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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

71

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

London Road

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Wokingham

Town/city

Wokingham

Postcode

RG40 1YA

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

Easting (x)

Northing (y)

481678

168787

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

T

Surname

Searle

Company Name

Wokingham Borough Council - Development Team

Address

Address line 1

Commercial Property Dept

Address line 2

Civic Offices

Address line 3

Shute End

Town/City

Wokingham

County

Berkshire

Country

UK

Postcode

RG40 1WR

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes
 No

Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Chris

Surname

Connor

Company Name

Christopher James Architecture

Address

Address line 1

27 Chaucer Way

Address line 2

Woosehill

Address line 3

Town/City

Wokingham

County

Country

Postcode

RG41 3BG

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

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Site Area

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

816.00

Unit

Sq. metres

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

Change of Use from C3 To C2 plus a Proposed Two-Storey Front/Side Extension and Rear Single-Storey Extension with Associated Internal Alterations following demolition of the existing attached Single Storey Garage and Rear Extension and associated external works

Has the work or change of use already started?

Yes
 No

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

C3 - Residential dwelling

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:

Walls

Existing materials and finishes:

Red multi facing brickwork with contrasting buff brickwork bands

Proposed materials and finishes:

Red/orange facing brickwork (to match existing generally) with contrasting buff brick band courses (to match existing generally) - Flat gauge brick arches over windows/doors and stone window cills. Stone copings to parapet to rear/side extension

Type:

Roof

Existing materials and finishes:

Slate tiles

Proposed materials and finishes:

Roofs - Slate tiles (to match existing) Flat Roof Sections: Grey single ply membrane roof covering

Type:

Windows

Existing materials and finishes:

PVC-U sash windows

Proposed materials and finishes:

Aluminium double glazed sash window units - Obscure glass to all WC/bathroom windows and where noted on GA's

Type:

Doors

Existing materials and finishes:

Timber front door and garage doors. PVC-Patio doors

Proposed materials and finishes:

Aluminium double glazed doorsets - PAS 24 or SBD certified

Type:

Boundary treatments (e.g. fences, walls)

Existing materials and finishes:

Hedgerow and C/b fencing

Proposed materials and finishes:

To remain as is - New C/b fencing to boundary of No.75. C/b fencing and gates to bin enclosure

Type:

Vehicle access and hard standing

Existing materials and finishes:

Gravel driveway

Proposed materials and finishes:

Permeable block paving to front of dropped kerbs either side and gravel drive

Type:

Lighting

Existing materials and finishes:

Porch and patio lighting

Proposed materials and finishes:

Porch and patio lighting

Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

Rainwater goods

Existing materials and finishes:

Black UPVC deepflow guttering with associated downpipes

Proposed materials and finishes:

Black UPVC deepflow guttering with associated downpipes

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

See drawings 350-1205 & 1206, Design and Access Statement appendices

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

Vehicle Type:

Cars

Existing number of spaces:

3

Total proposed (including spaces retained):

4

Difference in spaces:

1

Vehicle Type:

Cycle spaces

Existing number of spaces:

0

Total proposed (including spaces retained):

6

Difference in spaces:

6

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

1.67

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

04/12/2024

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

Date of conditions assessment and baseline calculations undertaken prior to submission of the application,

When was the version of the biodiversity metric used published?

04/12/2024

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:

Defra Statutory Biodiversity Metric - 71 London Road, Wokingham, RG40 1YA, V2 - 101224

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

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

If Yes, please include the details of the existing system on the application drawings and state the plan(s)/drawing(s) references

Refer to drawings 350-1200-B and 1207-G

Waste Storage and Collection

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

- Yes
- No

If Yes, please provide details:

Dedicated bin enclosure provided for residents use - See drawing 350-1207-G

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

- Yes
- No

If Yes, please provide details:

Dedicated bin enclosure provided for residents use - See drawing 350-1207-G

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

Please note: This question is based on the current housing categories and types specified by government.

If your application was started before 23 May 2020, the categories and types shown in this question will now have changed. We recommend that you review any information provided to ensure it is correct before the application is submitted.

Proposed

Please select the housing categories that are relevant to the proposed units

- Market Housing
- Social, Affordable or Intermediate Rent
- Affordable Home Ownership
- Starter Homes
- Self-build and Custom Build

Social, Affordable or Intermediate Rent

Please specify each type of housing and number of units proposed

Housing Type: Bedsit Studio						
1 Bedroom: 6						
2 Bedroom: 0						
3 Bedroom: 0						
4+ Bedroom: 0						
Unknown Bedroom: 0						
Total: 6						

Proposed Social, Affordable or Intermediate Rent Category Totals	1 Bedroom Total	2 Bedroom Total	3 Bedroom Total	4+ Bedroom Total	Unknown Bedroom Total	Total
	6	0	0	0	0	6

Existing

Please select the housing categories for any existing units on the site

- Market Housing
- Social, Affordable or Intermediate Rent
- Affordable Home Ownership
- Starter Homes
- Self-build and Custom Build

Market Housing

Please specify each existing type of housing and number of units on the site

Housing Type:

Houses

1 Bedroom:

0

2 Bedroom:

0

3 Bedroom:

1

4+ Bedroom:

0

Unknown Bedroom:

0

Total:

1

Existing Market Housing Category Totals	1 Bedroom Total	2 Bedroom Total	3 Bedroom Total	4+ Bedroom Total	Unknown Bedroom Total	Total
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Category Totals	0	0	1	0	0	1
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Totals

Total proposed residential units

6

Total existing residential units

1

Total net gain or loss of residential units

5

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

Use Class:

C2 - Residential institutions

Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres) (a):

151

Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres) (b):

36

Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres) (c):

180.5

Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres) (d = c - a):

29.5

Totals	Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres) (a)	Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres) (b)	Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres) (c)	Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres) (d = c - a)
	151	36	180.5	29.5

Loss or gain of rooms

Does the proposal include loss or gain of rooms for hotels, residential institutions, or hostels?

Yes
 No

Please indicate the loss or gain of rooms:

Use Class:

C2 - Residential institutions

Existing rooms to be lost by change of use or demolition:

0

Total rooms proposed (including changes of use):

6

Net additional rooms:

6

Employment

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

Yes
 No

Existing Employees

Please complete the following information regarding existing employees:

Full-time

0

Part-time

0

Total full-time equivalent

0.00

Proposed Employees

If known, please complete the following information regarding proposed employees:

Full-time

0

Part-time

0

Total full-time equivalent

Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

Yes
 No

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

Pre-application Advice

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

- Yes
- No

If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):

Officer name:

Title

***** REDACTED *****

First Name

***** REDACTED *****

Surname

***** REDACTED *****

Reference

242611

Date (must be pre-application submission)

11/11/2024

Details of the pre-application advice received

The pre-application response was generally positive and confirmed that the proposal would have an acceptable impact on the character of the area but detailed what further supporting reports/justification/relevant policy would need to be addressed as part of a formal application alongside some minor changes to the site layout - See D&A for further information

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

If yes, please provide details of their name, role, and how they are related:

***** REDACTED *****

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

Mr

First Name

Chris

Surname

Connor

Declaration Date

06/01/2025

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

Chris Connor

Date

06/01/2025