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REF: DM/26/0064
DATE: 7th April 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

**Land Adj. To Hounds Cottage Wall Hill Road Ashurst Wood East Grinstead
Demolition of existing storage building and erection of a detached two-storey, 3-bedroom
house with single-storey detached garage and associated access and landscaping**

I advise that your application DM/26/0064 was **Granted Permission** on **7th April 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/26/0064

DESCRIPTION: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STORAGE BUILDING AND
ERECTION OF A DETACHED TWO-STOREY, 3-BEDROOM
HOUSE WITH SINGLE-STOREY DETACHED GARAGE AND
ASSOCIATED ACCESS AND LANDSCAPING

LOCATION: LAND ADJ. TO HOUNDS COTTAGE, WALL HILL ROAD,
ASHURST WOOD, EAST GRINSTEAD

DECISION DATE: 7 APR 2026

CASE OFFICER: HAMISH EVANS - HAMISH.EVANS@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. **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.

2. 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.

3. The development hereby permitted shall not commence, including any works of demolition, until a Construction 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.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety and the amenities of the area and to accord with policy DP21 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

4. Prior to the commencement of development, full details of a hard and soft landscaping scheme are submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. This should include any means of enclosure including any fences or walls. These works shall be carried out as approved. 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: In the interests of visual amenity and of the environment of the development and to accord with Policy DP26 of the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014 - 2031.

5. 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. The building shall not be occupied or brought into use, until all the approved drainage works have been carried out in accordance with the agreed details.

Reason: To ensure that the proposal is satisfactorily drained and to accord with Policy DP41 of the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014 - 2031.

6. 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 (CT Ecology, December 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, s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (as amended) and policy DP38 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

7. 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 lighting contour plans and 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), s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (as amended) and to accord with policy DP38 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

8. 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 accord with policy DP21 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

9. The development shall not be occupied until the sustainability measures set out in the accompanying Planning Statement and Design and Access Statement have been implemented in full.

Reason: In the interests of achieving an energy efficient, sustainable development and to accord with Policy DP39 of the Mid Sussex District Plan

10. The works shall be carried out in accordance with the recommendations within the Arboricultural Implication Assessment report which was submitted on the 12.01.2026.

Reason: To ensure the works are carried out to a satisfactory standard, to protect the existing trees on the site and to accord with policy DP37 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

11. All mitigation measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the details contained in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (CT Ecology, December 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. This includes the Precautionary Method Statement for mobile protected and Priority species in Section 5.18 of the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (CT Ecology, December 2025), which avoids impacts on protected species.

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), s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (as amended) and to accord with policy DP38 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

12. The garage hereby permitted shall be occupied solely for purposes incidental to the occupation and enjoyment of the new dwelling hereby approved, 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 2014 - 2031.

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. 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.

2. 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.

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 or by phone on 01444 477175.

4. The applicant is advised that if new surface / foul water discharge points are proposed into the ordinary watercourse, it is therefore important that any requirement for Ordinary Watercourse Consent (OWC) is fully considered before works are undertaken. OWC application details, including a link to guidance as to what classifies as a consentable structure/activity can be found here: Ordinary watercourse land drainage consent - West Sussex County Council

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
Existing Elevations	HC-PL-EX-E-01		12.01.2026
Location Plan	HC-PL-EX-P-01		12.01.2026
Site Plan	HC-PL-EX-P-02		12.01.2026
Existing Site Plan	HC-PL-EX-S-01		12.01.2026
Proposed Elevations	HC-PL-PR-E-01		12.01.2026
Proposed Elevations	HC-PL-PR-E-02		12.01.2026
Proposed Elevations	HC-PL-PR-E-03		12.01.2026
Proposed Elevations	HC-PL-PR-E-04		12.01.2026
Proposed Elevations	HC-PL-PR-E-05		12.01.2026
Proposed Elevations	HC-PL-PR-E-06		12.01.2026
Location Plan	HC-PL-PR-P-01		12.01.2026
Site Plan	HC-PL-PR-P-0		12.01.2026
Proposed Floor Plans	HC-PL-PR-P-03		12.01.2026
Proposed Floor Plans	HC-PL-PR-P-04		12.01.2026
Proposed Sections	HC-PL-PR-S-01		12.01.2026
Drainage Details	HC-PL-PR-P05		12.01.2026
Drainage Details	HC-PL-PR-S02		12.01.2026
Location Plan			12.01.2026

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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

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.