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Dear Sir/Madam

Temporary Hardstanding, Bulford Garrison

Please find enclosed an application submitted on behalf of the Secretary of State for Defence for the further temporary retention of an area of hardstanding at Bulford Garrison, Salisbury, SP4 9FD. The hardstanding continues to be required for the storage of ISO containers while a permanent storage solution is progressed

Planning Context and Proposed Development

A Reserved Matters application (Ref.17/07981/REM), pursuant to a hybrid application (Ref.15/05950/FUL), was approved in November 2017 for a new training building, office building and two new stores at Bulford Garrison, together with external works, including hardstanding and landscaping.

Subsequently, planning permission PL/2021/11534 was granted on 25 April 2022 for the temporary retention of the hardstanding originally installed to support construction activities. A further temporary permission, PL/2024/03470, was granted on 03 June 2024, allowing the continued use of the hardstanding for a period of two years, subject to Condition 1 requiring the use to cease and the approved landscaping to be implemented at the end of that period.



Photograph 1: Hardstanding area

It has now been identified that there remains an ongoing operational requirement for this storage provision for a further three years, whilst the Ministry of Defence continues to progress a more permanent solution. Accordingly, this application seeks the continued temporary retention of the same hardstanding area for ISO container storage.

As previously approved, the hardstanding layout was modified to accommodate the planting of 10 no. trees along the Haig Road frontage, in accordance with Drawing No. 23-WIDGEN-43-GA-A1-017 A 'Widgen Site Plan Proposed Temporary Hardstanding'. As shown in Photograph 1, these planting works have been completed and the trees are now becoming established, contributing positively to the wider green infrastructure of the ABP development. The modified layout continues to ensure that an adequate soft landscape buffer is maintained, avoiding interference with operational activities and safeguarding the ongoing growth and vigour of the trees.



Photograph 2: Tree planting along the Haig Road frontage

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)

As with the previous temporary application, the matter of Biodiversity Net Gain was discussed with Wiltshire Council. In earlier correspondence (March 2024), Adam Madge, then Team Leader (South) for Development Management, confirmed that BNG information was not required for the temporary retention of this hardstanding, given the nature of the proposal and the absence of any physical works or additional land take.

The circumstances of the current application remain unchanged. The proposal seeks only the continued temporary use of an existing area of hardstanding, with no further development or alteration to the Site and hence falls below the de minimus limit. The established tree planting remains in place and protected. On this basis, and consistent with the Council's previous advice, no BNG submission accompanies this application.

Conclusion

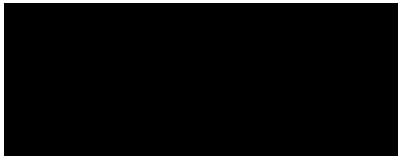
The application 'package' comprises the following:

- Duly completed application forms;
- Proposed Site Plan (23-WIDGEN-43-GA-A1-017 A);
- Site Context Plan (23-WIDGEN-43-GA-A1-019 A);
- Land Ownership Plan (23-WIDGEN-43-GA-A1-810 A)

The proposed development seeks to maintain a much-needed, functional storage space within the wider site, whilst retaining the landscaping already implemented in accordance with the Reserved Matters approval.

The application has been submitted via the Planning Portal and the appropriate fee has been paid. Should you require any further information to assist in the positive determination of this application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Joseph Blick
Planner

