Wiltshire Council

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Approval of Full Planning Permission with Conditions

Application Reference Number: PL/2023/05521

Decision Date: 12 December 2023

Applicant:	Carty Building Contractors Ltd c/o Agent
Particulars of Development:	Demolition of existing buildings; erection of 2no. semi-detached and 2no. detached dwellings; associated parking and turning space and landscaping
At:	Upavon Forge, Jarvis Street, Upavon, Pewsey, SN9 6DU

In pursuance of its powers under the above Act, the Council hereby **GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION** for the above development to be carried out in accordance with the application and plans submitted (listed below).

In accordance with paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Wiltshire Council has worked proactively to secure this development to improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area.

Subject to the following conditions:

Conditions: (15)

1 The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

REASON: To comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and documents:

- Drawing No. 210253-01: Site Location Plan
- Drawing No. 210253-02 Rev C: Site Plan
- Drawing No. 210253-10: Block Plan
- Drawing No. 210253-11: Design Scheme – Plots 1 & 2
- Drawing No. 210253-12: Design Scheme – Plot 4
- Drawing No. 210253-13: Design Scheme – Plot 3
- Preliminary Ecological Survey by All Ecology

- Construction Method Statement September 2023 (Rev A)

REASON: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3 No development shall commence on site until a scheme of hard and soft landscaping has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, the details of which shall include:-

• location and current canopy spread of all existing trees and hedgerows on the land;
• full details of any to be retained, together with measures for their protection in the course of development;
• a detailed planting specification showing all plant species, supply and planting sizes and planting densities;
• finished levels and contours;
• means of enclosure;
• car park layouts;
• other vehicle and pedestrian access and circulation areas;
• all hard and soft surfacing materials;

REASON: To ensure a satisfactory landscaped setting for the development and the protection of existing important landscape features.

4 No development shall commence on site until a scheme for the discharge of surface water from the site (including surface water from the access/driveway), incorporating sustainable drainage details, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall not be first brought into use until surface water drainage has been constructed in accordance with the approved scheme.

REASON: To ensure that the development can be adequately drained without leading to increased flood risks elsewhere.

5 No development shall commence above ground floor slab level until details and/or samples of the following:

- materials for the external walls and roofs of the dwellinghouse
- type of brick including bond to be used for the proposed 1.8m high boundary walls
- architectural details (eaves, verges, windows (including head, sill and window reveal details), doors, rainwater goods, chimneys, and canopies)

have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

REASON: In the interests of visual amenity and the character and appearance of the Upavon Conservation Area.

6 Prior to the commencement of any works, including vegetation removal and demolition, details of the number, design and locations of bat roosts and nesting opportunities for birds shall be submitted to the local authority for approval. The approved details shall be implemented before occupation of the final works. This condition will be discharged once photographic evidence of installed features has been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority.

REASON: To provide mitigation /enhancement for biodiversity.

7 All soft landscaping comprised in the approved details of landscaping shall be carried out in the first planting and seeding season following the first occupation of the building(s) or the completion of the development whichever is the sooner; All shrubs, trees and hedge planting shall be maintained free from weeds and shall be protected from damage by vermin and stock. Any trees or plants which, within a period of five years, die, are removed, or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of a similar size and species, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority. All hard landscaping shall also be carried out in accordance with the approved details prior to the occupation of any part of the development or in accordance with a programme to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: To ensure a satisfactory landscaped setting for the development and the protection of existing important landscape features.

8 No external lighting shall be installed on-site until plans showing the type of light appliance, the height and position of fitting, illumination levels and light spillage in accordance with the appropriate Environmental Zone standards set out by the Institution of Lighting Professionals in their publication “The Reduction of Obtrusive Light” Guidance Note 01/21 (reference GN01/21), have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved lighting shall be installed and shall be maintained in accordance with the approved details and no additional external lighting shall be installed.

REASON: In the interests of the amenities of the area, and to minimise unnecessary light spillage above and outside the development site in the interests of ecology and the rural character of Upavon village.

9 The development hereby approved shall be designed to ensure it does not exceed

110 litres per person per day water consumption levels (which includes external water usage) and a water efficiency assessment should be submitted. Before the development is brought into use, a water efficiency report certifying that this standard has been achieved shall be submitted to the local planning authority for its written approval.

REASON: To ensure compliance with the prevailing mitigation strategy for nutrient neutrality in the water catchment within which this development is located.

10 No part of the development hereby permitted shall be first brought into use until the access, turning area and parking spaces have been completed in accordance with the details shown on the approved plans. The areas shall be maintained for those purposes at all times thereafter.

REASON: In the interests of highway safety.

11 No part of the development shall be first brought into use, until the visibility splays shown on the approved plans have been provided with no obstruction to visibility at or above a height of [INSERT] above the nearside carriageway level. The visibility splays shall be maintained free of obstruction at all times thereafter.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety

12 Within 3 months of the demolition of the buildings, all materials resulting therefrom shall be removed from the site.

REASON: In the interests of the character and appearance of the Upavon Conservation Area and the general amenities of the local environment.

13 Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended by the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (No.3) (England) Order 2020 (or any Order revoking or re-enacting or amending those Orders with or without modification), no development within Part 1, Classes A-H or Part 2, Class A shall take place on the dwellinghouses hereby permitted or within their curtilage.

REASON: In the interests of the amenity of the area which is within the Upavon Conservation Area and to enable the Local Planning Authority to consider individually whether planning permission should be granted for additions, extensions or enlargements.

14 No dwelling shall be occupied until the 1.8m high brick boundary walls have been completed in accordance with the approved details.

REASON: To ensure the timely delivery of the boundary treatments in the interests of the amenities of the adjoining properties.

Informatives: (2)

Highways
The applicant is advised that in order to construct the approved changes to the site access, they will be required to enter into a Section 278 Permit with the Local Highways Authority prior to works starting.

Bats
There is a low risk that bats may occur at the development site. Many species of bat depend on buildings for roosting, with each having its own preferred type of roost. Most species roost in crevices such as under ridge tiles, behind roofing felt or in cavity walls and are therefore not often seen in the roof space. Bat roosts are protected all times by the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 even when bats are temporarily absent because, being creatures of habit, they usually return to the same roost site every year. Planning permission for development does not provide a defence against prosecution under this legislation or substitute for the need to obtain a bat licence if an offence is likely. If bats or evidence of bats is found during the works, the applicant is advised to stop work and follow advice from an independent ecologist or the applicant is advised to follow the advice of a professional ecologist
or to contact Natural England's Batline through the internet.

Artificial Lighting
The habitat within the proposed development site and the surrounding area is suitable for roosting, foraging and commuting bats. An increase in artificial lux levels can deter bats which could result in roost abandonment and/or the severance of key foraging areas. This will likely result in a significant negative impact upon the health of bat populations across the region. Artificial light at night can have a substantial adverse effect on biodiversity. Any new lighting should be for the purposes for safe access and security and be in accordance with the appropriate Environmental Zone standards set out by the Institute of Lighting Engineers in their publication GN01:2021, 'Guidance for the Reduction of Obtrusive Light' (ILP, 2021), and Guidance note GN08-23 "Bats and artificial lighting at night", issued by the Bat Conservation Trust and Institution of Lighting Professionals.

Reptiles

There is a residual risk that reptiles could occur on the application site. These species are legally protected and planning permission does not provide a defence against prosecution. In order to minimise the risk of these species occurring on the site, the developer is advised to clear vegetation during the winter, remove all waste arising from such clearance and maintain vegetation as short as possible in line with the recommendations made in (Extended Phase 1 Survey by Stark Ecology dated September 2022). If these species are found during the works, the applicant is advised to stop work and follow advice from an independent ecologist or the Council Landscape and Design Team (ecologyconsultations@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Breeding Birds

The adults, young, eggs and nests of all species of birds are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) while they are breeding. Please be advised that works should not take place that will harm nesting birds from March to August inclusive. All British birds, their nests and eggs are protected under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 while birds are nesting, building nests and sitting on eggs. The applicant is advised to check any structure or vegetation capable of supporting breeding birds and delay removing or altering such features until after young birds have fledged. Damage to extensive areas that could contain nests/breeding birds should be undertaken outside the breeding season. This season is
usually taken to be the period between 1st March and 31st August but some species are known to breed outside these limits.

Parvis Khansari - Corporate Director, Place

NOTES

1 **Other Necessary Consents.** This document only conveys permission for the proposed development under Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the applicant must also comply with all the byelaws, regulations and statutory provisions in force in the area and secure such other approvals and permissions as may be necessary under other parts of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or other legislation.

1.1 the need in appropriate cases to obtain approval under Building Regulations. **(The Building Regulations may be applicable to this proposal. Please contact the Council's Building Control team before considering work on site);**

1.2 the need to obtain an appropriate order if the proposal involves the stopping up or diversion of a public right of way or other highway (including highway verge);

1.3 the need to obtain a separate "Listed Building Consent" to the demolition, alteration or extension of any listed building of architectural or historic interest;

1.4 the need to make any appropriate arrangements under the Highways Act 1980, in respect of any works within the limits of a highway. The address of the Highway Authority is County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JD (It is the responsibility of the applicant to ascertain whether the proposed development affects any listed building or public right of way / other highway, including highway verge).

2 **Appeals.** If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the local planning authority to grant permission subject to conditions, he may appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment in accordance with Section 78(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 within six months of the date of this decision. (Information and forms relating to the appeals process can be found at the Planning Portal - http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals).

3 **Climate Change.** Wiltshire Council acknowledges the climate emergency and is seeking to make the county carbon neutral. You are encouraged to include energy efficiency that exceeds building regulations and to meet residual energy demand through renewable energy and low-carbon technologies, including high levels of electric vehicle charging points. The developer is encouraged to contact the climate team to discuss this further. climate@wiltshire.gov.uk