

FULL PLANNING APPROVAL **DRAFT DECISION NOTICE**



WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Expiry Date: 1 October 2025

Application Number: 241567

Location: Land East of Longwater Road, Longwater Road, Finchampstead, Wokingham, RG40 3TS

Proposal: Full application for the proposed erection of 38no. dwellings (Use Class C3), together with associated outdoor space and landscaping, drainage infrastructure, hard and soft landscaping, parking, access, and associated works.

Recommendation: Approve

Conditions and/or Reasons

1. Timescale - The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: In pursuance of s.91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by s.51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004).

2. Approved details - This permission is in respect of the submitted application plans and drawings numbered:

Location Plan - LP.01 A

Received by the local planning authority on 02/07/2024;

Site Layout - SL.01 B

Coloured Site Layout - CSL.01 B

Boundary and Dwelling Material Layout - BDML.01 B

Refuse Collection Plan - RCP.01 B

Street Elevations - CSE.01 B

House Type A1.2 - End Terrace - Floor Plans and Elevations - HT.A1.2 -END.pe B

House Type A1.2 - Mid Terrace - Floor Plans and Elevations - HT.A1.2 -MID.pe A

House Type A2.2.2 - End Terrace - Option 1 - Floor Plans and Elevations - HT.A2.2.2-END-1.pe A

House Type A2.2.2 - End Terrace - Option 2 - Floor Plans and Elevations - HT.A2.2.2-END-2.pe A

House Type A2.7 - Detached - Floor Plans and Elevations - HT.A2.7- DET.pe A

House Type A2.7 - End Terrace - Option 1 - Floor Plans and Elevations - HT.A2.7-END-1.pe B

House Type A2.7 - End Terrace - Option 2 - Floor Plans and Elevations - HT.A2.7-END-2.pe B

House Type A2.7 - End Terrace - Option 3 - Floor Plans and Elevations - HT.A2.7-END-3.pe B

House Type A3.3 - End Terrace - Floor Plans and Elevations - HT.A3.3 -END.pe B

House Type A3.6 - Detached - Option 1 - Elevations - HT.A3.6-DET-1.e B
House Type A3.6 - Detached - Option 2 - Elevations - HT.A3.6-DET-2.e B
House Type A3.6 -Detached - Floor Plans - HT.A3.6-DET.p B
House Type A3.6 - End Terrace - Option 1 - Floor Plans and Elevations - HT.A3.6-END-1.pe B
House Type A3.6 - End Terrace - Option 2 - Floor Plans and Elevations - HT.A3.6-END-2.pe B
House Type P4.13 - Elevations - HT.P4.13.e B
House Type P4.13 - Floor Plans - HT.P4.13.p B
Garden Shed 01 - Floor Plans and Elevations - GS.01.pe A
Garden Shed 02 - Floor Plans and Elevations - GS.02.pe A
Received by the local planning authority on 03/12/2024.

The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details unless other minor variations are agreed in writing after the date of this permission with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the application form and associated details hereby approved.

3. Ground and building levels - No development shall take place until a measured survey of the site and a plan prepared to scale of not less than 1:500 showing details of existing and proposed finished ground levels (in relation to a fixed datum point) and finished roof levels shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority, and the approved scheme shall be fully implemented in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory form of development relative to surrounding buildings and landscape. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policies CP1 and CP3 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policy TB21.

4. Land Contamination - Prior to commencement of development other than that required to carry out remediation of the site, a Phase 2 intrusive site investigation is to be carried out to further analyse the soil across the site in a series of trial pits. Where necessary, a remediation scheme is to be submitted to the local planning authority for written approval. The remediation scheme shall include all works to be undertaken, proposed remediation objectives and remediation criteria, timetable of works and site management procedures. The scheme should ensure that the site will not qualify as contaminated land under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in relation to the intended use of the land after remediation.

Reason: To ensure that any contamination of the site is identified at the outset to allow remediation to protect existing/proposed occupants of property on the site and/or adjacent land. Relevant policy: NPPF Section 15 (Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment) and Core Strategy policies CP1 & CP3.

5. Unexpected Land Contamination - If land contamination is found at any time during site clearance, groundwork, and construction the discovery shall be reported as soon as possible to the local planning authority. A full contamination risk assessment shall be carried out and if found to be necessary, a remediation method statement shall be submitted to the local planning authority for written approval.

Reason: To ensure that any contamination of the site is identified at the outset to allow remediation to protect existing/proposed occupants of property on the site

and/or adjacent land. Relevant policy: NPPF Section 15 (Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment) and Core Strategy policies CP1 & CP3.

6. Hours of Work - No work relating to the development hereby approved, including works of demolition or preparation prior to building operations or deliveries to the site, shall take place other than between the hours of 08:00 and 18:00 Monday to Friday and 08:00 to 13:00 Saturdays and at no time on Sundays or Bank or National Holidays.

Reason: To protect the occupiers of neighbouring properties from noise and disturbance outside the permitted hours during the construction period. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policies CP1 and CP3 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policy CC06.

7. Parking (to be approved) - Notwithstanding the details submitted, no development shall commence above foundation level until details of parking shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority, details of off-street parking space within the site. The development shall not be occupied until the parking space so-approved has been provided in full accordance with the approved details. The parking space shall thereafter be retained in accordance with the approved details and shall remain available for the parking of vehicles at all times.

Reason: To ensure adequate on-site parking provision in the interests of highway safety, convenience and amenity. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policies CP3 & CP6 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policy CC07.

8. Cycle Parking - The cycle storage/ parking shall be implemented in accordance with the details as shown on plans GS.01.pe A & GS.02.pe A, before occupation of the development hereby permitted and shall be permanently retained in the approved form for the parking of bicycles.

Reason: In order to ensure that secure weather-proof bicycle parking facilities are provided so as to encourage the use of sustainable modes of travel. Relevant policy: NPPF Section 4 (Sustainable Transport) and Core Strategy policies CP1, CP3 & CP6 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policy CC07.

9. Access - Prior to commencement of the development, there shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority, details of the proposed vehicular access on to Longwater Road to include visibility splays of 43m x 2.4m. The access shall be formed as so approved, and the visibility splays shall be cleared of any obstruction exceeding 0.6 metres in height prior to the occupation of the development. The access shall be retained in accordance with the approved details and used for no other purpose and the land within the visibility splays shall be maintained clear of any visual obstruction exceeding 0.6 metres in height at all times.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety and convenience. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policies CP3 & CP6.

10. Visibility Splays for private drives - Dwellings hereby approved shall not be occupied until visibility splays of 2.0 metres by 2.0 metres, have been provided at the intersection of the driveway and the adjacent footway. (Dimensions to be measured along the edge of the drive and the back of the footway from their point of intersection). The visibility splays shall thereafter be kept free of all obstructions to visibility above a height of 0.6 metres.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety and convenience. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policies CP3 & CP6.

11. Highways construction details - Prior to the commencement of development, full details of the construction of roads and footways, including levels, widths, construction materials, depths of construction, surface water drainage, lighting, swept paths and visibility splays shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The roads and footway shall be constructed in accordance with the approved details to road base level before the development is occupied and the final wearing course will be provided within 3 months of occupation, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority.

Reason: To ensure that roads and footpaths are constructed to a standard that would be suitable for adoption as publicly maintainable highway, in the interests of providing a functional, accessible and safe development. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policies CP3 & CP6.

12. Parking Management Strategy - Prior to the occupation of the development a Parking Management Strategy for the management of the parking arrangements within the development shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The submitted Parking Management Strategy shall include details of the management of all parking spaces.

Reason: To ensure satisfactory development in the interests of amenity and highway Safety. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policies CP3 & CP6.

13. Travel Plan Statement (to be approved) - Prior to the occupation of the development a Travel Plan Statement shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The travel plan statement shall include a programme of implementation and proposals to promote alternative forms of transport to and from the site, other than by the private car and provide for periodic review. The travel plan statement shall be fully implemented, maintained and reviewed as so approved.

Reason: To encourage the use of all travel modes. Relevant policy: NPPF Section 4 (Sustainable Transport) and Core Strategy policy CP6.

14. Construction Method Statement - No development shall take place, including any works of demolition, until a Construction Method Statement has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority. The approved Statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. The Statement shall provide for:

- i) the parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors,
- ii) loading and unloading of plant and materials,
- iii) storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development,
- iv) the erection and maintenance of security hoarding including decorative displays and facilities for public viewing, where appropriate,
- v) wheel washing facilities,
- vi) measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during construction,
- vii) a scheme for recycling/disposing of waste resulting from demolition and construction works.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety & convenience and neighbour amenities. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policies CP3 & CP6.

15. Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) - No development shall take place (including demolition, ground works, vegetation clearance) until a

Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The CEMP shall include the following.

- a) Risk assessment of potentially damaging construction activities.
- b) Identification of biodiversity protection zone.
- c) Practical measures (both physical measures and sensitive working practices) to avoid or reduce impacts during construction (may be provided as a set of method statements).
- d) The location and timing of sensitive works to avoid harm to biodiversity features.
- e) The times during construction when specialist ecologists need to be present on site to oversee works.
- f) Responsible persons and lines of communication.
- g) The role and responsibilities on site of an ecological clerk of works (ECoW) or similarly competent person.
- h) Use of protective fences, exclusion barriers and warning signs.
- i) the control of noise and vibration from any piling.
- j) types of piling rig and earth moving machinery to be utilized.
- k) the control of dust.
- l) the control of surface water run-off.
- m) measures to control vibration and the emission of dust and dirt during construction.
- n) Schedule of works.

The approved CEMP shall be adhered to and implemented throughout the construction period strictly in accordance with the approved details, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority.

Reason: To ensure that the proposal is in accordance with Section 41 NERC Act re.UK Biodiversity Action Plan Priority Species (Species of Principal Importance), and complies with Planning Policies for wildlife including CP7 and TB23.

16. Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) - A Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) shall be submitted to and be approved in writing by the local planning authority prior to occupation of the development. The content of the HMMP shall include the following:

- a) Description and evaluation of features to be managed.
- b) Ecological trends and constraints on site that might influence management.
- c) Aims and objectives of management.
- d) Appropriate management options for achieving aims and objectives.
- e) Prescriptions for management actions.
- f) Preparation of a work schedule (including an annual work plan capable of being rolled forward over a five-year period).
- g) Details of the body or organization responsible for implementation of the plan.
- h) Ongoing monitoring and reporting.
- i) Sensitive management of the aged trees on site.
- j) maintenance requirements for the attenuation basin.
- k) long term design objectives, management responsibilities, timescales and maintenance schedules for all landscape areas, other than privately owned, domestic gardens.

The HMMP shall also include details of the legal and funding mechanism(s) by which the long-term implementation of the plan will be secured by the developer with the management body(ies) responsible for its delivery. The plan shall also set out (where

the results from monitoring show that conservation aims and objectives of the HMMP are not being met) how contingencies and/or remedial action will be identified, agreed and implemented so that the development still delivers the fully functioning biodiversity objectives of the originally approved scheme. The approved plan will be implemented in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To secure significant on-site biodiversity net gain as per regulations and integrate with measures to protect and enhance relevant habitats and species as appropriate, and to ensure that provision is made to allow satisfactory maintenance of the landscaping hereby approved in accordance. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policies CP7 and TB23, and policy CC03 of the MDD.

17. Biodiversity Enhancement and Permeability - Prior to commencement of development above slab level, a strategy for ecological permeability (especially with regard to reptiles and hedgehogs) and species specific biodiversity enhancements to the site shall be provided to the local planning authority for its approval. The biodiversity enhancements shall include:

- i) 1x bat and 1x bird box per dwelling
- ii) 1x reptile hibernacula
- iii) 1x Grass Snake egg-laying pile
- iv) 1x log pile / stag beetle pyramid
- v) 1x bee bank
- vi) 1x Hedgehog highway hole for each line of fence/wall between two different gardens or a garden and public open space.

The strategy shall be prepared by a suitably qualified ecologist and appropriate to the local ecological context. Once approved the strategy shall be implemented in full unless otherwise agreed by the local planning authority in writing.

Reason: to ensure that the proposal is in accordance with Section 41 NERC Act re.UK Biodiversity Action Plan Priority Species (Species of Principal Importance), and complies with Planning Policies for wildlife including CP7 and TB23, and the National Planning Policy Framework which requires consideration of the potential biodiversity gains that can be secured within developments.

18. Lighting for Light Sensitive Species - Prior to the installation of any light fixtures or fittings, a lighting design strategy for biodiversity for the site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The strategy shall:

- a) identify those areas/features on site that are particularly sensitive for bats and badgers and that are likely to cause disturbance in or around their breeding sites and resting places or along important routes used to access key areas of their territory, for example, for foraging; and
- b) show how and where external lighting will be installed (through the provision of appropriate lighting contour plans and technical specifications) so that it can be clearly demonstrated that areas to be lit will not disturb or prevent the above species using their territory or having access to their breeding sites and resting places.

All external lighting shall be installed in accordance with the specifications and locations set out in the strategy, and these shall be maintained thereafter in accordance with the strategy. Under no circumstances should any other external lighting be installed without prior consent from the local planning authority.

Reason: To secure mitigation for protected species as appropriate under ODPM Circular 2006/05 and local plan policies CP7 and TB23.

19. Noise - The development hereby approved shall be implemented fully in accordance with the recommendations in the Noise Impact Assessment Report (RPS group, Ref. 794-ENV-ACO-DES-ARC-30429, REPT-01-R1, June 2024), including:

1) All properties facing Longwater Road (B3106) are to be fitted with an alternative means of ventilation to open windows. In addition, where dwellings overlook the Longwater Road (B3106), a higher sound insulation performance of 46 dB Dn,e,w is required for ventilation openings.

2) Closed board (acoustically attenuating) fencing is to be fitted to all properties facing or backing on to Longwater Road (B3106), unless otherwise agreed in writing with the local planning authority.

Reason: To protect the occupiers of the proposed dwellings from unreasonable noise levels and to ensure satisfactory noise attenuation measures are installed.

Relevant policy: NPPF Section 15 (Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment), Core Strategy policies CP1 and CP3 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policy CC06.

20. Archaeology WSI - A) No development shall take place/commence until a programme of archaeological work, including a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) has been submitted to, and approved by, the local planning authority in writing. The WSI shall include an assessment of significance and research questions; and:

1. The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording 2. The programme for post investigation assessment

3. Provision to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording

4. Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation

5. Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site Investigation

6. Nomination of a competent person or persons/organisation to undertake the works set out within the WSI.

B) The Development shall take place in accordance with the WSI approved under condition (A).

The development shall not be occupied until the site investigation and post investigation assessment has been completed in accordance with the programme set out in the WSI approved under condition (A) and the provision made for analysis, publication and dissemination of results and archive deposition has been secured.

Reason: The site lies in an area of archaeological potential, particularly for, but not limited to, Prehistoric remains. The potential impacts of the development can be mitigated through a programme of archaeological work. This is in accordance with national and local plan policy.

21. Communications Plan - Development shall not commence until a Communications Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Plan shall specify methods for communicating with local residents, including the creation of a liaison group to meet in accordance with an agreed schedule. The Plan shall be carried out as approved until the final completion of the development.

Reason: In order to minimise disturbance to neighbours during construction works in accordance with CP3 of the Core Strategy (2010).

22. Domestic water consumption - Prior to the occupation of development, a scheme achieving a maximum domestic water consumption of 110L per capita per day for the residential portion of the scheme shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The approved scheme shall be implemented before the development is first occupied and shall remain operational for the lifetime of the development.

Reason: To ensure developments contribute to sustainable development. Relevant policy: NPPF Section 14 (Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding and Coastal Change), WBC Climate Emergency Action Plan, Core Strategy policy CP1, Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policy CC04 & the Sustainable Design and Construction Supplementary Planning Document.

23. Low and zero-carbon technology - Prior to the commencement of development, a scheme for achieving a 10% reduction in the predicted carbon emissions arising from operation of the development through the use of decentralised renewable and/or low carbon sources (as defined in the glossary of Planning Policy Statement: Planning and Climate Change (December 2007) or any subsequent version) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The minimum 10% reduction shall be achieved in addition to the levels of reduction in carbon emissions required through the Building Regulations in force at the time of the submission of planning application. The approved scheme shall be implemented before the development is first occupied and shall remain operational for the lifetime of the development.

Reason: To ensure developments contribute to sustainable development in accordance with NPPF Section 14 (Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding and Coastal Change), WBC Climate Emergency Action Plan, Core Strategy policy CP1, MDDL policy CC05 & the Sustainable Design and Construction Supplementary Planning Document.

24. Hard and Soft Landscaping Proposals - Notwithstanding the details submitted, prior to the commencement of the development above slab level, full details of both hard and soft landscape proposals shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The details should allow for the tree buffer zones to be planted and managed in a way that is in accordance with the Government Standing Advice on Veteran Trees. The details shall include, as appropriate, proposed contours, means of enclosure with mammal links, details of refuse or other storage units, lighting, external services, detailed design proposals (cross sections) for the Attenuation basin no steeper than 1:3. Soft landscaping details shall include planting plan, specification (including cultivation and other operations associated with plant and grass establishment), schedules of plants, detailing species, planting sizes and proposed

numbers/densities and implementation timetable. All hard and soft landscape works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details prior to the occupation of any part of the development or in accordance with a timetable approved in writing by the local planning authority. Any trees or plants which, within a period of ten years after planting, are removed, die or become seriously damaged or defective, shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of species, size and number as originally approved and permanently retained.

Reason: To secure the protection throughout the time that the development is being carried out of trees shrubs or hedges growing within or adjacent to the site which are

of biodiversity value to the area, and to allow for verification by the local planning authority that the necessary measures are in place before development and other works commence Relevant policy: Core Strategy policies CP1, CP3 and CP7 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policy TB23.

25. Protection of trees - a) No development or other operation shall commence on site until a scheme (including an updated Tree Protection Plan) which provides for the retention and protection of trees, shrubs and hedges growing on or adjacent the site in accordance

with BS5837: 2012 has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority (the Approved Scheme); the tree protection measures approved shall be implemented in complete accordance with the Approved Scheme for the duration of the development (including, unless otherwise provided by the Approved Scheme) demolition, all site preparation work, tree felling, tree pruning, demolition works, soil moving, temporary access construction and or widening or any other operation involving use of motorised vehicles or construction machinery.

b) No development (including any tree felling, tree pruning, demolition works, soil moving, temporary access construction and or widening or any other operation involving use of motorised vehicles or construction machinery) shall commence until the local planning authority has been provided (by way of a written notice) with a period of no less than 7 working days to inspect the implementation of the measures identified in the Approved Scheme on-site.

c) No excavations for services, storage of materials or machinery, parking of vehicles, deposit or excavation of soil or rubble, lighting of fires or disposal of liquids shall take place within an area designated as being fenced off or otherwise protected in the Approved Scheme.

d) The fencing or other works which are part of the Approved Scheme shall not be moved or removed, temporarily or otherwise, until all works including external works have been completed and all equipment, machinery and surplus materials removed from the site, unless the prior approval of the local planning authority has first been sought and obtained.

Reason: To secure the protection throughout the time that the development is being carried out of trees shrubs or hedges growing within or adjacent to the site which are of amenity value to the area, and to allow for verification by the local planning authority that the necessary measures are in place before development and other works commence. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policy CP3 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policies CC03 and TB21.

26. Retention of trees and shrubs - No retained tree shall be cut down, uprooted or destroyed, nor shall any retained tree be topped or lopped other than in accordance with the approved plans and particulars, without the written approval of the local planning authority. If within a period of five years from the date of the planting of any tree that tree, or any tree planted in replacement for it, is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies, another tree

of the same species and size as that originally planted shall be planted at the same place, unless the local planning authority gives its written consent to any variation.

Reason: To secure the protection throughout the time that development is being carried out, of trees, shrubs and hedges growing within the site which are of amenity value to the area. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policy CP3 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policies CC03 and TB21.

27. Waste Storage - No dwelling shall be occupied until details of bin storage shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The bin storage area and facilities shall be permanently so retained and used for no purpose other than the temporary storage of refuse, recyclable and compost materials.

Reason: In the interests of visual and neighbouring amenities and functional development. Relevant policy: Core Strategy CP3 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policy CC04.

28. Drainage - The development hereby permitted shall be carried out fully in accordance with the provisions set out in the Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy Addendum report 794-DES-ARC-30429 v2 dated 29/11/2024.

Reason: This is to prevent increased flood risk from surface water run-off. Relevant policy: NPPF (2024) Section 14 (Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding and Coastal Change), Core Strategy policy CP1 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policies CC09 and CC10.

29. Accessibility - No development hereby permitted shall be occupied until a scheme indicating the provision is to be made for accessibility standards to meet M4(2) of the Building Regulations for 10-20% of the dwellings has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The Scheme so approved shall be implemented before the development hereby permitted is brought into use and shall thereafter be retained.

Reason: To ensure the needs of the general population are met. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policy CP2 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan Policy TB05.

Informatives

1. This permission should be read in conjunction with the legal agreement under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act dated 29 September 2025, the obligations in which relate to this development.

2. The applicant is reminded that this approval is granted subject to conditions which must be complied with prior to the development starting on site. Commencement of the development without complying with the pre-commencement requirements may be outside the terms of this permission and liable to enforcement action. The information required should be formally submitted to the Council for consideration with the relevant fee. Once the details have been approved in writing the development should be carried out only in accordance with those details.

3. The applicant is reminded that should there be any change from the approved drawings during the build of the development this may require a fresh planning application if the changes differ materially from the approved details. Non-material changes may be formalised by way of an application under s.96A Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

4. Adequate precautions shall be taken during the construction period to prevent the deposit of mud and similar debris on adjacent highways. For further information contact the Highway Authority on tel.: 0118 9746000.

5. Whilst it would appear from the application that the proposed development is to be entirely within the curtilage of the application site, the granting of planning

permission does not authorise you to gain access or carry out any works on, over or under your neighbour's land or property without first obtaining their consent, and does not obviate the need for compliance with the requirements of the Party Wall etc. Act 1996.

6. The development hereby permitted is liable to pay the Community Infrastructure Levy. The Liability Notice issued by Wokingham Borough Council will state the current chargeable amount. A revised Liability Notice will be issued if this amount changes. Anyone can formally assume liability to pay, but if no one does so then liability will rest with the landowner. There are certain legal requirements that must be complied with. For instance, whoever will pay the levy must submit an Assumption of Liability form and a Commencement Notice to Wokingham Borough Council prior to commencement of development, failure to do this will result in penalty surcharges being added. For more information see the Council's website - Community Infrastructure Levy advice page. Please submit all CIL forms and enquiries to developer.contributions@wokingham.gov.uk.

7. The applicant is reminded that, under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), it is an offence to (amongst other things): deliberately capture, disturb, injure, or kill great crested newts; damage or destroy a breeding or resting place; intentionally or recklessly obstruct access to a resting or sheltering place. Planning permission for a development does not provide a defence against prosecution under this legislation. Should great crested newts be found at any stage of the development works, then all works should cease, and a professional and/or suitably qualified and experienced ecologist (or Natural England) should be contacted for advice on any special precautions before continuing, including the need for a licence.

8. Fire service access should comply with B5 of ADB Volume 2 2019 with additional local requirements below under the Berkshire Act 1986: Fire service vehicles currently operated by Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service exceed the requirements stated in the current edition of Approved Document B. The applicant should be made aware of the following amendments: The minimum carrying capacity for a pumping appliance is 16 tonnes. The minimum carrying capacity for a high reach appliance is 26 tonnes. Structures such as bridges should have the full vehicle carrying capacity. Any structural fire precautions and all means of escape provision will have to satisfy Building Regulation requirement. These matters are administered by the local authority Building Control or approved inspectors, who you are advised to contact in this regard.

9. There are water mains crossing or close to your development. Thames Water do not permit the building over or construction within 3m of water mains. If you're planning significant works near Thames Water mains (within 3m) they will need to check that your development doesn't reduce capacity, limit repair or maintenance activities during and after construction, or inhibit the services we provide in any other way. The applicant is advised to read our guide working near or diverting our pipes.

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10. The Corporate Head of Environment at the Council Offices, Shute End, Wokingham should be contacted for the approval of the access construction details before any work is carried out within the highway. This planning permission does NOT authorise the construction of such an access.

11. If it is the developer's intention to request the Council, as Local Highway Authority, to adopt the proposed access road etc. as highway maintainable at public expense, then full engineering details must be agreed with the Corporate Head of Environment at the Council Offices, Shute End, Wokingham. The developer is strongly advised not to commence development until such details have been approved in writing and a legal agreement is made with the Council under S38 of the Highways Act 1980.

12. The council advises that the developer produces a strategy to install superfast broadband infrastructure for future occupants of the site. The strategy should ensure that upon occupation of a dwelling the new home owner has access to a superfast broadband service through a site-wide network. It is also advised that the developer keeps occupants fully informed of any delays to superfast broadband connection in before they purchase/occupy their new homes.

13. Future occupants of the development should be provided with occupant information relating to the operation of any heating systems that serve it to ensure they are informed about the correct operation of the buildings and systems performance.

14. 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 in the NPPF.

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Recommendation and conditions/reasons agreed:

Date: 29/09/2025

REMEMBER - The earliest date for a decision on this application is: **28 December 2024**