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Hammonds Mill Farm Estate, Hassocks, BN6 9NB

Proposed conversion of four agricultural barn buildings into four residential dwellings

Class Q Application for Prior Approval (under the Transitional Provisions)

The above application has been submitted via the Planning Portal, including drawings and supporting documents, which are listed in the Schedule of Drawings and Documents accompanying the application.

The proposed conversions are the same as the proposed scheme which was given Prior Approval on 7 March 2022, by MSDC, ref DM/21/3330.

As that PA is about to lapse, before all the assessments necessary to comply with pre start conditions and other considerations can be completed, a new application is therefore being submitted.

The Schedule of Drawings and Supporting Documents cross references the drawing numbers and titles from the 2021/2022 application (as listed in the Decision Notice) with the 2025 application drawing numbers and titles. The 2021/2022 main drawing numbers are retained, for ease of cross checking, but a 2025 prefix has been added, to identify them as the drawings submitted with the new application.

Supporting Documents have been reviewed and updated (no material changes) and been given a February 2025 date, to identify them as the documents submitted with the new application.

The non material updates in the supporting documents mainly relate to the alterations to the layouts of the proposed dwellings within the barn footprints, which resulted from discussions with the planning officer and conservation officer during the 2021/2022 determination period, which post dated the submission of the supporting documents.

This also accounts for the difference in description of the new application as 'Proposed conversion of **four** agricultural barn buildings into four residential dwelling units', whereas the 2022 Decision Notice description is 'Proposed conversion of **three** agricultural barn buildings into four residential dwelling units'.

The 2022 description however did not coordinate with the revised and approved drawings which were listed on the 2022 Decision Notice and which showed that the four residential dwellings were located within the footprints of four agricultural barn buildings, as agreed with the planning officer and conservation officer during the determination period. (amended drawings having been issued and referred to in the Decision Notice)

Hopefully this clarifies that the new application is, in fact, the same proposals and scheme which was given Prior Approval in 2022 and hence the new application is made under the Class Q 'Transitional Provisions' rather than under the new Class Q rules.

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