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REF: DM/25/2616  
DATE: 24th December 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

**Land At Hurstpierpoint College Malthouse Lane Hurstpierpoint West Sussex  
Erection of four residential dwellings (2 no. two-bedroom and 2 no. three-bedroom staff  
accommodation units) with associated parking, landscaping, access improvements, and  
sustainable drainage measures, on land east of Malthouse Lane**

I advise that your application DM/25/2616 was **Granted Permission** on **24th December 2025**.

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/25/2616**

**DESCRIPTION: ERECTION OF FOUR RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS (2 NO. TWO-BEDROOM AND 2 NO. THREE-BEDROOM STAFF ACCOMMODATION UNITS) WITH ASSOCIATED PARKING, LANDSCAPING, ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS, AND SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE MEASURES, ON LAND EAST OF MALTHOUSE LANE**

**LOCATION: LAND AT HURSTPIERPOINT COLLEGE , MALTHOUSE LANE, HURSTPIERPOINT, WEST SUSSEX**

**DECISION DATE: 24 DEC 2025**

**CASE OFFICER: ANDREW WATT - ANDY.WATT@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. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 3 years from the date of this permission.

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

2. **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 Application".

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

**3. Pre-commencement conditions**

No development above ground floor slab level shall 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.

**4. No development above ground floor slab level shall commence until detailed drawings at an appropriate large scale, including sections, and annotated to show materials and finishes, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority showing the following:**

- typical examples of windows and external doors
- typical eaves detail
- rainwater goods and other external pipework to be of painted metal

The development shall not be carried out otherwise than in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure these aspects of the development are compatible with the design of the building and the character of the area and to accord with Policy DP26 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

**5. Prior to any works above slab level, a Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy for protected, Priority and threatened species, prepared by a suitably qualified ecologist in line with the recommendations of the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Arbtech Ltd, March 2025), shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.**

The content of the Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy shall include the following:

- a) Purpose and conservation objectives for the proposed enhancement measures;
- b) detailed designs or product descriptions to achieve stated objectives;
- c) locations of proposed enhancement measures by appropriate maps and plans (where relevant);
- d) persons responsible for implementing the enhancement measures; and
- e) details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance (where relevant).

The works shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details shall be retained in that manner thereafter.

Reason: To enhance protected, Priority and threatened species and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under paragraph 187d of NPPF 2024 and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (as amended).

6. **Construction phase**

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.

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

Monday to Friday: 08:00 - 18:00 hrs;  
Saturday: 09:00 - 13:00 hrs  
Sunday and Public/Bank 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.

8. **Pre-occupation conditions**

No part of the development hereby permitted shall be occupied until details of proposed boundary screen walls/fences/hedges have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and until such boundary screen walls/fences/hedges associated with them have been erected or planted. The boundary treatments approved shall remain in place in perpetuity or unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to protect the appearance of the area and protect the amenities of adjacent residents and to accord with Policy DP26 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

9. Prior to occupation, a "lighting design strategy for biodiversity" in accordance with Guidance Note 08/23 (Institute of Lighting Professionals) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The strategy shall:

a) identify those areas/features on site that are particularly sensitive for bats and that are likely to cause disturbance in or around their breeding sites and resting places or along important routes used to access key areas of their territory, for example, for foraging; and  
b) show how and where external lighting will be installed (through provision of appropriate technical specifications) so that it can be clearly demonstrated that areas to be lit will not disturb or prevent the above species using their territory or having access to their breeding sites and resting places.

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 (as amended).

10. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the submitted Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection

Plan (ref: Arbtech TPP 01), submitted on 17 December 2025. The works shall be carried out prior to the occupation of any part of the development or in accordance with the programme agreed by the Local Planning Authority. Any trees or plants which, within a period of five years from the completion of development, die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased, shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species, unless the Local Planning Authority gives written consent to any variation.

Reason: To ensure the retention and maintenance of trees that are an important feature of the area and to accord with Policy DP37 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

11. No part of the development shall be first occupied until the car parking has been constructed in accordance with the approved site plan. 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.

12. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the Sustainability Statement submitted as part of the application. On completion of the development, an independent final report shall be prepared and submitted to the Local Planning Authority to demonstrate that the proposals in the Statement have been implemented.

Reason: To ensure that measures to make the development sustainable and efficient in the use of energy, water and materials are included in the development, in accordance with the NPPF requirements, Policies DP26 and DP39 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

13. **Post-occupation monitoring / management conditions**

The materials and finishes of the external walls and roof(s) of the development hereby permitted shall be implemented in accordance with the submitted schedule specified on the approved drawings.

Reason: To enable the Local Planning Authority to control the development in detail in the interests of amenity by endeavouring to achieve a development of visual quality and to accord with Policy DP26 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

14. No part of the development hereby permitted shall be first occupied until covered and secure cycle parking spaces have been provided in accordance with the approved plans. These facilities shall thereafter be retained for their designated use.

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.

15. The refuse/recycling storage area shall be implemented in accordance with the approved plans and made available for use prior to the first occupation of the dwellings at all times thereafter.

Reason: In the interests of the amenities of the area, to comply with Policy DP26 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

16. All mitigation measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the details contained in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Arbtech Ltd, March 2025) as already

submitted with the planning application and agreed in principle with the local planning authority prior to determination.

This may 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 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 (as amended).

17. The dwellings hereby permitted shall be occupied solely by staff working at Hurstpierpoint College and their families and shall not be used as a separate unit of accommodation.

Reason: The establishment of an additional independent unit of accommodation would give rise to an over-intensive use of the site and lead to an unsatisfactory relationship between independent dwellings and to accord with Policy DP26 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

### **Biodiversity Net Gain**

1. This permission is considered to be one which **will require the approval of a biodiversity gain plan before development is begun** (which includes demolition) because none of the statutory exemptions or transitional arrangements are considered to apply.

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

### **Informatives**

1. 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 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 within the National Planning Policy Framework.
2. 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-and-modifying-conditions> (Fee of £145 will be payable per request). If you carry out works prior to a pre-development condition being discharged then a lawful start will not have been made and you will be liable to enforcement action.
3. The proposed development will require formal address allocation. You are advised to contact the Council's Street Naming and Numbering Officer before work starts on site. Details of fees and developers advice can be found at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/streetnaming](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/streetnaming) or by phone on 01444 477175.
4. Your attention is drawn to the requirements of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 with regard to your duty of care not to cause the neighbours of the site a nuisance.

Accordingly, you are requested that:

- Hours of construction/demolition on site are restricted only to: Mondays to Fridays 0800 - 1800 hrs, Saturdays 0900 - 1300 hrs, No construction/demolition work on Sundays or Public Holidays.
- Measures shall be implemented to prevent dust generated on site from crossing the site boundary during the demolition/construction phase of the development.
- No burning of materials shall take place on site at any time.

If you require any further information on these issues, please contact Environmental Protection on 01444 477292.

5. Your attention is drawn to the comments of Southern Water dated 1 December 2025.

### **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:

<b>Plan Type</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Version</b>	<b>Submitted Date</b>
Location and Block Plan	AL99		15.10.2025
Existing Site Plan	AL100		15.10.2025
Proposed Site Plan	AL200		15.10.2025
Proposed Floor Plans	AL201	Plots 3 and 4	15.10.2025
Proposed Elevations	AL202	Plots 3 and 4	15.10.2025
Proposed Sections	AL203	Plots 3 and 4	15.10.2025
Proposed Floor Plans	AL204	Plots 1 and 2	15.10.2025
Proposed Elevations	AL205	Plots 1 and 2	15.10.2025
Proposed Sections	AL206	Plots 1 and 2	15.10.2025
Street Scene	AL207		15.10.2025
Planning Layout	12337-HOP-17- XX-DR-C-8010	P02	15.10.2025
Drainage Details	12337-HOP-17- XX-DR-C-8011	P01	15.10.2025



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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](mailto: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

##### 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 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.

##### 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.