



Cherwell
DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

NOTICE OF DECISION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

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Reserved Matters Determination

Date Registered: 29th September 2023

Proposal: Reserved matters approval for 23/01080/OUT - Details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale relating to the proposed development of a Class E(g)(i) (formerly B1(a)) office/commercial building and associated development, plus associated car parking

Location: Land North Of Bicester Avenue Garden Centre, Oxford Road, Bicester

Parish(es): Bicester

APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

The Cherwell District Council, as Local Planning Authority, hereby **APPROVES** details of the matters reserved in the original outline planning permission, as described in the above-mentioned application, the accompanying plans and drawings, and any clarifying or amending information, **SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SET OUT IN THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE.**

The reason for the imposition of each of the conditions is also set out in the schedule.

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Date of Decision: 30th August 2024

Checked by: Caroline Ford

SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS

IMPORTANT – THIS DECISION MAY BE SUBJECT TO MADATORY BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN AND THE STATUTORY PRE-COMMENCEMENT BIODIVERSITY GAIN PLAN CONDITION. PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE.

1. Except where otherwise stipulated by conditions attached to this permission, the development shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the application forms and the following plans and documents:
 - F102 Rev C – Site Layout
 - F100 - Plot 1 Office Site Location Plan
 - A101 Rev B – Proposed Elevations
 - A102 Rev B - Office Levels 0 and 1
 - A103 Rev B - Office Levels 2 and 3
 - A104 Rev B - Office Roof Plans and sections
 - A107 - Cycle Store and Bins
 - A108 - Building Water and Pump Building
 - A109 - Sub Station Building
 - A110 Rev B - Office Elevation Details
 - Energy Statement: Bicester Arc Office, Rev E
 - BREEAM Pre Assessment, dated 25 September 2023

Reason – For the avoidance of doubt, to ensure that the development is carried out only as approved by the Local Planning Authority and to comply with Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

2. No development of the building and associated structures above slab level, with the exception of underground enabling works, shall take place until samples including sample panels of the materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces has been prepared on site for inspection and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The samples and panels shall be at least 2.5m x 2.5m and show the proposed palette of materials (including plant screening, metal cladding, brickwork/masonry, etc.) to be used in the development. The development shall be constructed in accordance with the approved samples, which shall not be removed from site until the completion of the development.

Reason – To ensure that the materials are appropriate to the appearance of the locality and to ensure the satisfactory appearance of the completed development in accordance with Policy ESD15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011 – 2031 Part 1, Saved Policy C28 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

3. No development above slab level shall commence until details (including construction) of the southern path with the Non-Permeable Concrete Paviers, as shown on F102 Rev C, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter, this path shall be provided prior to first occupation of the proposed office building and shall be permanently retained and maintained.

Reason - In the interests of highways safety and sustainability, to ensure a satisfactory form of development and to comply with Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

4. Prior to first occupation the development a Travel Information Pack shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter the employees of the proposed office building shall be provided with a copy of the approved Travel Information Pack.

Reason – To ensure all employees are aware from the outset of the travel choices available to them, and to comply with Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy

Framework.

5. Prior to the first occupation of the development, an external lighting scheme (including management and maintenance) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. External lighting shall be implemented in accordance with the approved scheme prior to the first occupation of the development.

Reason: To enable the Local Planning Authority to retain planning control over the development of this site, and to protect biodiversity in accordance with Policies Bicester 4 and ESD10 of the Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 2011-2031, Policy C28 of the adopted Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

6. A scheme for landscaping the site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority which shall include:

(a) details of the proposed tree and shrub planting including their species, number, sizes and positions, together with grass seeded/turfed areas and written specifications (including cultivation and other operations associated with plant and grass establishment i.e. depth of topsoil, mulch etc),

(b) details of the existing trees and hedgerows to be retained, including existing and proposed soil levels at the base of each tree/hedgerow and the minimum distance between the base of the tree and the nearest edge of any excavation, including details of their protection during development

(c) details of the hard landscaping including hard surface areas, pavements, pedestrian areas, the northern footpath gradient and steps.

Such details shall be provided prior to the development progressing above slab level or such alternative time frame as agreed in writing by the developer and the Local Planning Authority. The approved scheme shall be implemented by the end of the first planting season following occupation of the development.

Reason: To ensure that a satisfactory landscape scheme is provided in the interest of well planned development and visual amenity and to accord with Policy ESD15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011 – 2031 Part 1, Saved Policy C28 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

7. Upon completion of the approved landscaping scheme, any trees or shrubs that are removed, dying, being severely damaged or becoming seriously diseased within five years of planting shall be replaced with trees or shrubs of such size and species as may be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority, and within whatever planting season is agreed.

Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the area and encouraging wildlife and biodiversity in accordance with Policies ESD10 and ESD13 of the Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 2011-2031 and Government guidance within the National Planning Policy Framework.

8. Details of bird and bat nesting boxes/ bricks shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development above slab level. The details shall include the exact location, specification, and design of the habitats. The boxes / bricks shall be installed within the development prior to the first occupation of the building to which they form part or the first use of the space in which they are contained. The nesting boxes/ bricks shall be installed strictly in accordance with the details so approved, and shall be maintained as such thereafter.

Reason: To ensure that the development does not cause harm to any protected species or their habitats in accordance with Policy ESD10 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

9. Prior to the commencement of development above slab level, an application shall be made for Secured by Design Commercial accreditation on the development hereby approved. The

development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details and shall not be occupied or used until confirmation of SBD accreditation has been received by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To protect the security and safety of the future occupiers.

10. Details of the window reveals on the commercial building, which shall be a minimum of 100mm deep, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the construction of the development above slab level. The development shall thereafter be completed in accordance with the approved details.

Reason – To ensure that the windows are appropriate to the appearance of the locality and to ensure the satisfactory appearance of the completed development in accordance with Policy ESD15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011 – 2031 Part 1, Saved Policy C28 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

11. Notwithstanding the provisions of Class A of Part 2, Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 and its subsequent amendments, no gate, fence or other means of enclosure shall be erected, constructed or placed on the site (other than those shown in the approved plans) without the express planning consent of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason - To ensure that satisfactory provision for vehicular turning within the site is maintained in the interests of highway safety and to ensure the satisfactory appearance of the development, in accordance with Policy ESD15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011 – 2031 Part 1, Saved Policy C28 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

12. Before any above ground works commence a scheme for the provision and implementation of surface water drainage, based upon the principles of sustainable urban drainage systems, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The drainage works shall be constructed and completed in accordance with the approved plans before the first occupation of any of the building hereby approved.

Reason: To ensure satisfactory drainage of the site in the interests of achieving sustainable development, public health, to avoid flooding of adjacent land and property to comply with Policies ESD6 and ESD7 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011 – 2031 Part 1, Saved Policy ENV1 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and Government advice in the National Planning Policy Framework.

IMPORTANT - BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN CONDITION

Biodiversity Net Gain

The effect of paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 is that planning permission granted for development of land in England is deemed to have been granted subject to the condition (biodiversity gain condition) that development may not begin unless:

- (a) a Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority, and
- (b) the planning authority has approved the plan.

The planning authority, for the purposes of determining whether to approve a Biodiversity Gain Plan, if one is required in respect of this permission would be Cherwell District Council.

There are statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements which mean that the biodiversity gain condition does not always apply.

Based on the information available this permission is considered to be one which **will not** require the approval of a biodiversity gain plan before development is begun because the following statutory exemptions or transitional arrangements apply.

Statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements in respect of the biodiversity gain condition.

This is a reserved matters pursuant to an outline application which was first granted prior to the 12 February 2024 (that granted in March 2024 was made pursuant to Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990)

Notes

Irreplaceable habitat

If the onsite habitat includes irreplaceable habitat (within the meaning of the Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Irreplaceable Habitat) Regulations 2024) there are additional requirements for the content and approval of Biodiversity Gain Plans.

The Biodiversity Gain Plan must include, in addition to information about steps taken or to be taken to minimise any adverse effect of the development on the habitat, information on arrangements for compensation for any impact the development has on the biodiversity of the irreplaceable habitat.

The planning authority can only approve a Biodiversity Gain Plan if satisfied that the adverse effect of the development on the biodiversity of the irreplaceable habitat is minimised and appropriate arrangements have been made for the purpose of compensating for any impact which do not include the use of biodiversity credits.

The effect of section 73D of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

If planning permission is granted on an application made under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (application to develop land without compliance with conditions previously attached) and a Biodiversity Gain Plan was approved in relation to the previous planning permission ("the earlier Biodiversity Gain Plan") there are circumstances when the earlier Biodiversity Gain Plan is regarded as approved for the purpose of discharging the biodiversity gain condition subject to which the section 73 planning permission is granted.

Those circumstances are that the conditions subject to which the section 73 permission is granted:

- i) do not affect the post-development value of the onsite habitat as specified in the earlier Biodiversity Gain Plan, and
- ii) in the case of planning permission for a development where all or any part of the onsite habitat is irreplaceable habitat the conditions do not change the effect of the development on the biodiversity of that onsite habitat (including any arrangements made to compensate for any such effect) as specified in the earlier Biodiversity Gain Plan.

DEVELOPMENT MONITORING

The Council has identified the development hereby approved as one that it considers appropriate to monitor during construction. We would therefore be grateful if you could let us know of your intention to start the development at least 14 days prior to the commencement of work on site. You can do this by emailing the Council on: monitoring@cherwell-dc.gov.uk and providing us with the following information: application number; application address; and the date you intend to start the development. During the monitoring period, we will be assessing the development against the approved plans, and compliance with any conditions imposed on the permission. It is in your interest to comply with this request as it will help to avoid any unnecessary, and possibly expensive, corrective works.

PLANNING NOTES

1. **Conditions** – the applicant's attention is drawn to the need to comply with all conditions imposed on this permission. Failure to do so could result in the council serving a breach of condition notice against which there is no right of appeal.

Under the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Application, Requests and Site Visits) (England) Regulation 2012 there is a fee payable each time you make a request to

discharge any of the conditions attached to this permission. You can apply to discharge more than one condition at the same time. At the time of this decision the fee is £43 per request for householder development and £145 per request in all other cases. The fee may be more when you come to apply for the discharge of condition if the Regulations have been amended. The fee is payable when you submit the details to discharge the condition(s). The Council has '1app' forms for such applications, but their use is not mandatory.

There is no fee for the discharge of conditions on listed building consents.

The Council has eight weeks to respond to applications to discharge conditions, so you will need to make your application in good time before commencing development.

2. **Material Samples** – please note that where any of the above conditions require the approval of materials, material samples are no longer accepted at the Council offices and should in the first instance be left on the application site for the relevant case officer to view and assess in context with its surroundings. Material samples and sample panels should be placed/erected on the site before an application to discharge that condition(s) is submitted.

Should leaving samples on site be impractical then arrangements should be made with the relevant case officer to view samples on site.

3. Opportunities should be taken to explore the possibility of creating a shared cycle and pedestrian access surface from Lakeview Drive into the site.
4. In accordance with Regulations 3 and 9 of The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended), Cherwell District Council as Local Planning Authority in this case, is satisfied that the environmental information already before it remains adequate to assess the environmental effects of the development and has taken that information into consideration in determining this application.
5. Attention is drawn to the conditions imposed on the "outline" permission (App. No 23/01080/OUT) granted on 04 March 2024 which should be read together with this approval. Any outstanding requirement of the conditions to submit details for approval by the Local Planning Authority should be particularly noted.

STATEMENT OF ENGAGEMENT

In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) and paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework, the Council has worked positively, creatively and proactively to determine this application within the agreed timescales, having worked with the applicant/agent where necessary and possible within the scope of the application (as set on in the case officer's report) to resolve any concerns that have arisen, in the interests of achieving more appropriate and sustainable development proposals. Consent has been granted accordingly.

The case officer's report and recommendation in respect of this application is available to view online at: <http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/viewplanningapp>. The agenda, minutes and webcast recording of the Planning Committee meeting at which this application was determined are also available to view online at: <http://modgov.cherwell.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CIId=117&Year=0>



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NOTES TO THE APPLICANT

TIME LIMITS FOR APPLICATIONS

By virtue of Sections 91-96 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, planning permissions are subject to time limits. If a condition imposing a time limit has been expressly included as part of the permission, then that condition must be observed. Otherwise, one or other of the following time limits will apply :

Where planning permission is given in outline subject to a condition reserving certain matters for subsequent approval, application for approval of such matters reserved must be made not later than the expiration of 3 years beginning with the date of the outline planning permission and further the development to which the permission relates must be begun not later than the expiration of 2 years from the final approval of the reserved matters or, in the case of approval on different dates, the final approval of the last reserved matters to be approved.

Where the planning permission is complete and is not in outline, the development must be begun not later than the expiration of 3 years from the date on which permission was granted.

OTHER NECESSARY CONSENTS

This document only conveys permission or approval for the proposed development under Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and you must also comply with all the bye-laws, regulations and statutory provisions in force in the District and secure such other approvals and permissions as may be necessary under other parts of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or other legislation.

In particular you are reminded of the following matters:

- The need in appropriate cases to obtain approval under the Building Regulations. **The Building Regulations may be applicable to this proposal. You are therefore advised to contact the District Council's Building Control Manager before starting work on site - Telephone: 01295 227006. Email: Building.Control@Cherwell-dc.gov.uk**
- The need to obtain an appropriate Order if the proposal involves the stopping up or diversion of a public footpath.
- Data supplied by the National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB) and the British Geological Survey (BGS) suggests that the site of this application falls within an area which is potentially at risk from radon. This may require protective measures in order to comply with the Building Regulations if your consent relates to a new dwelling or house extension. Further advice on whether protective measures are required under the Building Regulations can be obtained by contacting the Building Control Manager on 01295 227006 or E-mail at building.control@cherwell-dc.gov.uk
- The need to obtain a separate "Listed Building Consent" for the demolition, alteration or extension of any listed building of architectural or historic interest from the Local Planning Authority.
- The need to make any appropriate arrangements under the Highways Act in respect of any works within the limits of a public highway. The address of the Highway Authority is Oxfordshire County Council, Speedwell House, Speedwell Street, Oxford, OX1 1NE.

- It is the responsibility of the applicant to ascertain whether his/her development affects any public right of way, highway or listed building.

APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

If you are aggrieved by the decision of the Local Planning Authority to grant permission or approval subject to conditions, you can appeal to the First Secretary of State in accordance with Section 78(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you wish to appeal, then you must do so within six months of the date of this notice. Forms can be obtained from the **Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol. BS1 6PN, Telephone No. 0303 444 5000**. The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he 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 him that permission or approval for the proposed development could not have been so granted otherwise than subject to the conditions imposed by the Local Planning Authority, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of the development order and to any directions given under the order.

In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the Local Planning Authority based its decision on a direction given by him.

PURCHASE NOTICES

If either the Local Planning Authority or the First Secretary of State grants permission or approval for the development of land subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he/she 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 District Council. This notice will require the Council to purchase his/her interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

COMPENSATION

In certain circumstances compensation may be claimed from the Local Planning Authority if permission is granted subject to conditions by the Secretary of State on appeal or on reference of the application to him.

These circumstances are set out in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Planning and Compensation Act 1991.