

In pursuance of its powers under the Acts and Orders referred to below, the County Borough Council as Local Planning Authority, hereby determines your application in accordance with the particulars and plans comprising the application

Applicant	MR DAVID HUMPHREYS	Code No	CEF P/2021/0982
Agent	MR CARL HUGHES HDS ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES THE FOUNDRY 15 YORKE STREET WREXHAM LL13 8LW	Date Received	17/01/2020
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Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

Location of application

SITE ADJOINING, HILLCREST, BETHANIA ROAD, ACREFAIR, WREXHAM, LL14 3UD

Description of application

CAIS AMLINELLOL I GODI 1 ANNEDD DEULAWR GYDA GWAITH TIR CYSYLLTIEDIG A NEWIDIADAU I'R FYNEDFA I GERBYDAU YN HILLCREST / OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR THE ERECTION OF 1 NO. TWO-STOREY DWELLING WITH ASSOCIATED GROUNDWORKS AND ALTERATIONS TO VEHICULAR ACCESS AT HILLCREST

In reaching this decision the Council has had regard to the relevant policies in the Wrexham Unitary Development Plan which are as follows:-

EC13	Surface water run-off
EC6	Biodiversity Conservation
GDP1	
H2	Residential development within settlements
PS1	Settlement limits
PS2	Development and the environment
T8	Parking

Revision	Date	Description of Decision
0	27/10/2023	Planning permission issued

Particulars of decision that Outline Planning Permission be GRANTED Subject to the following:-

Condition(s)

1. Approval of the following details shall be obtained from the Local Planning Authority before any part of the development is commenced:

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- a. the scale of the building(s)
- b. the appearance of the building(s)
- c. the landscaping of the site
2. Plans and particulars of the reserved matters referred to in condition 1 (above) shall be submitted in writing to the Local Planning Authority before the expiry of three years from the date of this permission. The development shall only be carried out in strict conformity with such details as are approved.
3. The development hereby approved shall be commenced before the expiry of five years from the date of this permission or before the expiry of two years from the date of approval of the last of the reserved matters required to be approved, whichever is the later.
4. No development shall commence until;
 - a) a scheme of intrusive site investigations has been carried out on site to establish the risks posed to the development by past coal mining activity, and;
 - b) any remediation works and/or mitigation measures to address land instability arising from coal mining legacy, as may be necessary, have been implemented on site in full in order to ensure that the site is made safe and stable for the development proposed.
 The intrusive site investigations and remedial works shall be carried out in accordance with authoritative UK guidance.
5. Prior to the occupation of the development, or it being taken into beneficial use, a signed statement or declaration prepared by a suitably competent person confirming that the site is, or has been made, safe and stable for the approved development shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing. This document shall confirm the methods and findings of the intrusive site investigations and the completion of any remedial works and/or mitigation necessary to address the risks posed by past coal mining activity.
6. There shall be no gates or other means of enclosure across the vehicular access point within 5 metres of the highway boundary.
7. Prior to first use of the vehicular access hereby approved, the access shall be surfaced with hard bound materials (e.g. bituminous macadam) for a minimum distance of 5 metres behind the adjoining highway.

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8. No private surface water run off shall be permitted to flow from the development site onto the adjoining highway. An Aco drain or similar shall be provided across the approved access to intercept any such run off prior to first use of the development.
9. The vehicular access hereby approved shall be a minimum width of 3.2 metres.
10. The vehicular access(es) hereby approved shall take the form of a dropped vehicular crossing.
11. Prior to first use of the development hereby approved the vehicular access shall provide visibility splays of 2.4 metres x 25 metres in both directions measured to the nearside edge of the adjoining highway. Within these splays there shall be no obstruction in excess of 1 metre in height above the level of the nearside edge of the adjoining carriageway. The splays shall thereafter be permanently retained clear of any such obstruction to visibility.
12. No part of the development shall commence until a plan to provide net benefit for biodiversity (NBB) i.e. a better outcome than if the site was left undeveloped has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The measures shall be implemented in full, prior to first occupation / use of the development, and thereafter maintained for the lifetime of the development.

Reason(s)

1. To comply with the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012
2. To comply with Section 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990.
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4. Intrusive site investigation works should be undertaken prior to development in order to establish the exact situation regarding coal mining legacy issues on the site.
5. In order to ensure that any necessary mitigation works have been undertaken in the interests on public safety.

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6. In the interest of the free and safe movement of traffic on the adjacent highway and to ensure the formation of a safe and satisfactory access in accordance with Policy GDP1 of the Wrexham Unitary Development Plan.
7. To ensure that no deleterious material is carried onto the highway, in the interests of highway safety in accordance with Policy GDP1 of the Wrexham Unitary Development Plan.
8. In the interests of highway safety in accordance with Policy GDP1 of the Wrexham Unitary Development Plan.
9. To ensure the formation of a safe and satisfactory access in accordance with Policy GDP1 of the Wrexham Unitary Development Plan.
10. In the interests of highway safety in accordance with Policy GDP1 of the Wrexham Unitary Development Plan.
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12. To ensure the development delivers net benefit to biodiversity in accordance with paragraph 6.4.5 of Planning Policy Wales 11.

Note(s) to applicant

Under the Coal Industry Act 1994 any intrusive activities, including initial site investigation boreholes, and/or any subsequent treatment of coal mine workings/coal mine entries for ground stability purposes require the prior written permission of The Coal Authority, since such activities can have serious public health and safety implications. Failure to obtain permission will result in trespass, with the potential for court action. In the event that you are proposing to undertake such work in the Forest of Dean local authority area our permission may not be required; it is recommended that you check with us prior to commencing any works. Application forms for Coal Authority permission and further guidance can be obtained from The Coal Authority's website at:
<https://www.gov.uk/get-a-permit-to-deal-with-a-coal-mine-on-your-property>

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The Coal Authority's records indicate that surface coal resource is present on the site, although this should not be taken to imply that mineral extraction would be economically viable, technically feasible or environmentally acceptable. As you will be aware those authorities with responsibility for minerals planning and safeguarding will have identified where they consider minerals of national importance are present in your area and related policy considerations. As part of the planning application decision making process consideration should be given to such advice in respect of the indicated surface coal resource.

On the basis of the information available, the report indicates that it is not considered likely that any recorded mine entries will exist within the site boundary and it is also considered unlikely that the zone of influence for local entries will encroach on any areas of proposed development. However, owing to the proximity of an off-site mine entry the applicant should be aware that if ground conditions are found to differ during the undertaking of investigation works at the site from those locally recorded (specifically if rockhead is found to be more than 9.75m bgl) then the potential for the zone of influence of mine shaft 328343-446 to encroach on the development site boundary should be reconsidered by the applicant's competent person. However, at this time and on the basis of available evidence, the risk to the proposed development from recorded mine entries is considered to be low.

A licence should be obtained (as required by section 184 of the Highways Act 1980) from the Highway Authority in order to lower the kerbline and cross the footpath at the new access position.

Further guidance can be obtained from the Highways Department of Wrexham County Borough Council on telephone 01978 729670.

The applicant's attention should be drawn to item nos. 1, 3, 4 & 5 of the supplementary notes.

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The applicant may need to apply to Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water for any connection to the public sewer under S106 of the Water Industry Act 1991. If the connection to the public sewer network is either via a lateral drain (i.e. a drain which extends beyond the connecting property boundary) or via a new sewer (i.e. serves more than one property), it is now a mandatory requirement to first enter into a Section 104 Adoption Agreement (Water Industry Act 1991). The design of the sewers and lateral drains must also conform to the Welsh Ministers Standards for Gravity Foul Sewers and Lateral Drains, and conform with the publication ""Sewers for Adoption""•] 7th Edition. Further information can be obtained via the Developer Services pages of www.dwrcymru.com

The applicant is also advised that some public sewers and lateral drains may not be recorded on our maps of public sewers because they were originally privately owned and were transferred into public ownership by nature of the Water Industry (Schemes for Adoption of Private Sewers) Regulations 2011. The presence of such assets may affect the proposal. In order to assist us in dealing with the proposal the applicant may contact Dwr Cymru Welsh Water to establish the location and status of the apparatus. Under the Water Industry Act 1991 Dwr Cymru Welsh Water has rights of access to its apparatus at all times.

All works in relation to the implementation of this permission, including deliveries to and /or leaving the site, should be undertaken only between the hours of 07.30 to 18.00 Monday to Friday, 08.00 to 14.00 on a Saturday, and at no time on a Sunday or a Bank Holiday. Outside these times, any works which are audible beyond the site boundary have the potential to cause unreasonable disturbance to neighbouring premises.

The applicant is advised that the Council has the option to control construction noise by serving a Control of Pollution Act 1974, Section 60 Notice where deemed necessary, and failure to comply with such a Notice can result in prosecution.

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The applicant is further advised that any complaints received relating to noise of any type from the development may also be investigated using the Council's Standardised Procedure for Dealing with Noise Nuisance Complaints. This is done under the Statutory Nuisance provisions provided within the Environmental Protection Act 1990, and legal action may be taken where appropriate.

The applicant must adhere to the times given above wherever possible. If, however, there are urgent or unavoidable circumstances requiring work outside of the specified times, permission to proceed may be sought by contacting Environmental Health & Housing Standards at healthandhousing@wrexham.gov.uk or 01978 292040. Please use the same contact details for any other enquiries regarding construction / demolition site noise.



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Refer to Statement of Applicant's Rights and General Information on our planning web site at:-

http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/planning_portal/publications/info_sheets.htm