

Recommendation Report for Planning Permission

REF NO: LU/353/14/PL

LOCATION: Unit 31 Lineside Industrial Estate
13 Eldon Way
Littlehampton

PROPOSAL: Removal of 1No. door & 5No. windows for installation of roller shutter doors

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION

The proposal relates to alterations to the front elevation of the building which is the west side of the building. The proposal is to remove 2 ground floor windows and a door and 3 first floor windows to allow installation of a roller shutter door to match others on adjoining units. The door would extend the full height of the elevation.

SITE AREA

N/A

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DENSITY (NET)

N/A

TOPOGRAPHY

Predominantly flat.

TREES

None of any significance affected by the proposed development.

BOUNDARY TREATMENT

Open along all boundaries. Car parking to front, footpath to sides.

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

A two storey warehouse building with brick and corrugated metal elevations and a pitched roof. Parking is located to the front of the units. The building comprises two units nos. 31 and 32 which is part of a terrace of six.

CHARACTER OF LOCALITY

Industrial/commercial in character, the site is located within the Lineside Industrial Estate.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

LU/348/14/PL	Change of use from warehouse (B8 Storage or distribution) to industrial (B2 General industry).	ApproveConditionally 06-01-2015
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REPRESENTATIONS

Representations received:

Littlehampton 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:

Within the Built-Up Area Boundary

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

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

[Publication Version of the Local Plan \(October 2014\):](#)

The Form of New Development

D SP1 Design

D DM1 Aspects of Form and Design Quality

D DM4 Extensions and Alterations to Existing Buildings (residential and non-residential)

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

NPPF

National Planning Policy Framework

POLICY COMMENTARY

The Development Plan consists of the Arun District Local Plan 2003, West Sussex County Council's Waste and Minerals Plans and Made Neighbourhood Development Plans.

Arun District Council's Development Plans:

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.

Paragraph 216 of the NPPF confirms that weight can be given to policies in emerging plans from the day of publication. The Council resolved that the policies and maps in the Publication Version of the Local Plan be used in the determination of this planning application. Following 'publication' of the Local Plan a formal public consultation, examination and adoption process takes place.

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 on 30th October 2014 for six weeks.

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).

Made Plans in Arun District Council's Local Planning Authority Area are: Arundel; Barnham & Eastergate; Bersted; Felpham; Littlehampton; Yapton

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 site is located within the built-up area where the principle of development is acceptable, subject to accordance with relevant planning policies. In this instance, the main criteria against which the application will be assessed is contained within Arun District Local Plan policy GEN7 and relates to the impact on visual amenity and the character of the area.

It is considered that the provision of a roller shutter door as proposed which would match the appearance, position and dimensions of others in the block of industrial units and would be visually in keeping and readily assimilated into the elevation of the building and the appearance of the area generally is acceptable.

The application is therefore recommended for approval subject to the following conditions.

HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

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 8(the right to respect for private and family life) and 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 neutral impacts have 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 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 site plan, block plan, sheet 2 proposed ground floor plan and first floor plans and sheet 3 proposed elevations.

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.

- 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.