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REF: DM/25/2656
DATE: 4th March 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

**Walnut Marches Crawley Down Road Felbridge East Grinstead
Variation of conditions no's 13 (Ecology mitigation and enhancement measures) and 24
(approved plans) relating to planning application DM/23/0990**

I advise that your application DM/25/2656 was **Granted Permission** on **4th March 2026**.

I enclose a copy of the Decision Notice in relation to the above application. If you are acting as an Agent please ensure that a copy is given to the applicant. **Please read the notes accompanying this decision notice carefully.**

Please also be advised that this permission does not constitute an approval under Building Regulations. Before you proceed with your proposal you should ensure that a Building Control application is not required, or has been submitted.

Yours faithfully



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

PERMISSION

REFERENCE: DM/25/2656

DESCRIPTION: VARIATION OF CONDITIONS NO'S 13 (ECOLOGY MITIGATION AND ENHANCEMENT MEASURES) AND 24 (APPROVED PLANS) RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATION DM/23/0990

LOCATION: WALNUT MARCHES, CRAWLEY DOWN ROAD, FELBRIDGE, EAST GRINSTEAD

DECISION DATE: 4 MAR 2026

CASE OFFICER: CAROLINE GRIST - CAROLINE.GRIST@MIDSUSSEX.GOV.UK

The Council hereby notify you that they **GRANT** planning permission for the above development to be carried out in accordance with the submitted application and plans and subject to compliance with the following conditions:-

Conditions

1. Time Limit

The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 3 years from the date of the original permission DM/23/0990 dated 15 April 2025.

Reason: To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2. Pre-development

Prior to the commencement of any development above ground/slab level a schedule of materials and finishes to be used for the external walls, roofs and fenestration of the proposed buildings shall have been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. The works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details unless otherwise agreed with the Local Planning Authority in writing.

Reason: To achieve a development of visual quality and to accord with Policy DP26 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

3. Prior to the commencement of any development above ground/slab level, including demolition and the construction of foundations, a scheme of soft landscaping for the site shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The soft landscaping details shall include planting (with planting plans using native species), schedules of trees, hedgerows and plants noting species, plant sizes and proposed numbers/ densities, details of tree pits and soil volumes.

The approved scheme of soft landscaping works shall be implemented not later than the first planting season following commencement of the development (or within such extended period as may first be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority). Any planting removed, dying or becoming seriously damaged or diseased within five years of planting shall be replaced within the first available planting season thereafter with planting of similar size and species unless the Local Planning Authority gives written consent for any variation.

Reason: To achieve a development of visual quality and to accord with Policies DP26 and DP37 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

4. Prior to the commencement of any development above ground/slab level a scheme a hard landscaping scheme for the site shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. These details shall include, but not necessarily limited to, all hard surfacing materials, means of enclosure and other boundary treatments, car parking layouts, other vehicle and pedestrian access and circulation areas and other elements used throughout the landscape.

The scheme shall be implemented prior to the occupation of any part of the development (or within such extended period as may first be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority).

Reason: To achieve a development of visual quality, to protect neighbouring residential amenity and to accord with Policy DP26 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

5. No development shall take place until details of the existing and proposed site levels have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall only be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure that the development does not prejudice the amenities of adjacent residents or the appearance of the locality and to accord with Policy DP26 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

6. The development hereby permitted shall not commence unless and until details of the proposed foul and surface water drainage and means of disposal have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. No building shall be occupied until all the approved drainage works have been carried out in

accordance with the approved details. The details shall include a timetable for its implementation and a management and maintenance plan for the lifetime of the development which shall include arrangements for adoption by any public authority or statutory undertaker and any other arrangements to secure the operation of the scheme throughout its lifetime. Maintenance and management during the lifetime of the development should be in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure that the proposal is satisfactorily drained and to accord with the NPPF requirements and Policy DP41 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

7. No development shall take place, including any works of demolition, until a Construction and Environmental Management Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter the approved Plan shall be implemented and adhered to throughout the entire construction period. The Plan shall provide details as appropriate but not necessarily be restricted to the following matters;

- the anticipated number, frequency and types of vehicles used during construction;
- the method of access and routing of vehicles during construction;
- the parking of vehicles by site operatives and visitors;
- the loading and unloading of plant, materials and waste;
- the storage of plant and materials used in construction of the development;
- the erection and maintenance of security hoarding;
- the provision of wheel washing facilities and other works required to mitigate the impact of construction upon the public highway (including the provision of temporary Traffic Regulation Orders);
- details of public engagement both prior to and during construction works, including site contact details in case of complaints;
- measures to control noise and vibration affecting nearby residents;
- artificial illumination;
- pollution incident control; and
- dust control measures.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety and the amenities of the area, to protect the amenity of local residents from noise and dust emissions during construction and to comply with Policies DP21, DP26 and DP29 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

8. Prior to commencement of any development, including any works of demolition a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP: Biodiversity) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The CEMP (Biodiversity) shall include the following.

- a) Risk assessment of potentially damaging construction activities.
- b) Identification of "biodiversity protection zones".
- 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.

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 conserve protected and Priority species and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species) and to accord with Policy DP38 of the District Plan.

9. Prior to the commencement of any development above ground/slab level, a Biodiversity Enhancement Layout, providing the finalised details and locations of the enhancement measures contained within the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Deepdene Ecology Ltd., January 2023), shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

The enhancement measures shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details prior to occupation and all features shall be retained in that manner thereafter.

Reason: To enhance protected and Priority species & habitats and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the NPPF 2021 and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species) and to accord with Policy DP38 of the District Plan.

10. A Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) shall be submitted to, and be approved in writing by, the local planning authority prior to commencement of the development including works of demolition.

The content of the LEMP 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 organisation responsible for implementation of the plan.
- h) Ongoing monitoring and remedial measures.

The LEMP 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 LEMP 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 allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species) and to accord with Policy DP38 of the District Plan.

11. Any works which will impact the breeding / resting place of bats, shall not in in any circumstances commence unless the local planning authority has been provided with either:
- a) a licence issued by Natural England pursuant to Regulation 55 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) authorizing the specified activity/development to go ahead; or
 - b) evidence of site registration supplied by an individual registered to use a Bat Mitigation Class Licence; or
 - c) a statement in writing from the Natural England to the effect that it does not consider that the specified activity/development will require a licence."

Reason: To conserve protected species and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and s17 Crime & Disorder Act 1998 and to accord with Policy DP38 of the District Plan.

12. **Archaeological Evaluation and Excavation**

(i) The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the updated Written Scheme of Investigation approved under condition 12 of application DM/25/1063.

(ii) No development or preliminary groundworks of any kind shall take place until the completion of the programme of archaeological investigation identified in the Written Scheme of Investigation defined in (i) above.

(iii) The applicant will submit to the local planning authority a post excavation assessment (to be submitted within six months of the completion of the fieldwork, unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Planning Authority). This will result in the completion of post excavation analysis, preparation of a full site archive and report ready for deposition at the local museum, and submission of a publication report.

Reason: In the interest of archaeology and to accord with Policy DP34 of the District Plan and the NPPF.

13. **Construction phase**

All mitigation and enhancement measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the details contained in the Bat Survey Report v03 (Deepdene Ecology Ltd., December 2025) and the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Deepdene Ecology Ltd., January 2023), as already submitted with the planning application and agreed in principle with the local planning authority prior to determination.

This will include the appointment of an appropriately competent person e.g. an ecological clerk of works (ECoW) to provide on-site ecological expertise during construction. The appointed person shall undertake all activities, and works shall be carried out, in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To conserve and enhance protected and Priority species and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations

2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 as amended and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species) and to accord with Policy DP38 of the District Plan.

14. No work for the implementation of the development hereby permitted shall be undertaken on the site on Sundays or Bank/Public Holidays or at any time other than between the hours 8am and 6pm on Mondays to Fridays and between 9am and 1pm Saturdays.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of nearby residents and to accord with Policies DP26 and DP29 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

15. Deliveries or collection of plant, equipment or materials for use during the demolition/construction phase shall be limited to the following times:

- Monday to Friday: 08:00 - 18:00 hrs
- Saturday: 09:00 - 13:00 hrs
- Sundays and Bank/Public Holidays: None permitted

Reason: To protect the amenity of local residents and to accord with Policies DP26 and DP29 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

16. **Pre-occupation conditions**

No part of the development shall be first occupied until such time as a lighting design scheme for biodiversity has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The scheme shall identify those features on site that are particularly sensitive for bats and that are likely to cause disturbance along important routes used for foraging; and show how and where external lighting will be installed (through the provision of appropriate lighting contour plans, Isolux drawings and technical specifications) so that it can be clearly demonstrated that areas to be lit will not disturb or prevent bats using their territory.

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

Reason: To allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 as amended and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species) and to accord with Policy DP38 of the District Plan.

17. No building is to be occupied, or brought into use, until a Verification Report pertaining to the surface water drainage system, carried out by a competent Engineer, has been submitted to the Local Planning Authority. The Verification Report shall demonstrate the suitable operation of the drainage system such that flood risk is appropriately managed, as approved by the Lead Local Flood Authority. The Report shall contain information and evidence (including photographs) of earthworks; details and locations of inlets, outlets, and control structures; extent of planting; details of materials utilised in construction including subsoil, topsoil, aggregate and membrane liners; full as built drawings; and topographical survey of

'as constructed' features. The Verification Report should also include an indication of the adopting or maintaining authority or organisation.

Reason: To ensure that the constructed surface water drainage system complies with the approved drainage design and is maintainable and to comply with Policy DP41 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

18. The development shall be constructed in accordance with the applicant's Sustainability Statement (received 11th April 2023). No part of the development shall be first occupied unless or until the ground source heat pumps and solar panels have been installed in accordance with details (showing siting and design) to first be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The development shall proceed only in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: In the interests of sustainability and to accord with Policy DP39 of the District Plan.

19. No part of the development shall be first occupied until the car parking spaces have been constructed in accordance with plans and details to be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. These spaces shall thereafter be retained at all times for their designated purpose.

Reason: To provide car-parking space for the use and to comply with Policy DP21 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

20. No part of the development shall be first occupied until covered and secure cycle parking spaces have been provided in accordance with plans and details to be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To provide alternative travel options to the use of the car in accordance with current sustainable transport policies and to comply with Policy DP21 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

21. Before the development hereby permitted is occupied, refuse and recycling facilities shall be provided as part of the development in accordance with plans to first be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

Reason: To safeguard the appearance of the development and to accord with Policy DP26 of the District Plan

22. A minimum of 20 percent of the dwellings shall be built to meet national standards for accessibility and adaptability (Category M4(2) of the Building Regulations). These shall be fully implemented prior to completion of the development and thereafter be so maintained and retained. No dwelling shall be occupied until a verification report confirming compliance with category M4(2) has been submitted to and agreed with the Local Planning Authority. Unless an exception is otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that the development provides a range of house types to meet accessibility and adaptability needs to comply with Policy DP28 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

23. **Post Occupation/Future Management**

The window serving the ensuite to plots 3 and 4 on the east elevations at first floor level (as shown on approved plans) shall at all times be glazed with obscured glass fixed to be top vent opening only.

Reason: To protect the amenities and privacy of the adjoining property and to accord with Policy DP24 of the District Plan.

24. **Approved Plans**

The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the plans listed below under the heading 'Plans Referred to in Consideration of this Applications'.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of proper planning.

Biodiversity Net Gain

1. This permission is considered to be one which **will not require the approval of a biodiversity gain plan before development is began** because it is considered that one or more of the statutory exemptions or transitional arrangements is considered to apply.

Please see the information contained within the notes to applicants/agents set out below.

Informatives

1. You are advised that this planning permission requires compliance with a planning condition(s) before development commences. You are therefore advised to contact the case officer as soon as possible, or you can obtain further information from: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/use-of-planning-conditions#discharging-andmodifyingconditions> (Fee of £298 will be payable per request). If you carry out works prior to a predevelopment condition being discharged then a lawful start will not have been made and you will be liable to enforcement action.
2. No burning of demolition/construction waste materials shall take place on site.
3. Your attention is drawn to the comments of West Sussex County Council's Rights of Way Officer where your responsibilities are highlighted.
4. Your attention is drawn to the advice and recommendations of Southern Water.
5. Part of the red line boundary of the application site, where the proposed access joins Crawley Down Road, falls within Tandridge District Council. As such you will also need planning permission from Tandridge District Council to implement the development.
6. In accordance with Article 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, the Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by identifying matters of concern within the application (as originally submitted) and negotiating, with the Applicant, acceptable amendments to the proposal to address those concerns. As a result, the Local Planning Authority has been able to grant planning permission for an

acceptable proposal, in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

Human Rights Implications

The planning application has been considered in light of statute and case law and any interference with an individual's human rights is considered to be proportionate to the aims sought to be realised.

Plans Referred to in Consideration of this Application

The following plans and documents were considered when making the above decision:

Plan Type	Reference	Version	Submitted Date
Location Plan			17.10.2025
Proposed Floor and Elevations Plan	Plot 2 and 3		17.10.2025
Proposed Floor and Elevations Plan	Plot 4 and 5		17.10.2025
Proposed Site Plan		D	17.10.2025
Existing Site Plan			11.04.2023
Existing Floor and Elevations Plan			11.04.2023
Proposed Floor and Elevations Plan	Plot 1 and 6	B	10.07.2024
Drainage Details	7219-260	A	13.06.2023
Drainage Details	7219-200	A	13.06.2023
Drainage Details	7219-201	A	13.06.2023
Landscaping Details	tree plan	B	10.07.2024
Tree Survey			10.07.2024



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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 under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 6 months (8 weeks in the case of advertisements, 12 weeks in the case of householder or minor commercial development) of the date of this notice *(see exceptions below)

Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>. If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on Tel: 0303 444 5000.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but 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 the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. Further details are on GOV.uk.

- * If this decision relates to the same or substantially the same land and development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice, 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 this notice.*
- * If an enforcement notice is 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 6 months (12 weeks in the case of a householder appeal) of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.*

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 Mid Sussex District Council.

There are statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements which mean that the biodiversity gain condition does not always apply.

Statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements in respect of the biodiversity gain condition that apply in this instance

The planning permission was granted on an application made under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and

- (i) The original planning permission to which the Section 73 planning permission relates* was granted before 12th February 2024, or
- (ii) The application for the original planning permission* to which the Section 73 planning permission relates was made before 12th February 2024.

* "original planning permission means the permission to which the Section 73 planning permission relates" means a planning permission which is the first in a sequence of two or more planning permissions, where the second and any subsequent planning permissions are Section 73 planning permissions.

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 for the content and approval of Biodiversity Gain Plans.

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 replaceable 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.

The effect of section 73D of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

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.

The effect of Paragraph 19 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

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).

Purchase Notices

If either the Local Planning Authority or Secretary of States refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he 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 District Council. This notice will require the Council to purchase their interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.