

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Refusal of Planning Permission

Name and Address of Applicant

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Name and Address of Agent (if any)

Part I - Particulars of Application

Date of Application

11 March 2024

Application No.

24/00229/FUL

Particulars and location of development:

Proposed development of 7 dwellings - the conversion of the existing building into 2 dwellings and 5 new build properties

Oddfellows Arms 25 Main Street Higham On The Hill Nuneaton Leicestershire

Part II - Particulars of decision

In dealing with the application, through ongoing dialogue and the proper consideration of the proposal in accordance with Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the local planning authority have attempted to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive manner by offering a pre-application advice service and by seeking solutions to problems arising in relation to dealing with the planning application as required by the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 38) and in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). However, in this instance, it has not been possible to overcome the concerns raised and the proposal remains in conflict with the provisions of the Development Plan and therefore the application has been refused.

In pursuance of its powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council refuses to permit the carrying out of the development referred to in Part I hereof for the following reason(s):-

1. The change of use of the remaining original building from a public house to residential use will result in the permanent loss of the longstanding community interest and value of the building, thus removing the positive contribution this makes to its historic interest and having an adverse impact upon its local heritage significance. Furthermore, the introduction of significant new built form onto the site within the Higham on the Hill Conservation Area would not reflect the traditional urban grain of the conservation area and would be uncharacteristic and would erode the existing open character and appearance of the area. Additionally the proposal would have a significantly detrimental urbanising effect on important views and vistas that would reduce the ability to appreciate the rural setting of the Higham on the Hill Conservation Area. For these reasons the proposal has adverse impacts upon the significance of this designated asset and this significant but less than substantial harm is not outweighed by the identified public benefits of the scheme. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policies DM11 and DM12 of the SADMP, section 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework (Dec 2023) and the statutory duty of Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposal would result in the permanent loss of a key community facility contrary to the requirements of Policy 12 of the Core Strategy and Policy DM25 of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (2016).

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3. By virtue of its scale and massing the proposal for the additional five new dwellings would result in an incongruous form of development that would be prominent in views from public vantage points and would detract significantly from the character and appearance of the application site and the area, contrary to Policy DM10 of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (2016) and the National Planning Policy Framework (Dec 2023).
4. The application fails to provide the occupiers of the dwelling on plot 1 with an adequate level of amenity as required by paragraph 135f) of the National Planning Policy Framework and the Council's Good Design Guide (2020).

NOTES TO APPLICANT :-

1. This application was assessed with reference to the plans submitted by the Applicant and received by the Local Planning Authority as follows:
 - Site Plan 22/85 55a (submitted: 15.04.2024)
 - Access to Recreation Ground (submitted: 15.04.2024)
 - Block Plan 22/85 50d (submitted: 15.04.2024)
 - Site Location Plan 22/85 57 (submitted: 13.03.2024)
 - Proposed Pub Conversion 22/85 51 (submitted: 11.03.2024)
 - Proposed Floor Plans and Elevations Belvoir 22/85 55a (submitted: 11.03.2024)
 - Proposed Floor Plans and Elevations Kenilworth 22/85 53 (submitted: 11.03.2024)
 - Proposed Floor Plans and Elevations Belvoir 22/85 52 (submitted: 11.03.2024)
 - Proposed Floor Plans and Elevations Hartshill semi 22/85 54b (submitted: 11.03.2024)
 - Street Scene 22/85 56 (submitted: 11.03.2024)

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Christopher Brown MRTPI
Head of Planning

Date: 26 September 2024

NOTES

1. It will be most helpful if the application number shown overleaf is quoted on all correspondence.
2. If you consider that this decision has been made invalidly through the Council failing to follow a procedure correctly, not having the legal power to make the decision in the way it did or through its decision being so unreasonable as no reasonable local authority would make the same decision based on the same facts, then you may enter a claim for judicial review to quash the decision. In order to proceed with a claim for judicial review an initial application for permission will need to be made to the Administrative Court, this application is required to be made "promptly and in any event within three months of the decision". The initial permission application will decide if you have an arguable case, whether you are sufficiently materially affected by the decision to bring the claim. If you are granted permission to bring the claim it will proceed to a full hearing at the Administrative Court. Although there is no requirement for you to do so it is highly recommended that you seek independent legal advice before bringing forward a claim for Judicial Review
3. If you are aggrieved by the decision of the Local Planning Authority to refuse permission you may appeal to the Planning Inspectorate in accordance with Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 within six months of the date of this notice. If your appeal is against a Minor Commercial Development, we would advise you to view the guidance on the Planning Portal website under Procedure Guidance, to confirm the time frame for appealing. (Appeals must be made on a form which is obtainable from the Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN, tel. 0303 444 5000 or online at <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision>). You must use a Planning Appeal Form when making your appeal. If requesting forms from the Planning Inspectorate, please state the appeal form you require. The Secretary of State has power to allow a longer period for the giving of a notice of appeal but he will not normally be prepared to exercise this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal. The Secretary of State is not required to entertain an appeal if it appears to him that permission for the proposed development could not have been granted by the Local Planning Authority, (or could not have been so granted otherwise than subject to the conditions imposed by them,) having regard to the statutory requirements as set out in Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, to the provisions of the development order, and to any directions given under the order. He does not in practice refuse to entertain appeals solely because the decision of the Local Planning Authority was based on a direction given by him. Appeals- new time rules. Appeals relating to applications made to the Local Planning Authority on, or after, 14 October 2004 must be made within six months of the date of this notice. If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify your Local Planning Authority (planning@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk) and the Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. Further details can be found on GOV.UK.
4. 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 in accordance with the guidance found using the following link <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-enforcement-notice/>.
5. If permission to develop land is refused whether by the Local Planning Authority or by the Secretary of State for the Environment and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonably beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, he may serve on the Council a purchase notice requiring that Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
6. In certain circumstances, a claim may be made against the Local Planning Authority for compensation, where permission is refused. The circumstances in which such compensation is payable are set out in Section 114 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

RNOTES (02/07/2014)