricultural tenancies (if required by the answers provided to question 5)	☐
The correct fee	☒	A site specific flood risk assessment (if required as per the flood risk details of question 6)	☒
A plan indicating the site and showing the proposed development.	☒	A 'Fire statement' that covers the fire safety design principles, concepts and standards that have been applied to the development (if required as per the fire safety details of question 6)	☐
Floor plans indicating the total floor space in square metres of each dwellinghouse, the dimensions and proposed use of each room, the position and dimensions of windows, doors and walls, and the elevations of the dwellinghouses	☒	All plans should be drawn to an identified scale and show the direction of North. Plans can be bought from one of the Planning Portal's accredited suppliers: https://www.planningportal.co.uk/buyaplanningmap	

8. Declaration

I/we hereby apply for a determination as to whether prior approval will be required as described in this form and the accompanying plans/ drawings and additional information. I/we confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

Signed - Applicant:	Or signed - Agent:	Date (DD/MM/YYYY):	(date cannot be pre-application)
	Ellie Petrow	27/04/2022	

9. Applicant Contact Details

Telephone numbers

Country code:	National number:	Extension:
Country code:	Mobile number (optional):	
Country code:	Fax number (optional):	

Email address:

10. Agent Contact Details

Telephone numbers

Country code:		Extension:
Country code:	Mobile number (optional):	
Country code:	Fax number (optional):	