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Application for Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Postcode

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)

Northing (y)

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

County

Country

Postcode

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

**** REDACTED ****

Fax number

Email address

**** REDACTED ****

Site Area

What is the measurement of the site area? (numeric characters only).

1.54

Unit

Hectares

Description of the Proposal

Please note in regard to:

- **Fire Statements** - From 1 August 2021, planning applications for buildings of over 18 metres (or 7 stories) tall containing more than one dwelling will require a 'Fire Statement' for the application to be considered valid. There are some exemptions. [View government planning guidance on fire statements](#) or [access the fire statement template and guidance](#).
- **Permission In Principle** - If you are applying for Technical Details Consent on a site that has been granted Permission In Principle, please include the relevant details in the description below.
- **Public Service Infrastructure** - From 1 August 2021, applications for certain public service infrastructure developments will be eligible for faster determination timeframes. See help for further details or [view government planning guidance on determination periods](#).

Description

Please describe details of the proposed development or works including any change of use

Val Wyatt Marine Ltd is seeking approval to extend the current line of moorings, by installing three new fingers on the site's East bank. These will replace the current three linear berths with six parallel berths, creating three additional moorings.

The site measures a total of 1.54 hectares and is accessed from Willow Lane. The uploaded site boundary outlines the perimeter in red. The area of proposed works measures a total of 63.41 meters squared as evidenced in Document 1.0 – “Google Maps image of area of works”. Document 2.0, “O_S map showing area of works”, highlights the proposed area of works on the boundary site map for clarity. Document 3.0, “second OS map of area of works”, is a separate OS map focusing solely on the proposed area of works.

It is proposed that the work will be completed in three sequential phases.

Phase one will comprise of installing 18 metres of Tata L8 galvanized steel sheet piling bank protection in the direction of riverbank down towards water. 3 meters of this will be installed along the upstream section of bank to the first upstream finger mooring and set 400mm above summer water level to protect from river flow. The remaining 15-metres of steel sheet piling will be set to summer water level and installed from the upstream edge of the first upstream finger mooring to the downstream bank edge. Please see Document 4.0 “Diagrams of proposed works” image A.

Phase two will involve regrading of approximately 15 metres in length of the existing bank. An estimated 351m3 of soil is to be removed and temporarily stored away from the river, on the edge of the carpark. Please see Document 4.0 “Diagrams of proposed works” image B. The spoil will then be transported offsite and correctly disposed of with the use of grab lorries, between the working hours of 09:00 – 17:00. Along the regraded bank, set 200mm below mean summer water level, will be planted approximately 15 meters of 300mm coir rolls, wired onto the sheet piles below. Please see Document 4.0 “Diagrams of proposed works” image C. The graded bank will be planted so the root mass can take hold and stabilise the bank. The regraded bank will be seeded on site.

The final phase will include the installation of three finger moorings made from hardwood decking and supported by RSJs. Each finger will be 6 meters long, 600mm wide and include 5mm gaps between each plank. The fingers will be constructed and fabricated on site using a small welder generator, which will be stored on spill mats 10 meters away from the watercourse. Welding will be completed using stick Arc and not gas. Along the riverbank end of the fingers, will be a steel sheet piled support “box” arrangement, set 400mm above summer water level. The first new finger will be situated 3 meters from the upstream bank edge. Finger two will be 5.1 meters downstream from finger one. Finger three will be 5.6 meters downstream from the finger two and 5.6 meters upstream from the existing mooring.

Has the work or change of use already started?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

Willow Marina, established in the 1930s, is a working Marina offering moorings, the sale and purchase of new and used boats, boat maintenance & repairs and winter storage. The site also hosts a coffee shop and retail space for the sale of boat and marine items. Both are open to the public.

The proposed site for development relates to a small grass area of the East river bank. The area currently houses three alongside berths at the end of a long line of parallel berths. Please see Document 5.0 "Current Landscape Photo Album".

Is the site currently vacant?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Does the proposal involve any of the following? If Yes, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment with your application.

Land which is known to be contaminated

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Land where contamination is suspected for all or part of the site

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Materials

Does the proposed development require any materials to be used externally?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Please provide a description of existing and proposed materials and finishes to be used externally (including type, colour and name for each material)

Type:

Boundary treatments (e.g. fences, walls)

Existing materials and finishes:

Currently the area is a mixture of existing sheet piling, natural grass river bank and timber platforms where boats moor. Please see Document 5.0 "Current Landscape Photo Album" for reference.

Proposed materials and finishes:

The proposal includes the following amendments to the boundary edge: - Extend the sheet piling with an additional 18 meters of galvanised sheet piling - Add a 15 meter planted coir roll - Regrade and reseed the natural grass riverbank to allow access and egress for wildlife

Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

Finger moorings

Existing materials and finishes:

Currently there are two timber platforms used for boat moorings that run parallel with the riverbank. Please see Document 5.0 "Current Landscape Photo Album" for reference.

Proposed materials and finishes:

The proposal is to replace the two parallel platforms with three hardwood fingers extending from the riverbank into the watercourse. The three fingers will be supported by RSJs and a steel sheet piled support "box" arrangement at the riverbank end of the fingers, set 400mm above summer water level.

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plans, drawings or a design and access statement?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please state references for the plans, drawings and/or design and access statement

Document 1.0 Google Maps image of area of works
Document 2.0 O_S map showing area of works
Document 3.0 Second O_S map of area of works
Document 4.0 Diagrams of proposed works
Document 5.0 Current landscape photos
Topo drawing
Environment Risk Assessment
EA permit
Eco 360 BNG Report March 2025

Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicular access proposed to or from the public highway?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Is a new or altered pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Are there any new public roads to be provided within the site?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Do the proposals require any diversions/extinguishments and/or creation of rights of way?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Vehicle Parking

Does the site have any existing vehicle/cycle parking spaces or will the proposed development add/remove any parking spaces?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

If Yes to either or both of the above, you may need to provide a full tree survey, at the discretion of the local planning authority. If a tree survey is required, this and the accompanying plan should be submitted alongside the application. The local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations'.

Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding? (Check the location on the Government's [Flood map for planning](#). You should also refer to national [standing advice](#) and your local planning authority requirements for information as necessary.)

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

How will surface water be disposed of?

- ☐ Sustainable drainage system
☒ Existing water course
☐ Soakaway
☐ Main sewer
☐ Pond/lake

Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

Is there a reasonable likelihood of the following being affected adversely or conserved and enhanced within the application site, or on land adjacent to or near the application site?

To assist in answering this question correctly, please refer to the help text which provides guidance on determining if any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby; and whether they are likely to be affected by the proposals.

a) Protected and priority species

- ☐ Yes, on the development site
☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
☒ No

b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features

- ☐ Yes, on the development site
☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
☒ No

c) Features of geological conservation importance

- ☐ Yes, on the development site
☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
☒ No

Supporting information requirements

Where a development proposal is likely to affect features of biodiversity or geological conservation interest, you will need to submit, with the application, sufficient information and assessments to allow the local planning authority to determine the proposal.

Failure to submit all information required will result in your application being deemed invalid. It will not be considered valid until all information required by the local planning authority has been submitted.

Your local planning authority will be able to advise on the content of any assessments that may be required.

Biodiversity net gain

Biodiversity net gain is a legal requirement for planning permission introduced on 12 February 2024. All applications are required to either provide detailed information proving there will be a biodiversity increase; or explain why the requirement does not apply to the development.

[Find out more about biodiversity net gain, and access digital tools from our partners that can help determine if you are exempt, or produce the biodiversity metric information required.](#)

Do you believe that, if the development is granted permission, the general Biodiversity Gain Condition (as set out in [Paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 \(as amended\)](#)) would apply?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Based on your site details, you are likely eligible to [use our partner's online tool to create the metric sheet and all information and supporting documents and plans you need to comply with biodiversity net gain, including the metric sheet](#). Estimated time to complete is 45 minutes.

Please provide the pre-development biodiversity value of onsite habitats on the date of calculation

1.02

Please provide the date the onsite pre-development biodiversity value was calculated

18/03/2025

Note: This should be either the date of the application, or an earlier proposed date

If an earlier date, to the date of the planning application, has been used, please provide details why this date has been used

We have commissioned a third party specialist (Eco360) to provide a full BNG report in support of this application. This was completed prior to submission.

When was the version of the biodiversity metric used published?

01/01/2024

Please provide the reference or supporting document/plan names for the:

- i. Biodiversity metric calculation
- ii. Onsite irreplaceable habitats (if applicable)
- iii. Onsite habitats existing on the date of the application for planning permission (if applicable)

Document/Plan: Biodiversity metric calculation Document name/reference: Eco360 Biodiversity Net Gain Report March 2025
Document/Plan: Other (please specify) Please specify: BNG Report Document name/reference: Eco360 Biodiversity Net Gain Report March 2025

Note: You must supply a complete biodiversity metric calculation with your application. Plans must be drawn to an identified scale, and show the direction of North.

Has there been any loss (or degradation) of any onsite habitat(s), resulting from activities carried out before the date the onsite pre-development biodiversity value was calculated. Either:

- on or after 30 January 2020 which were not in accordance with a planning permission; or
- on or after 25 August 2023 which were in accordance with a planning permission?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Does the development site have irreplaceable habitats (corresponding to the descriptions in [Column 1 of the Schedule in the Biodiversity Gain Requirements \(Irreplaceable Habitat\) Regulations \(2023\)](#)) which are:

- i. on land to which the application relates; and
- ii. exist on the date of the application for planning permission, (or an earlier agreed date)

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

- ☐ Mains sewer
- ☐ Septic tank
- ☐ Package treatment plant
- ☐ Cess pit
- ☒ Other
- ☐ Unknown

Other

N/A to this application

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Unknown

Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or trade waste?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Residential/Dwelling Units

Does your proposal include the gain, loss or change of use of residential units?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

All Types of Development: Non-Residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace?

Note that 'non-residential' in this context covers all uses except Use Class C3 Dwellinghouses.

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Employment

Are there any existing employees on the site or will the proposed development increase or decrease the number of employees?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Please add details of the of the Use Classes and hours of opening for each non-residential use proposed.

If you do not know the hours of opening, select the Use Class and tick 'Unknown'

Use Class:

Other (Please specify)

Other (Please specify):

Commercial and leisure use of marina

Unknown:

No

Monday to Friday:

Start Time:

09:00

End Time:

17:30

Saturday:

Start Time:

10:00

End Time:

16:00

Sunday / Bank Holiday:

Start Time:

10:00

End Time:

16:00

Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

Does this proposal involve the carrying out of industrial or commercial activities and processes?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Is the proposal for a waste management development?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Hazardous Substances

Does the proposal involve the use or storage of Hazardous Substances?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- ☐ The agent
☐ The applicant
☒ Other person

If Other has been selected, please provide contact details:

Title

***** REDACTED *****

First name

***** REDACTED *****

Surname

***** REDACTED *****

Phone Number

***** REDACTED *****

Email

***** REDACTED *****

Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
- (b) an elected member
- (c) related to a member of staff
- (d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Ownership Certificates and Agricultural Land Declaration

Certificates under Article 14 - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Please answer the following questions to determine which Certificate of Ownership you need to complete: A, B, C or D.

Is the applicant the sole owner of all the land to which this application relates; and has the applicant been the sole owner for more than 21 days?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Is any of the land to which the application relates part of an Agricultural Holding?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate A

I certify/The applicant certifies that on the day 21 days before the date of this application nobody except myself/ the applicant was the owner* of any part of the land or building to which the application relates, and that none of the land to which the application relates is, or is part of, an agricultural holding**

*** "owner" is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run.**

**** "agricultural holding" has the meaning given by reference to the definition of "agricultural tenant" in section 65(8) of the Act.**

NOTE: You should sign Certificate B, C or D, as appropriate, if you are the sole owner of the land or building to which the application relates but the land is, or is part of, an agricultural holding.

Person Role

- ☒ The Applicant
- ☐ The Agent

Title

First Name

Surname

Declaration Date

06/05/2025

☒ Declaration made

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Full planning permission as described in the questions answered, details provided, 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.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Richard Snowball

Date

07/05/2025