



**WOKINGHAM  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY  
PLANNING (ENGLAND) 1990**

Mr Morgan Toney-Green  
Palatine Homes  
109 Victoria Road  
Wargrave  
Wokingham  
RG10 8AG

### **NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION**

**Application Number:** 253105  
**Applicant Name:** Mr Morgan Toney-Green, Palatine Homes  
**Site Address:** 109 Victoria Road, Wargrave, Wokingham, RG10 8AG  
**Proposal:** Application to vary condition 2 of planning consent 243229 for the proposed erection of 8 no. dwellings following demolition of the existing buildings and structures plus alterations to the existing access. Condition 2 refers to the approved details, and the variation is for alterations to the proposed dwellings.  
**Date of Decision:** 16 February 2026

Wokingham Borough Council in pursuance of its powers under the above Acts and Regulations hereby **grants permission** for the above development to be carried out as stated in the application and the accompanying plans submitted to the Council subject to compliance with the following conditions, the reasons for which are specified hereunder.

#### **Conditions and Reasons**

Condition 2 now reads:

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

- Document titled 'Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy' (Ref: S12488-JNP-XX-XX-RP-C-1001 P04, JNP Group) received by the local planning authority on 25 November 2025;
- Drawings numbered 24.419\_12 Rev.P3, 24.419\_13 Rev.P2, 24.419\_13 Rev.P2, 24.419\_14 Rev.P2, 24.419\_15 Rev.P2, 24.419\_16 Rev.P2, 24.419\_17 Rev.P1, 24.419\_18 Rev.P2, 24.419\_19 Rev.P2, 24.419\_20 Rev.P3, 24.419\_21 Rev.P3 and document titled 'External Materials Schedule' (Rev B, Palatine Homes) received on 19 December 2025;

- Drawings numbered 24.219\_01 Rev.P01, 24.419\_02 Rev.P6, 24.419\_03 Rev.P2, 24.419\_04 Rev.P3 and 24.419\_11 Rev.P3.

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 and before implementation 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.

Condition 3 now reads:

3. External materials - The materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the development hereby permitted shall be in accordance with the approved External Materials Schedule (Rev B, Palatine Homes) unless other minor variations are agreed in writing after the date of this permission and before implementation with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that the external appearance of the development is satisfactory. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policies CP1 and CP3.

Condition 4 now reads:

4. Ground and building levels - This information was submitted and approved under application ref 253007. All works associated with the development shall be carried out in accordance with these approved details prior to the occupation of the development: drawing titled 'External Works Layout', no. 690:002.

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.

Condition 5 now reads:

5. Protection of trees - a) This information was submitted and approved under application ref 253007. All works associated with the development shall be carried out in accordance with these approved details: Report titled 'Arboricultural Method Statement' ref:

GHA/MS/167890:25 (28th November 2025, GHA trees Arboricultural consultancy) and drawing titled 'Tree Protection Plan) (hereinafter referred to as the Approved Scheme).

b) No operations shall commence on site in connection with development hereby approved (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) until the tree protection works required by the Approved Scheme are in place 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 in writing 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.

Condition 6 now reads:

6. Landscaping - This information was submitted and approved under application ref 253007. All works associated with the development shall be carried out in accordance with these approved details: drawing numbered TTL-SM-VN271124  
Revision: F.

Planting shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details in the first planting and seeding seasons following the occupation of the building(s). Any trees or plants which, within a period of 5 years from the date of the planting (or within a period of 5 years of the occupation of the buildings in the case of retained trees and shrubs) die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species or otherwise as approved in writing by the local planning authority.

Reason: To ensure adequate planting in the interests of visual amenity. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policy CP3 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policies CC03 and TB21 (and TB06 for garden development).

Condition 7 now reads:

7. Decontamination - This information was submitted and approved under application ref 253007. All works associated with the development shall be carried out in accordance with these approved details: reports titled 'Ground Investigation Report', ref: 24-206.01 Version 2 (April 2025, Aviron Associates Limited) and 'Discovery Strategy, Remediation Strategy and Verification Plan', ref: 24-206.04 Version 1 (November 2025, Aviron Associated Limited).

Development shall not commence until the measures approved in the scheme have been implemented. Upon completion of the remediation works, the required verification report must be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

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.

Condition 8 now reads:

8. Construction method statement - This information was submitted and approved under application ref 253007. All works associated with the development shall be carried out in accordance with these approved details: document titled 'Construction Management Plan', ref: VNW-903 Rev B (19.01.2026, Palatine Homes) and drawings titled 'Tracking Layouts Delivery (Construction)' no. 690:015 and 'Site Set-Up Plan', no. VNW-903 Rev B.

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

Condition 9 now reads:

9. Biodiversity enhancements - This information was submitted and approved under application ref 253007. All works associated with the development shall be carried out in accordance with these approved details: report titled 'Biodiversity Enhancement Plan' (December 2025, AA Environmental Limited).  
The biodiversity enhancements shall thereafter be installed as approved and prior to occupation of the development a letter report from a suitably qualified ecologist with photos of the nest bricks in situ shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the council.

Reason: To ensure that wildlife is not adversely affected by the proposed development in line with Policy CP7 of the core strategy and wildlife legislation.

All other conditions of planning permission 243229 apply to this planning permission, viz:

1. Timescale - The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of the original permission 243229.  
*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. See above.  
*Reason: See above.*

3. See above.  
*Reason: See above.*

4. See above.  
*Reason: See above.*

5. See above.  
*Reason: See above.*

6. See above.  
*Reason: See above.*

7. See above.

*Reason: See above.*

8. See above.

*Reason: See above.*

9. See above.

*Reason: See above.*

10. Access to be provided - No building shall be occupied until the access has been constructed in accordance with the approved plans.

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

11. Future Homes Standard - The dwelling(s) shall meet the interim Future Homes Standard in accordance with the requirements of the Building Regulations. No dwelling shall be occupied until compliance has been confirmed by an accredited assessor certifying that a 31% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions has been achieved per the Standard.

*Reason: To ensure developments contribute to sustainable development in accordance with the requirements of Part L of the Building Regulations. Relevant policy: NPPF Section 14 (Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding and Coastal Change), Core Strategy policy CP1 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policy CC04.*

12. Flood risk - Development shall be carried out in accordance with the Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy (Ref: S12488-JNP-XX-XX-RP-C-1001 P04, JNP Group) received by the local planning authority on 25 November 2025.

No changes to the approved drainage design, including any alteration to SuDS features, discharge arrangements, attenuation volumes, shall be made without the prior written approval of the Local Planning Authority. Any required changes during construction must be notified to the LPA immediately and revised details submitted for approval before amended works proceed.

*Reason: To prevent the increased risk of flooding, and to protect water quality. Relevant policy: NPPF Section 14 (Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding and Coastal Change), Technical Guidance on the NPPF (Flood Risk), Core Strategy policy CP1 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policy CC09.*

13. Hours of work - No work relating to the development hereby approved, including works of demolition or preparation prior to building operations, 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.*

14. All trees, hedges and shrubs or similar vegetation where birds may nest which are to be removed as part of the development, are to be cleared outside the bird-nesting season (March - August inclusive) or if clearance during the bird-nesting

season cannot reasonably be avoided, a suitably qualified ecologist will check the areas to be removed immediately prior to clearance and advise whether nesting birds are present. If active nests are recorded, no vegetation clearance or other works that may disturb active nests shall proceed until all young have fledged the nest.

*Reason: To ensure that wildlife is not adversely affected by the proposed development in line with Policy CP7 of the core strategy and wildlife legislation.*

15. Parking and turning space to be provided - No part of any building(s) hereby permitted shall be occupied or used until the vehicle parking and turning space has been provided in accordance with the approved plans. The vehicle parking and turning space shall be retained and maintained in accordance with the approved details and the parking space shall remain available for the parking of vehicles at all times and the turning space shall not be used for any other purpose other than vehicle turning.

*Reason: To provide adequate off-street vehicle parking and turning space and to allow vehicles to enter and leave the site in a forward gear in the interests of road safety and convenience and providing a functional, accessible and safe development and in the interests of amenity. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policies CP3 & CP6 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policy CC07.*

16. Cycle parking to be provided - No building shall be occupied until secure and covered parking for cycles has been provided in accordance with the approved drawing (s)/details. The cycle parking/ storage shall be permanently so- retained for the parking of bicycles and used for no other purpose.

*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 9 (Sustainable Transport) and Core Strategy policies CP1, CP3 & CP6 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policy CC07.*

17. Gates - Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification), no gates or barriers shall be erected on the shared vehicular access hereby permitted.

*Reason: To assist in the integration of the development into character and community of the area and in the interest of highway safety. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policies CP1, CP3 & CP6 and Wokingham Borough Design Guide SPD*

18. Restriction of permitted development rights - Notwithstanding the provisions of Classes A and E, Part 1 of the Second Schedule the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification), no buildings, enlargement or alterations permitted shall be carried out without the express permission in writing of the local planning authority.

*Reason: To safeguard the character of the area and the amenity of future occupiers and neighbouring properties. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policies CP1 and CP3.*

19. Restriction of permitted development rights - Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning, (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (or any Order revoking and

re-enacting that Order with or without modification), no additional windows or similar openings shall be constructed in the first floor level or above in the side facing (flank) elevation of all dwellings hereby permitted except for any which may be shown on the approved drawing(s).

*Reason: To safeguard the residential amenities of neighbouring properties. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policy CP3.*

## **Informatives**

1. Please note that if the works carried out depart from the scope of this planning permission and a retrospective application under Section 73A is subsequently required, there may be CIL liability implications. The scope of any retrospective planning application will cover the chargeable development for the purposes of CIL, this will include past works that are unauthorised and any additional future works included within the planning permission. If the total floorspace of these works is over 100sqm, they will be liable to pay CIL. In such cases, no CIL exemption can be claimed, and payment will become due immediately as development for which planning permission is granted under a subsequent Section 73A or Section 177(1) application must be treated as commencing on the day any such planning permission is granted. Any demolished floorspace will not be able to be considered for offsetting if the relevant building is not on the land on the day that the permission is granted.

2. This permission should be read in conjunction with the legal agreement under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act dated 17 November 2025, the obligations in which relate to this development.

3. Where this permission requires further details to be submitted for approval, the information must formally be submitted to the Council for consideration with the relevant fee. Once details have been approved in writing the development should be carried out only in accordance with those details. If this is not clear please contact the case officer to discuss.

4. The applicant is reminded that the statutory Biodiversity Gain Plan condition was discharged under application 253007. As this Section 73 permission does not alter the post-development biodiversity outcomes secured in the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan, that approval remains valid and continues to apply to the development.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. The Head of Highways at the Council Offices, Shute End, Wokingham [0118 9746000] should be contacted for the approval of the access construction details before any work is carried out within the highway (including verges and footways). This planning permission does NOT authorise the construction of such an access or works.

8. The developer's attention is drawn to the fact that this permission does not authorise the physical construction of the proposed off-site highway works and site access connections to the public highway. A separate legal agreement made with the Council under s.278 of the Highways Act 1980 is required. No work within or affecting the public highway shall commence until the agreement has been completed and the Council, as local highway authority, has approved all construction and installation details together with a programme of works.

9. If it is the developer's intention to request the Council, as local highway authority, to adopt the proposed access roads etc. as highway maintainable at public expense, then full engineering details must be agreed with the Highway Authority 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 Section 38 of the Highways Act 1980.

10. Any works/ events carried out by or on behalf of the developer affecting either a public highway or a prospectively maintainable highway (as defined under s.87 New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (NRSWA)), shall be co-ordinated and licensed as required under NRSWA and the Traffic Management Act 2004 in order to minimise disruption to both pedestrian and vehicular users of the highway.

Any such works or events, and particularly those involving the connection of any utility to the site must be co-ordinated by the developer in liaison with the Borough's Street Works team (0118 974 6302). This must take place AT LEAST three months in advance of the intended works to ensure effective co-ordination with other works so as to minimise disruption.

11. 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.

12. Thames Water will aim to provide customers with a minimum pressure of 10m head (approx 1 bar) and a flow rate of 9 litres/minute at the point where it leaves Thames Waters pipes. The developer should take account of this minimum pressure in the design of the proposed development.

The applicant is advised that their development boundary falls within a Source Protection Zone for groundwater abstraction. These zones may be at particular risk from polluting activities on or below

the land surface. To prevent pollution, the Environment Agency and Thames Water (or other local water undertaker) will use a tiered, risk-based approach to regulate activities that may impact groundwater resources. The applicant is encouraged to

read the Environment Agency's approach to groundwater protection (available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/groundwater-protection-position-statements>) and may wish to discuss the implication for their development with a suitably qualified environmental consultant.

Signed

A small, square, light green box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature appears to be 'JT' or similar initials.

Justin Turvey

Head of Development Management - Place & Growth

Date: 16 February 2026

**PLEASE READ THE NOTES ISSUED WITH THIS DECISION NOTICE BELOW**



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### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENGLAND) 1990

**Other statutory legislation:** This decision notice relates to the above stated acts and regulations only and does not constitute approval under any other legislation.

**The Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order:** This decision has been made in accordance with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and in the requirement to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive manner.

**Officer Report:** An officer report explaining the decision will be available to view online.

**Purchase notices:** If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that the owner 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 Council which will require the Council to purchase the owner's interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Chapter I of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

**Appeals to the Secretary of State:** If your application has been **refused** by the Borough Council or **granted subject to conditions** that you are not happy with, you have the right to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate (under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990). This must be within the timeframes set out below. Please note an extension of time for lodging an appeal is unlikely to be granted except in special circumstances.

**12 weeks from the decision date above** in the case of a refusal of a 'householder' application:  
Being the refusal of an application for planning permission to alter or extend a house, or for works within the curtilage of a house; or,  
Being the refusal to approve details submitted as required by a condition imposed on a permission granted for a householder application.

**12 weeks from the decision date above** in the case of a refusal of a 'minor commercial' application:  
Being the refusal of an application for development of an existing building or part of a building currently in use for purposes in Use Classes A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5

where the proposal does not include a change of use, a change to the number of units, development that is not wholly at ground floor level and/or does not increase the gross internal area of the building.

**6 months from the decision date above** in the case of all other appeals made under s78(1) or s20 of the above Acts relating to a decision on a planning application or listed building/conservation area consent application.

**6 months from the decision date above** in the case of any appeal made under s78 (2) of the Act in respect of a failure to give a decision within the statutory period.

The Planning Inspectorate is an Executive Agency reporting to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The Inspectorate has an online appeals service with information and guidance about the process. You can submit [full application appeals](#) and [householder application appeals](#) with the new appeals service. [Other application types](#) should be submitted on the current appeal service. Alternatively, you can obtain a form from the Planning Inspectorate at Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN, 0303 444 5000 or through the [Inspectorate's website](#). Please note all documents will be published online by the Planning Inspectorate and therefore you should not include personal information you do not wish to be displayed in this way. This includes personal information of third parties.

**In the event of a grant of planning permission, please note the following:**

**Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL):** When planning permission is granted for a development that is CIL the Council will issue a liability notice as soon as practicable after the day on which the planning permission first permits development. Completing 'Form 2', the assumption of liability notice, is a statutory requirement for the liable party(ies) to be completed for all CIL liable applications. Advice on how the Regulations may impact you and how you can properly discharge the relevant legal requirements including paying any relevant CIL charge that may be due is available on our [Community Infrastructure Levy advice \(wokingham.gov.uk\)](http://wokingham.gov.uk) website pages.

**Discharge of Conditions:** This consent may contain conditions that require further approval by submission of an application for approval of details reserved by condition and the appropriate fee. Application forms can be obtained for this purpose by visiting the [Planning Portal](#).

**Street Naming and Numbering for new dwellings:** If this notice relates to approval of new dwellings, please ensure that you contact the Council at least 16 weeks before the commencement on site to arrange for an address and post code to be allocated. Details can be obtained from [streetnamingandnumbering@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:streetnamingandnumbering@wokingham.gov.uk). Failure to contact the street naming and numbering department at least 16 weeks before commencement on site will result in the addressing and post code for the development being delayed.

**Access to privately owned land:** The applicant is reminded that this permission does not give right of entry to land not in the ownership of the applicant. Permission must be sought from any other landowner(s) if access is required.

**Gas Mains and Services:** Building over a gas main or service that is located within your site could cause damage to pipework or potential gas leaks within buildings. You should check for information relating to services within your site at [Home - LineSearchBeforeUdig \(lsbud.co.uk\)](http://Home-LineSearchBeforeUdig.lsbud.co.uk) and contact the Plant Protection Team at SGN on 0800 912 1722 or [plantlocation@sgn.co.uk](mailto:plantlocation@sgn.co.uk). If necessary, contact National Gas Transmission for high pressure gas pipelines on [box.assetprotection@nationalgas.com](mailto:box.assetprotection@nationalgas.com) or 0800 970 7000.

**Building Regulations:** The development subject to this permission may also require Building Regulation approval to ensure it is built to national safety, design, and environmental standards. The Council's Local Authority Building Control (LABC) service offers a full range of plan approval, inspection, and associated services through an ISO9001 nationally accredited team of qualified building surveyors. These surveyors work closely with the Council's planning department to ensure the appropriate construction of your build. To find out more visit the Council's [Building Control website](#) or call 0300 790 0580 to speak to a member of the team.

**Fire Regulations:** In accordance with the Berkshire Act 1986, when Building Regulation applications are submitted for building(s) or extensions, the Local Authority will reject the plans unless, after consultation with the fire authority, they are satisfied that the plans show the following:

- i) That there will be adequate means of access for the fire brigade to the building(s) or the extended building(s); and,
- ii) That the building(s) or extension(s) will not render inadequate any existing means of access for the fire brigade to a neighbouring building.

**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 the development of land in England is deemed to have been granted subject to the condition “(the 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 Wokingham Borough Council.

**Biodiversity Net Gain Exemptions and Transitional Arrangements:** There are statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements which mean that the biodiversity gain condition does not always apply. These are set out in [paragraph 17 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990](#) the [Biodiversity](#)

[Gain Requirements \(Exemptions\) Regulations 2024](#), and [The Environment Act 2021 \(Commencement No. 8 and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2024](#).

**Biodiversity Net Gain 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. 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.

**Biodiversity Net Gain Section 73(2D):** 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.

**Biodiversity Net Gain Phase Development:** If the permission which has been granted has the effect of requiring or permitting the development to proceed in phases, the modifications in respect of the biodiversity gain condition which are set out in Part 2 of [The Biodiversity Gain \(Town and Country Planning\) \(Modifications and Amendments\) \(England\) Regulations 2024](#) apply. In summary: Biodiversity gain plans are required to be submitted to, and approved by, the planning authority before development may be begun (the overall plan), and before each phase of development may be begun (phase plans).