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Application for Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

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

Site Location

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

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

Number

Suffix

Property Name

Edwards Ltd

Address Line 1

Innovation Drive

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

West Sussex

Town/city

Burgess Hill

Postcode

RH15 9TW

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

Easting (x)

529582

Northing (y)

118730

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Steve

Surname

Hayes

Company Name

Edwards Ltd

Address

Address line 1

Innovation Drive

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Burgess Hill

County

West Sussex

Country

Postcode

RH15 9TW

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

County

Country

Postcode

Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

Site Area

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

15648.25

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

The proposed development comprises the installation of an over-roof system to the existing building in order to improve its thermal performance and overall longevity.

The building was originally constructed in 1995, with subsequent extensions undertaken in 2002 and circa 2015, including improvements to the reception area. The existing roof structure is now dated and performs poorly in terms of thermal efficiency.

The works involve the installation of a new metal over-roof system, finished in a colour to match the existing roof, supported on a new lightweight metal framework. Insulation will be incorporated between the existing and proposed roof structures, together with a vapour control layer, all mechanically fixed to the existing roof. The proposed works will result in a modest increase in roof height of approximately 250mm.

Existing rooflights will be replaced with new units to match the current appearance, with a limited number removed where they are no longer required.

The existing siphonic drainage system, which is prone to leakage due to age, will be replaced with a new gravity-fed system incorporating external gutters and downpipes. These elements will be finished in a dark grey colour to align with the building's existing architectural features, including the more recent reception extension, and will connect into the existing drainage infrastructure.

The external appearance of the building will remain largely unchanged. The introduction of external gutters and downpipes represents the only notable alteration and these will be designed to integrate with the existing finishes such that their visual impact is minimal.

Has the work or change of use already started?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

The site is currently in mixed use comprising office accommodation, warehouse space and laboratory facilities. The use falls within Use Class E (commercial, business and service) of the Town and Country Planning Order 1987 (as amended), with ancillary storage and operational areas supporting the primary business functions.

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:

Roof

Existing materials and finishes:

Grey insulated roof panel

Proposed materials and finishes:

Grey insulated roof panel

Type:

Windows

Existing materials and finishes:

GRP fibreglass rooflights

Proposed materials and finishes:

GRP fibreglass rooflights

Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

Gutter System

Existing materials and finishes:

None (siphonic drainage system)

Proposed materials and finishes:

Aluminium gutter system and RWP's in black

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

Planning Statement - 2085/PS/V1

2085/P/01 - Site Plan

2085/P/02 - Existing Elevations

2085/P/03 - Proposed Elevations

2085/P/04 - Roof Plans

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

Please provide information on the existing and proposed number of on-site parking spaces

Vehicle Type:

Cars

Existing number of spaces:

249

Total proposed (including spaces retained):

249

Difference in spaces:

0

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

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.

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

Biodiversity net gain has been introduced as a general condition for planning permission. As set out in [The Environment Act 2021](#): "grants of planning permission in England [are] to be subject to a condition to secure that the biodiversity gain objective is met". Therefore, in England, all planning permissions are generally subject to biodiversity gain rules, unless they are specifically exempt or out of scope.

If you have stated that the biodiversity net gain requirement does not apply to your application you must provide the reason(s) why, and may also need to supply evidence (especially where you believe the application is eligible for the 'de minimis' exemption).

Please add all the reasons why biodiversity net gain does not apply and enter a justification for each one

Reason biodiversity net gain does not apply:
Development subject to the de minimis exemption (development below the threshold)

What best describes the size of your site?:
Under 25 square metres

Please justify the reason why biodiversity net gain does not apply:
Th net increase of roof/ building increase is 0 sq m

Note: Please read the help text for further information why developments may be exempt or not in scope.

Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

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

Other

Not Applicable

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ Unknown

Waste Storage and Collection

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

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

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

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Trade Effluent

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

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Residential/Dwelling Units

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

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

All Types of Development: Non-Residential Floorspace

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

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

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Employment

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

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Existing Employees

Please complete the following information regarding existing employees:

Full-time

140

Part-time

40

Total full-time equivalent

160.00

Proposed Employees

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

Full-time

Part-time

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

DM/26/0668

Date (must be pre-application submission)

16/03/2026

Details of the pre-application advice received

Thank you for your recent enquiry received on the 16th March 2026 regarding the above proposal.

You advise that you intend to over-roof the existing roof to improve the thermal performance of the building. The new roof would be constructed from coloured sheeting to match the existing roof and would be fixed over new metal framework with fibreglass insulation between; the proposal would increase the height of the existing roof by a maximum of 275 mm. Existing roof lights are also proposed to be replaced or removed and the existing siphonic drainage system for the roof would be replaced with gravity fed gutters and downpipes that connect to the existing drainage system.

When outline planning permission was originally granted for the building in 1995 under planning reference HP/046/95, the following planning condition was imposed:

18. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Order 1995 no extension or alteration of the industrial building/ warehouse, including the insertion of a mezzanine floor shall be carried out without the specific grant of planning permission from the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that adequate and satisfactory provision is made for the parking of vehicles clear of the highway,

In view of this condition restricting permitted development rights, I consider that planning permission would be required to carry out the proposed works. Further guidance on how to submit a full planning application can be found on the Council's website at the following link: <https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/planning-building/apply-for-planning-permission/> .

Based on the information contained in your enquiry and the fact that complementary materials would be used to match the existing building, my informal opinion is that the local planning authority would not be likely to raise concerns were a planning application submitted.

The above represents my informal view only based on the information contained in your enquiry. Should you require a formal determination as to whether planning permission is required for your proposal then it is open to you to make an application to this authority for a Certificate of Lawful Development, under Section 191/192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Planning and Compensation Act 1991.

The views expressed in this letter are at officer level only and do not prejudice the Council from making whatever decision it considers appropriate on any application subsequently submitted.

Authority Employee/Member

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

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

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

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

Do any of the above statements apply?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Ownership Certificates and Agricultural Land Declaration

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

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

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

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

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

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate A

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

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

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

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

Person Role

- ☐ The Applicant
- ☒ The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Adam

Surname

Gordon

Declaration Date

20/04/2026

☒ 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

Adam Gordon

Date

29/04/2026