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Application for Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number

PP-14501024

Suffix

Property Name

FIELD TO THE NORTH OF DARK LANE, CROFTON, MARLBOROUGH

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Postcode

NO DEDICATED POSTCODE

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)

426400

Northing (y)

162548

Description

Field to the north of Dark Lane, Crofton, Marlborough

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

MR

First name

Alan

Surname

Company Name

HERA THYME LIMITED

Address

Address line 1

DARK CANE

Address line 2

CROFTON

Address line 3

MARLBOROUGH

Town/City

MARLBOROUGH

County

WILTSHIRE

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

SN8 3DW

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Contact Details

Primary number

Fax number

Email address

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Alan

Surname

Kilkenny

Company Name

Alan Kilkenny

Address

Address line 1

Fishing Cottage

Address line 2

Heathman Street

Address line 3

Nether Wallop

Town/City

Stockbridge

County

Hampshire

Country

Postcode

SO20 8EW

Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Site Area

What is the measurement of the site area? (numeric characters only).

Unit

Description of the Proposal

Please note in regard to:

- **Fire Statements** - From 1 August 2021, planning applications for buildings of over 18 metres (or 7 stories) tall containing more than one dwelling will require a 'Fire Statement' for the application to be considered valid. There are some exemptions. [View government planning guidance on fire statements](#) or [access the fire statement template and guidance](#).
- **Permission In Principle** - If you are applying for Technical Details Consent on a site that has been granted Permission In Principle, please include the relevant details in the description below.
- **Public Service Infrastructure** - From 1 August 2021, applications for certain public service infrastructure developments will be eligible for faster determination timeframes. See help for further details or [view government planning guidance on determination periods](#).

Description

Please describe details of the proposed development or works including any change of use

Herd Thyme Limited is a Registered Alternative Provider with Wiltshire Council. We operate from leased land and buildings in the village of Crofton, Marlborough, providing an unique learning experience which combining therapy with Equine Facilitated Learning (EFG). It helps teach healing, resilience and self-reliance

Most of our students are in some way disabled, many profoundly. This often provides physical challenges, and it is important that our students can be delivered swiftly and soundly to the facility.

We are based in Dark Lane, Crofton, a narrow road leading to a dead end at the railway line. Numerous vehicles are parked on the public road for much of the day, reducing it to a single carriageway. It is impossible for cars, taxis and minibuses to drop off students in the road, and it would also extremely be extremely difficult for those vehicles to turn around in order to leave once the students have been dropped off.

Accordingly, we have been taking advantage of a field entrance in Dark Lane for vehicles to enter the property, deliver the students and turn around to drive out and leave the way they arrived. This worked well when conditions were dry, but when the ground became wet and muddy, it proved problematic. It proved especially difficult for some students to be delivered safely and effectively.

Work began on the creation of all-weather hard-standing to enable student arrivals to continue, and to provide car parking for the staff of Herd Thyme, who are regularly prevented from parking on the public road because of the number of existing parked cars.

When we were informed that planning permission was required for what was seen as a change of use, work on the hard standing was ceased.

If consent is granted, it will be completed, with a final dressing of stone chips similar to those used outside the buildings which we use.

This is an important application to enable the continued work of a much-valued community asset.

Has the work or change of use already started?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please state the date when the work or change of use started (date must be pre-application submission)

08/09/2025

Has the work or change of use been completed?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

Part of an adjacent field.

Is the site currently vacant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, please describe the last use of the site

Grazing

When did this use end (if known)?

01/01/2025

Does the proposal involve any of the following? If Yes, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment with your application.

Land which is known to be contaminated

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Yes

☒ No

A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination

☐ Yes

☒ No

Materials

Does the proposed development require any materials to be used externally?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicular access proposed to or from the public highway?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Is a new or altered pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Are there any new public roads to be provided within the site?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Do the proposals require any diversions/extinguishments and/or creation of rights of way?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If you answered Yes to any of the above questions, please show details on your plans/drawings and state their reference numbers

See detailed plan

Vehicle Parking

Does the site have any existing vehicle/cycle parking spaces or will the proposed development add/remove any parking spaces?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Vehicle Type:

Cars

Existing number of spaces:

0

Total proposed (including spaces retained):

4

Difference in spaces:

4

Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding? (Check the location on the Government's [Flood map for planning](#). You should also refer to national [standing advice](#) and your local planning authority requirements for information as necessary.)

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

How will surface water be disposed of?

- ☒ Sustainable drainage system
☐ Existing water course
☐ Soakaway
☐ Main sewer
☐ Pond/lake

Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

Is there a reasonable likelihood of the following being affected adversely or conserved and enhanced within the application site, or on land adjacent to or near the application site?

To assist in answering this question correctly, please refer to the help text which provides guidance on determining if any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby; and whether they are likely to be affected by the proposals.

- a) Protected and priority species

☐ Yes, on the development site

☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development

☒ No
- b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features

☐ Yes, on the development site

☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development

☒ No
- c) Features of geological conservation importance

☐ Yes, on the development site

☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development

☒ No

Supporting information requirements

Where a development proposal is likely to affect features of biodiversity or geological conservation interest, you will need to submit, with the application, sufficient information and assessments to allow the local planning authority to determine the proposal.

Failure to submit all information required will result in your application being deemed invalid. It will not be considered valid until all information required by the local planning authority has been submitted.

Your local planning authority will be able to advise on the content of any assessments that may be required.

Biodiversity net gain

Biodiversity net gain is a legal requirement for planning permission introduced on 12 February 2024. All applications are required to either provide detailed information proving there will be a biodiversity increase; or explain why the requirement does not apply to the development.

- Do you believe that, if the development is granted permission, the general Biodiversity Gain Condition (as set out in [Paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 \(as amended\)](#)) would apply?
- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Biodiversity net gain has been introduced as a general condition for planning permission. As set out in [The Environment Act 2021](#): "grants of planning permission in England [are] to be subject to a condition to secure that the biodiversity gain objective is met". Therefore, in England, all planning permissions are generally subject to biodiversity gain rules, unless they are specifically exempt or out of scope.

If you have stated that the biodiversity net gain requirement does not apply to your application you must provide the reason(s) why, and may also need to supply evidence (especially where you believe the application is eligible for the 'de minimis' exemption).

Reason biodiversity net gain does not apply:

Development subject to the de minimis exemption (development below the threshold)

What best describes the size of your site?:

Over 25 square metres

Please justify the reason why biodiversity net gain does not apply:

No material change

Note: Please read the help text for further information why developments may be exempt or not in scope.

Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

- ☐ Mains sewer
☐ Septic tank
☐ Package treatment plant
☐ Cess pit
☒ Other
☐ Unknown

Other

No foul drainage

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No
☐ Unknown

Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or trade waste?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Residential/Dwelling Units

Does your proposal include the gain, loss or change of use of residential units?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

All Types of Development: Non-Residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace?
Note that 'non-residential' in this context covers all uses except Use Class C3 Dwellinghouses.

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Employment

Are there any existing employees on the site or will the proposed development increase or decrease the number of employees?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

Does this proposal involve the carrying out of industrial or commercial activities and processes?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Is the proposal for a waste management development?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Hazardous Substances

Does the proposal involve the use or storage of Hazardous Substances?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- ☐ The agent
- ☒ The applicant
- ☐ Other person

Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):

Officer name:

Title

Mr

First Name

Steven

Surname

Jenkins

Reference

ENF/2025/00930

Date (must be pre-application submission)

20/10/2025

Details of the pre-application advice received

a) Cease/remove the unauthorised development or
b) apply for planning permission

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
- (b) an elected member
- (c) related to a member of staff
- (d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Ownership Certificates and Agricultural Land Declaration

Certificates under Article 14 - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Please answer the following questions to determine which Certificate of Ownership you need to complete: A, B, C or D.

Is the applicant the sole owner of all the land to which this application relates; and has the applicant been the sole owner for more than 21 days?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Can you give appropriate notice to all the other owners/agricultural tenants? (Select 'Yes' if there are no other owners/agricultural tenants)

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate B

I certify/ The applicant certifies that:

- ☒ I have/The applicant has given the requisite notice to everyone else (as listed below) who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was the owner* and/or agricultural tenant** of any part of the land or building to which this application relates; or
- ☐ The applicant is the sole owner of all the land or buildings to which this application relates and there are no other owners* and/or agricultural tenants**.

* "owner" is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run.

** "agricultural tenant" has the meaning given in section 65(8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Name of Owner/Agricultural Tenant:

Mawley Hall LLP

House name:

Estate Office

Number:**Suffix:****Address line 1:**

Little Bedwyn

Address Line 2:**Town/City:**

Marlborough

Postcode:

SN8 3JJ

Date notice served (DD/MM/YYYY):

19/11/2025

Person Family Name:**Person Role**☐ The Applicant☒ The Agent**Title**

Mr

First Name

Alan

Surname

Kilkenny

Declaration Date

19/11/2025

☒ Declaration made

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Full planning permission as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Alan Kilkeny

Date

19/11/2025