

**The Town and Country Planning Act 1990**  
**Approval of Full Planning Permission with Conditions**  
**Application Reference Number: PL/2025/08804**  
**Decision Date: 02/04/2026**

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| <b>Applicant:</b>                  | GRIDSERVE Innovation & Operations Centre, Units 9 and 10 Westerngate, Hillmead Enterprise Park, Swindon, SN5 5WN                                             |
| <b>Particulars of Development:</b> | Retrospective application for the creation of hard-standing areas and erection of equipment cabinets to facilitate an extension to existing EV charging hub. |
| <b>At:</b>                         | CAR PARK, LEIGH DELAMERE MOTORWAY SERVICES WESTBOUND, LEIGH DELAMERE                                                                                         |

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 39 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:

- 1 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

Location Plan (drwg no. 7928\_980)  
Block Plan As Existing (drwg no. 7928\_981)  
Block Plan As Proposed (drwg no. 7928\_982)  
Elevations As Existing (drwg no. 7928\_983)  
Elevations As Proposed (drwg no. 7928\_984)  
(Received by LPA 6th January 2026)

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

- 2 Within three months of the date of this permission, or prior to the first use of the development hereby granted permission (whichever is the later), full and complete details of the proposed compensatory tree planting shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Such details shall include the arrangement and species of trees to be planted along with the timing and

arrangements for future maintenance. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

REASON: In the absence of detail within the application as to the effect of the development upon existing trees, and so as to ensure that any tree removal undertaken is suitably compensated.

## Informative

- 3** 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 Wiltshire Council.

There are statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements which mean that the biodiversity gain condition does not always apply. For further information on exempt developments please refer to:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-net-gain-exempt-developments>

Based on the information available this permission is considered to be one which will require the approval of a biodiversity gain plan before development is begun because none of the statutory exemptions or transitional arrangements are considered to apply.

### 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.

*Nic Thomas* - Director of Planning, Economy and Regeneration

## 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](mailto:climate@wiltshire.gov.uk)
- 4 **CIL.** The applicant is advised that the development hereby approved may represent chargeable development under the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) and Wiltshire Council's CIL Charging Schedule. A separate Community Infrastructure Levy Liability Notice will be issued by the Local Planning Authority. Should you require further information with regards to CIL please refer to the Council's Website [Community Infrastructure Levy \(CIL\) - Wiltshire Council](#)