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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)  
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2015**

**APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGE OF PLANNING CONDITION**

**REFERENCE:** DM/25/0943

**DESCRIPTION:** DISCHARGE OF PLANNING CONDITIONS NOS 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 14 AND 17 TO DM/24/3126.

**LOCATION:** TOWNHOUSE FARM COTTAGES, CHURCH LANE, ARDINGLY, WEST SUSSEX

**DECISION DATE:** 18 JUN 2025

**CASE OFFICER:** JOANNE FISHER - JOANNE.FISHER@MIDSUSSEX.GOV.UK

I refer to your application for approval of details reserved by condition received 4th April 2025.

The Authority has considered your application, and I can confirm the following:-

**Conditions:**

6. The details submitted including that of the further information provided on the 27th May is considered acceptable. In light of the above I hereby discharge condition 6 attached to planning reference DM/24/3126.

Unfortunately I am unable to formally discharge the following condition(s) for the reason(s) below:

3. The Council's Drainage Engineer has provided the following comments:

Surface Water

*It is proposed for an attenuation tank to be utilised to discharge surface water from the site at an attenuated rate to a wet ditch. This is considered acceptable in principle.*

*Details should be provided for both the surface and foul water discharge locations into the wet ditch.*

*Information should be provided that considers the impact a flooded outfall could have on the proposed drainage system.*

*Management and maintenance details should be provided for the attenuation tank.*

*Upon receipt of this additional information, we will be able to comment further.*

**Foul Water**

*It is proposed for foul water to discharge into a wet ditch via a Klargestester. This is considered acceptable in principle.*

*Evidence should be supplied that the Klargestester has sufficient offsets.*

*Information should be provided that confirms if the site meets the EA general binding rules.*

*Upon receipt of this additional information, we will be able to comment further.'*

I am therefore currently **unable** to discharge condition 3 attached to planning reference DM/24/3126.

4. The Council's Drainage Engineer has provided the following comments:

*'Flood mitigation measures for the development have been supplied. However, the applicant needs to supply details of exactly which mitigation measures will be implemented along with a timetable of implementation.*

*Upon receipt of this additional information, we will be able to comment further.'*

I am therefore currently **unable** to discharge condition 4 attached to planning reference DM/24/3126.

10. The information provided on the 23rd May concerning the screening enclosure around the pool plant, including the 'pool pod' and air source heat pump shows that this would be screened from the east and south by the approved landscaping scheme of hedging. However, due to the potentially ephemeral nature of such planting, and as the southern terrace hedging is more marked for planting within the garden rather than on its boundary (which the occupiers of the house are likely to wish to retain for privacy), it is considered that an appropriate timber screen is also installed just to the area to the top of the retaining wall which is directly adjacent to the pool ASHP. I would therefore be grateful if this detail can be added to the plans and provided. In light of this I am currently **unable** to discharge condition 10 attached to planning reference DM/24/3126.

14. The Council's Contaminated Land Officer has considered the submitted information and has provided the following comments:

*'The report submitted by the applicant indicates that a kerosene heating oil spill occurred at No.1 and No.2 Townhouse Cottages, Ardingly, in 2021. Remediation efforts were completed in 2024, and validation samples from the remaining soils show contamination levels below laboratory detection limits.*

*Given the presence of a basement in the proposed development, the report recommends installing a hydrocarbon and gas protection membrane within the development. This measure is appropriate and aligns with best practices, providing an additional layer of protection against potential residual contamination and ground gases.*

*The applicant should submit a detailed plan for the installation of the hydrocarbon and gas protection membrane, including specifications and installation guidelines, as well as proposed verification. Upon completion of these steps, the applicant should submit a final report to the Local Planning Authority (LPA), including the details of the installed protection membrane, with photos of it installed and sign-off sheets.*

*Based on the information provided, the remediation efforts appear to be thorough, and the proposed additional protection measures are appropriate. As such, condition 14 can be discharged upon receipt and approval of the final verification documentation for the gas protection membrane by the LPA.'*

Whilst a pre-verification report has also been submitted this condition cannot be fully discharged until the works are complete and a final verification report has been submitted for full consideration.

In light of the above, further information is required to be submitted as set out above and I am currently **unable** to discharge condition 14 attached to planning reference DM/24/3126.

I would appreciate your attention to the above matter, please submit the outstanding requirements as soon as possible, in order that this matter can be given further consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Biggs', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ann Biggs  
Assistant Director Planning and Sustainable Economy

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## APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

### Notes for Applicants

If you are aggrieved by the decision of your Local Planning Authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

However, if

- (i) this is a decision on a planning application relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice, and you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice; or
- (ii) an enforcement notice is subsequently served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within:
  - 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or
  - within 12 weeks in the case of a householder appeal of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.

If you want to appeal, then you must do so using a form which you can get from The Secretary of State at Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN or online at [www.planningportal.gov.uk/pes](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/pes).

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that the Local Planning Authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions it imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of the development order and to any directions given under the order.

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