#### WINDSOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PANEL

10 January 2018 Item: 2

**Application** 

17/02721/FULL

No.:

**Location:** Tay Mount Lady Margaret Road Sunningdale Ascot SL5 9QH

**Proposal:** Construction of x10 apartments including access, car parking and landscaping works

following demolition of the existing dwelling

**Applicant:** Firgrove Homes Ltd **Agent:** Mr Geoff Armstrong

Parish/Ward: Sunningdale Parish/Sunningdale Ward

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#### 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This application was deferred by the Panel at last month's meeting in order for members to carry out a panel site visit. The report as previously presented is as detailed below apart from paragraph 6.25 which has been updated to include the previous panel update report.
- 1.1 The application site is located within the built-up area of Sunningdale wherein the principle of development is acceptable. Overall, it is considered that the proposal would maintain the key characteristics of the 'Leafy Residential Suburb' zone in which it would be located, and is sufficiently similar to surrounding development so as not to harm the character of the area to a significant or demonstrable extent.
- 1.2 No harm would be caused to the living conditions of any neighbours and the Highway Authority and the Tree Officer have not raised any objections to the proposal (subject to planning conditions).
- 1.3 The proposal would make a contribution to the Royal Borough's housing stock and the socioeconomic benefits of the additional dwellings weighs in favour of the development.

# It is recommended the Panel authorises the Head of Planning:

- 1. To grant planning permission on the satisfactory completion of an undertaking to secure the financial contribution referred to in paragraph 6.29 of this report and with the conditions listed in Section 10 of this report.
- To refuse planning permission if an undertaking to secure the contribution referred to in paragraph 6.29 of this report has not been satisfactorily completed by 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 for the reason that the proposed development would not be accompanied by associated infrastructure improvements.

## 2. REASON FOR PANEL DETERMINATION

 The Council's Constitution does not give the Head of Planning delegated powers to determine the application in the way recommended; such decisions can only be made by the Panel.

# 3. DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

3.1 The application site is located on the south-west side of Lady Margaret Road, towards its junction with Charters Road in Sunningdale. The site is approximately 0.24 hectares and currently occupied by a single detached, two-storey house that is set back from the edge of the highway by approximately 14 metres. Mature trees line the front of the plot adjacent to the road and along the rear boundaries. The level of the land gently slopes down from the south-east to north-west (front to rear), by approximately 1m. A detached house lies to each side of the application site, with apartment buildings opposite.

- 3.2 Lady Margaret Road is characterised by large buildings that are either individual houses or blocks of apartments. The properties are set within generous sized plots that sit behind mature hedges / trees or high walls or railings. The area has an enclosed but spacious feel and verdant character.
- 3.3 The site is within the built-up area of Sunningdale and within walking distance of the railway station and town centre, with easy access to the A30 London Road.

## 4. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL AND ANY RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

- 4.1 The proposal involves demolishing the existing house and replacing it with a new two-and-a-half-storey building to provide 10 x 2 bedroom apartments. Basement parking for 10 cars, plus 4 visitor spaces and 1 disabled space to the front, are proposed.
- 4.2 The building would have a traditional appearance similar to other properties in the area and be positioned in roughly the same place as the existing house. It would be only very slightly forward (0.4m) to the highway and 0.4m closer to the neighbour to the south compared to the existing house. It would be approximately 24.8m wide, 21.1m deep and 9.5m high. The large garden to the rear would be retained.

4.3

Ref.	Description	Decision and Date
93/01249	Erection of first floor side and single storey front extensions.	Approved 24.09.1993
13/01237	Two storey, part single story side extension and various alterations following demolition of existing single storey side elements.	Approved 11.06.2013

## 5. MAIN RELEVANT STRATEGIES AND POLICIES RELEVANT TO THE DECISION

5.1 National Planning Policy Framework – Core Planning Principles and Sections 6 (Delivering a wide choice of quality homes) and 7 (Requiring good design).

## **Royal Borough Local Plan**

5.2 The main strategic planning considerations applying to the site and the associated policies are:

Within settlement	Highways and	
area	Parking	Trees
DG1, H10, H11	P4, T5	N6

These policies can be found at

https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/downloads/download/154/local plan documents and appendices

## **Borough Local Plan: Submission Version**

Issue	Local Plan Policy
Design in keeping with character and appearance of area	SP2, SP3
Makes suitable provision for infrastructure	IF1

The NPPF confirms decision-makers may give weight to relevant policies in emerging plans according to their stage of preparation. The Borough Local Plan Proposed Submission Document was published in June 2017. Public consultation ran from 30 June to 27 September 2017. The Council will prepare a report which summarises the issues raised in the representations and sets out its response to them. This report, together with all the representations received during the representation period, the plan and its supporting documents will then be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination by the Planning Inspectorate. In

this context, the Borough Local Plan: Submission Version is a material consideration, but limited weight is afforded to this document at this time.

This document can be found at:

http://rbwm.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s14392/Appendix%20A%20-%20Borough%20Local%20Plan%20Submission%20Version.pdf

## Ascot, Sunninghill and Sunningdale Neighbourhood Plan (Adopted April 2014)

5.3 Relevant policies to the consideration of the application are:

Housing	Design	Trees
NP/H2	NP/ DG1, NP DG2,	NP/EN2
	NP/DG3	

## **Relevant Local Strategies or Publications**

- 5.4 Other Strategies or publications relevant to the proposal are:
  - RBWM Townscape Assessment view at:
  - RBWM Parking Strategy view at:

More information on these documents can be found at: <a href="https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200414/local\_development\_framework/494/supplementary\_planning">https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200414/local\_development\_framework/494/supplementary\_planning</a>

## 6. EXPLANATION OF RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 The key issues for consideration are:
  - i The principle of development;
  - ii The impact of the proposal on the character and appearance of the area;
  - iii The impact on the living conditions of occupiers of neighbouring properties:
  - vi Parking provision and highway safety issues;
  - v The impact on trees;
  - vi The impact on the Thames Basin Special Protection Area; and
  - vii Other material considerations.

## The principle of development

- 6.2 The application site is located within the built-up area of Sunningdale wherein the principle of development is acceptable.
- 6.3 The NPPF advises, in paragraph 49, housing applications should be considered in the context of the presumption in favour of sustainable development. For decision-taking this means "approving development proposals that accord with the development plan without delay; and where the development plan is absent, silent or relevant policies are out-of-date, granting permission unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits".
- 6.4 The Development Plan for Windsor and Maidenhead, relevant to the consideration of this application, consists of the Local Plan and the Ascot, Sunninghill and Sunningdale Neighbourhood Plan.

## The impact of the proposal on the character and appearance of the area

- 6.5 Lady Margaret Road is identified in the 'Townscape Assessment' (TA) as being in a 'Leafy Residential Suburb' zone. The key characteristics of this zone include: a low to medium density residential suburbs with characteristic 'leafy' streets, suburban style detached two-storey houses on medium to large plots, a variety of architectural styles, well established private gardens and well-defined interface between the private and public realm, quiet and peaceful. Lady Margaret Road is characterised by large buildings that are either individual houses or blocks of apartments. The properties are set within generous sized plots that sit behind mature hedges / trees or high walls or railings. The area has an enclosed but spacious feel and attractive verdant character.
- 6.6 Neighbourhood Plan Policies NP/H2, NP/DG1.1, NP/DG1.2, NP/DG1.3 and NP/DG2 share a requirement that new development be in keeping with / respect the character of the surrounding area in which it is to be located. In addition, new dwellings are required to be of a similar size, type, density, footprint, separation, scale and bulk of buildings in the surrounding area generally and of neighbouring properties in particular, unless it can be demonstrated that the proposed development would not harm local character.
- 6.7 In terms of what comprises the "surrounding area" of the application site, this is considered to be the whole of Lady Margaret Road, rather than just the South West side on which the site is located or the wider area beyond, (for example along Charters Road and London Road). The proposed development would be viewed predominantly within the context of Lady Margaret Road as a whole and it is therefore reasonable for planning purposes to define this as the "surrounding area".
- 6.8 The proposal involves the provision of one building comprising 10 x two bedroom apartments, spread over two-and-a half storeys, similar to 'Clareways' and 'Silverwood Grange' located opposite the site. This type of development is therefore not out of keeping with the surrounding area. The residents' basement parking would also mean that the majority of vehicles associated with the development would be less intrusive in the street scene unlike the flatted developments opposite.
- 6.9 The building would be positioned in a similar place to the existing dwelling on site, projecting 0.4m forward of the existing front elevation. It would be of a similar design to 'Silverwood Grange' and of a similar height to the neighbouring properties, 'Willow Brook' and 'Boundary House'. Although the building has a large crown roof making it quite bulky, this is not dissimilar to the crown roof on 'Boundary House' or those on the flatted developments in the area (in particular at 'Laggan House'). Essentially, as with these other buildings, the mass of roof would not appear dominant in the street scene due to its set back from the road (by at least 14m) and its screening to the sides by the neighbouring properties.
- 6.10 In terms of separation, the proposed building would be approximately 0.4m closer to the southern side boundary than the existing dwelling, with a gap of 8.5m being retained between the new building and 'Boundary House'. On the northern side the building would be 1m closer to the boundary with 'Willow House', with a minimum gap of 5m being retained between the properties. These separation distances are compatible to development within the surrounding area. The new building would also be positioned at least 14m back from the edge of the highway and at a lower level (approximately 1m), providing it with a spacious setting in keeping with the area. In addition the majority of the hedge and tree screening along the frontage is proposed to be retained, and this would be secured by conditions 11, 12 and 13 recommended in section 10 of this report.
- 6.11 Although the proposed development would be of a higher density than the other apartment blocks within the road, (at approximately 45 dwellings per hectare compared to an average of 30 dwellings per hectare), this is not significantly higher and arguably makes more efficient use of the land.

6.12 Overall, it is considered that the proposal would maintain the key characteristics of this 'Leafy Residential Suburb' zone and is sufficiently similar to surrounding development so as not to harm the character of the area to a significant or demonstrable extent.

## The impact on the living conditions of occupiers of neighbouring properties

- 6.13 'Willow Brook' is located immediately north of the application site. It is a fairly modern, large, two-storey detached house with a traditional appearance, similar to other properties along St. Margaret's Road. The proposed flatted development would be approximately 5m from the closest part of 'Willow Brook' and project approximately 5m back. Given these distances, it is not considered that the proposal would appear overbearing or cause loss of daylight to this neighbouring property. The side windows at first floor level are shown to be obscured glazed and top opening only (secured by way of condition 4 in section 10 of this report) and the front balconies originally proposed have now been removed from the scheme so that there would be no loss of privacy to the occupiers of 'Willow Brook'.
- 6.14 A gap of approximately 8.5m will remain between the proposed building and the neighbouring property to the south, 'Boundary House'. In addition, the closest part of the new building would not project beyond the rear of the closet part of the neighbouring house, such that the proposal will not have an overbearing impact, nor result in loss of light to this property. Again, the side windows at first floor level are shown to be obscured glazed and top opening only (secured by condition 4) and the front balconies originally proposed have now been removed from the scheme so that there would be no loss of privacy to the occupiers of 'Boundary House'.
- 6.15 The property to the rear of the site would be over 35m away from the rear elevation. This separation distance together with established tree planting along the rear boundary means the proposal would not harm the living conditions of the occupiers of this neighbouring property.

## Parking provision and highway safety issues

- 6.16 The site currently benefits from having a vehicular access off of Lady Margaret Road. The plans provided show the 3.6m wide access is to remain to serve the new development. Outside the site there is a 7.2m wide carriageway together with a 2.0m wide grass verge adjacent to the site. The construction of 10 x 2 bedroom apartments within this location has the potential to generate 40 vehicle movements per day.
- 6.17 Drawing number 17-089/001 (Rev A) shows that visibility splays of 2.0m x 43m can be achieved to the left and right. Given that Lady Margaret Road is a lightly trafficked road and the access already exists this is acceptable.
- 6.18 Drawing number 17-089/001 (Rev A) shows that the main entrance gates will be set back 5.0m from the carriageway edge. This is acceptable as it will enable a vehicle to safely pull off the highway before the gates are opened and closed.
- 6.19 Drawing number 1701.PL03 (rev A) shows that the proposed ramp to the underground car park will achieve a gradient of 1:12 to the front door. This is acceptable.
- 6.20 The applicant has provided a swept path analysis (drawing number 17-089/004) which shows a car measuring 4.5m x 1.7m manoeuvre to and from parking bays 4 and 9. This is acceptable. Drawing number 1701.PL.01 (Rev B) also shows that all of the parking spaces bounded by a solid surface will measure 2.7m wide.
- 6.21 Under the Local Authority's current standards, the site is deemed to be within a sustainable location, (within 800m from a mainline train station), being 450m walk away from Sunningdale train station. Therefore the minimum parking standard used in this application is deemed acceptable.
- 6.22 A store is provided for each apartment and can accommodate several adult bicycles. It is advised that a double door is provided to each store to enable easier access.

- 6.23 A refuse store is provided to the front of the site and a separate access will be provided off Lady Margaret Road to enable the refuse bins to be safely collected.
- 6.24 The proposal complies with the Local Authority's current standards. Therefore the Highway Authority offers no objection to the proposal subject to conditions in respect of a construction management plan, parking and turning as approved, visibility splays as approved, refuse bin and recycling provision as approved, gates from highway as approved and gradient of drives as approved, (as set out in conditions 5 to 10 inclusive in section 10 of this report).

## The impact on trees

- In the applicant's Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA), a number of structurally poor trees are proposed to be removed along the frontage and two trees, one close to the front elevation and one close to the rear elevation of the property, are also shown for removal. One of these, T17, is a good quality Norway maple. The 'Site plan', dwg no. 1701.PL01 A is contradictory as it states the frontage trees will be retained. This plan has now been updated by Site Plan 1701.PL.01 Revision C and correctly corresponds with the Arboricultural Impact Assessment. 5 of the 7 Norway Maples along the frontage are shown to be retained.
- 6.26 The interactive surface water soakaway will need to be moved to outside the root protection area (RPA) of the trees in the rear garden. It will therefore need to be moved slightly further to the north-east.
- There will be a need to plant new trees in the grounds of the property, with significant planting in the front, to mitigate for the tree loss. Species should reflect the natural character of the area, so using Scots pine (Pinus sylvestris), Silver birch (Betula pendula) and Holly (Ilex aquifolium) as the main component planting is recommended.
- 6.28 No objections are raised subject to conditions in respect of tree protection, tree retention/replacement and a landscaping scheme, together with an alteration to the drainage details, (as secured by conditions 11 to 13 inclusive in section 10 of this report).

## The impact on the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area (SPA)

As the site is within 5km of the Thames Basin Heaths SPA a contribution of £66,879.00 is being sought towards provision of the Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANG) to mitigate the effect of the proposed additional dwellings and the recreational pressure on the SPA associated with them. In addition, a contribution of £4,408 towards strategic access management and monitoring is also being sought. The legal agreement required to secure the contributions is currently being agreed with the applicant.

#### Other material considerations

6.30 With regard to surface water runoff and drainage, the Lead Local Flood Authority has advised that the proposed surface water drainage strategy is acceptable in principle, subject to a condition requiring further details to be submitted and approved prior to construction, as set out in condition 14 in section 10 of this report.

#### Housing Land Supply

- 6.31 Paragraphs 7 and 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) set out that there will be a presumption in favour of Sustainable Development. Paragraph 49 of the NPPF states that housing applications should be considered in the context of the presumption in favour of sustainable development, and that relevant policies for the supply of housing should not be considered up-to-date if the local planning authority cannot demonstrate a 5 year supply of deliverable housing sites.
- This scheme would make a contribution to the Borough's housing stock and the socio-economic benefits of the additional dwellings weighs in favour of the development.

# 7. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

7.1 The application proposes a new residential development and is therefore liable for a Community Infrastructure Levy contribution. No details have been submitted with the application, but the required CIL payment for the proposed development would be £240 per square metre (net increase)

## 8. CONSULTATIONS CARRIED OUT

## **Comments from interested parties**

27 occupiers were notified directly of the application.

The planning officer posted a notice advertising the application at the site on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and the application was advertised in the Maidenhead & Windsor Advertiser on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

7 letters (from individual households as opposed to the numbers of letters submitted) were received <u>objecting</u> to the application, summarised as:

Comment		Where in the report this is considered
1.	The proposed apartments would not be an affordable alternative to housing in the surrounding area. Analysis of the prices of flats located opposite the site and within close proximity shows that the proposed flats will be significantly more expensive.	As the viability of the scheme is not a consideration in this case, the potential asking price is not relevant to the assessment of the application.
2.	Harm to the character and appearance of the area: Redevelopment of former houses for flatted development has occurred on the southern side of the road, but the northern side has not seen flatted development – the 15 plots remain as single family houses.	6.5 – 6.12 in particular paragraph 6.7.
3.	It is not sufficient to just point at other flats in the wider area and claim that redevelopment of this family house would represent that same character – the flats need to fit with the character of the area.  The proposal is contrary to Policy NP/DG1.2 – the proposed development is not a detached house for occupation by a single household sitting in its own plot and own garden. It therefore conflicts with the development plan.	See paragraphs 6.5 – 6.12.
4.	The floor space of the development is four times larger than the existing property on site and double that of any house on the north side of the road. The proposed building would largely fill the width of the plot and be closer to the road than the existing building thus appearing very cramped. The density of development is greater than any other site on the road.	See paragraphs 6.5 – 6.12.
5.	Trees to the side boundary would be removed to facilitate this excessive building. There will be very few trees left as a result of the proposal.	6.25 – 6.28
6.	Inadequate parking provision (most family units have at least two cars), that will lead to significant pressure for on-street parking and disputes with existing neighbours. Parking on the road will lead to disruptions and hazards and interfere with visibility into nearby houses and flats. The access to some of the basement spaces is questioned as is visibility onto the road.	6.16 – 6.24

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		overbearing and in this case
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		neighbour, would not be.
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	constantly parked on the road,	attached to any approval
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22. Inadequate provision h	as been made to handle the draining and run off from the	6.30 and condition 14 in section 10.

23.	Loss of privacy to 'Alder Rill' on Charters Road, to the rear of the application site.	6.15
24.	This application is yet another luxury block of apartments that reducing the mix of properties in the area and goes against the sentiment of the local community raised in the neighbourhood plan against developments of this type.	6.6, 6.31 and 6.32
25.	The Council should ensure that the level of flood risk from surface water runoff from the proposed development is not increased in the area.	6.30 and condition 10 in section 10.

# **Statutory consultees**

Consultee	Comment	Where in the report this is considered
Sunningdale Parish Council	Strongly objects to this application on several points including the size and bulk of the proposed development, inconsistent development to the Townscape and neighbouring properties, significant tree removals, insufficient car parking, surface water and privacy issues. There is a distinct difference in the building form either side of Lady Margaret Road. The buildings on the South East side are predominantly apartment blocks on large wide plots. In complete contrast, all 15 buildings on the quieter North West side are large, individual family dwellings – this side typifies the description of 'Leafy Residential Suburb'. The sheer bulk, scale and uniform design of the proposal occupying the entire building frontage would be out of place even with the apartment blocks on the South East side of the road. On the North West side the development would be visually of keeping with the single family dwellings on this side of the road.  The density, footprint, scale and bulk is out of keeping with neighbouring properties and therefore contrary to Policy NP/DG2. The plot width is not sufficient to support a building of the size proposed.  The density of the development would be the highest of any of the other developments on Lady Margaret Road.	6.2 – 6.12, 6.16 – 6.24

# Other consultees

Consultee	Comment	Where in the report this is considered
SPAE	The applicant only provides 1 car parking space for each 2 bedroom apartment, plus 4 visitor parking spaces and 1 disabled space. Similar developments neighbouring the site have provided 2 parking spaces for each 2 bed apartment – this is very much in line with the Neighbourhood Plan Policy T1. Would like to see the number of spaces for each apartment increased.	6.16 – 6.24
Tree Officer	No objections in principle, subject to conditions in respect of tree protection, tree retention/replacement and landscaping scheme	6.25 – 6.28 Conditions 11, 12 and 13 in Section 10.
Highway Authority	No objections subject to conditions in respect of construction management, parking and turning, refuse provision, gates and gradient of the drive.	6.16 – 6.24 Conditions 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in Section 10.

Local Lead Flood Authority	No objections subject to a condition in respect of a surface water drainage scheme for the development.	6.30 Condition 14 in Section 10.
Accessibility Officer	No objections.	Noted

#### 9. APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT

- Appendix A Site location plan
- Appendix B Site layout plan
- Appendix C Proposed elevations
- Appendix D Proposed floor plans
- Appendix E Proposed street scene

#### 10. CONDITIONS RECOMMENDED FOR INCLUSION IF PERMISSION IS GRANTED

- 1 The development hereby permitted shall be commenced within three years from the date of this permission.
  - <u>Reason:</u> To accord with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
- 2 No development shall take place until samples of the materials to be used on the external surfaces of the development have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out and maintained in accordance with the approved details.
  - <u>Reason:</u> In the interests of the visual amenities of the area. Relevant Policies : Local Plan DG1, Neighbourhood Plan NP/DG3.
- No development shall commence until details of all finished slab levels in relation to ground level (against OD Newlyn) have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out and maintained in accordance with the approved details
  - <u>Reason:</u> In the interest of the visual amenities of the area. Relevant Policy Local Plan DG1, Neighbourhood Plan NP/DG3.
- The first and second floor windows in the south-west and north-east side elevations of the development shall be of a permanently fixed, non-opening design, with the exception of an opening toplight that is a minimum of 1.7m above the finished internal floor level, and fitted with obscure glass (minimal level 3).
  - <u>Reason:</u> To prevent overlooking and loss of privacy to neighbouring occupiers. Relevant Policies Local Plan DG1, Neighbourhood Plan NP/ DG3.
- Prior to the commencement of any works of demolition or construction a management plan showing how demolition and construction traffic, (including cranes), materials storage, facilities for operatives and vehicle parking and manoeuvring will be accommodated during the works period shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The plan shall be implemented as approved and maintained for the duration of the works or as may be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
  - Reason: In the interests of highway safety and the free flow of traffic. Relevant Policies Local Plan T5.
- No part of the development shall be occupied until vehicle parking and turning space has been provided, surfaced and marked out in accordance with the approved drawing. The space approved shall be kept available for parking and turning in association with the development.

  Reason: To ensure that the development is provided with adequate parking facilities in order to reduce the likelihood of roadside parking which could be detrimental to the free flow of traffic and to highway safety, and to facilitate vehicles entering and leaving the highway in forward gear. Relevant Policies Local Plan P4, DG1.

- No part of the development shall be occupied until the visibility splays shown on the approved drawings have been provided. The areas within these splays shall be kept free of all obstructions to visibility above a height of 0.6 metres from the surface of the carriageway.

  Reason: In the interests of highway safety. Relevant Policies Local Plan T5.
- No part of the development shall be occupied until the refuse bin storage area and recycling facilities have been provided in accordance with the approved drawing. These facilities shall be kept available for use in association with the development at all times.

  Reason: To ensure that the development is provided with adequate facilities that allow it to be serviced in a manner which would not adversely affect the free flow of traffic and highway safety and to ensure the sustainability of the development. Relevant Policies Local Plan T5, DG1.
- Any gates provided shall open away from the highway and be set back a distance of at least 5 metres from the highway boundary or at least 7 meters from the nearside edge of the carriageway of the adjoining highway.

  Reason: To ensure that vehicles can be driven off the highway before the gates are opened, in the interests of highway safety. Relevant Policies Local Plan T5
- The gradient of private drives shall not exceed 1 in 12.

  Reason: To ensure that adequate access to parking spaces and garages is provided. Relevant Policies Local Plan T5, P4.
- Prior to any equipment, machinery or materials being brought onto the site, details of the measures to protect, during construction, the trees shown to be retained on the approved plan, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved measures shall be implemented in full prior to any equipment, machinery or materials being brought onto the site, and thereafter maintained until the completion of all construction work and all equipment, machinery and surplus materials have been permanently removed from the site. These measures shall include fencing in accordance with British Standard 5837. Nothing shall be stored or placed in any area fenced in accordance with this condition and the ground levels within those areas shall not be altered, nor shall any excavation be made, without the prior written approval of the Local Planning Authority.

<u>Reason:</u> To protect trees which contribute to the visual amenities of the site and surrounding area. Relevant Policies - Local Plan DG1, N6.

No tree or hedgerow shown to be retained in the approved plans shall be cut down, uprooted or destroyed, nor shall any retained tree be lopped or topped other than in accordance with the approved plans and particulars or without the prior written approval of the Local Planning Authority, until ten years from the date of occupation of the building for its permitted use. Any topping or lopping approved shall be carried out in accordance with British Standard 3998 Tree work. If any retained tree is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies, another tree shall be planted in the immediate vicinity and that tree shall be of the same size and species unless the Local Planning Authority give its prior written consent to any variation.

<u>Reason:</u> In the interests of the visual amenities of the area. Relevant Policies - Local Plan DG1, N6.

No development shall take place until full details of both hard and soft landscape works, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and these works shall be carried out as approved within the first planting season following the substantial completion of the development and retained in accordance with the approved details. If within a period of five years from the date of planting of any tree or shrub shown on the approved landscaping plan, that tree or shrub, or any tree or shrub planted in replacement for it, is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies, or becomes seriously damaged or defective, another tree or shrub of the same species and size as that originally planted shall be planted in the immediate vicinity, unless the Local Planning Authority gives its prior written consent to any variation.

<u>Reason:</u> To ensure a form of development that maintains, and contributes positively to, the character and appearance of the area. Relevant Policies - Local Plan DG1.

No construction shall commence until a surface water drainage scheme for the development, based on sustainable drainage principles has been submitted to and approved in writing by the

Local Planning Authority. Details shall include: Full details of all components of the proposed surface water drainage system including dimensions, locations, gradients, invert levels, cover levels and relevant construction details; Supporting calculations based on infiltration rates determined by infiltration testing carried out in accordance with BRE365 confirming compliance with the Non-Statutory Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems; and Details of the maintenance arrangements relating to the proposed surface water drainage system, confirming who will be responsible for its maintenance and the maintenance regime to be implemented. The surface water drainage system shall be implemented and maintained in accordance with the approved details thereafter.

<u>Reason:</u> To ensure compliance with National Planning Practice Guidance and the Non-Statutory Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems, and to ensure the proposed development is safe from flooding and does not increase flood risk elsewhere.

The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans listed below.

<u>Reason:</u> To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved particulars and plans.

# **Informatives**

- The Streetcare Services Manager at Tinkers Lane Depot Tinkers Lane Windsor SL4 4LR tel: 01628 796801 should be contacted for the approval of the access construction details and to grant a licence before any work is carried out within the highway. A formal application should be made allowing at least 4 weeks notice to obtain details of underground services on the applicant's behalf.
- The attention of the applicant is drawn to the Berkshire Act 1986, Part II, Clause 9, which enables the Highway Authority to recover the costs of repairing damage to the footway or grass verge arising during building operations.
- The attention of the applicant is drawn to Section 59 of the Highways Act 1980 which enables the Highway Authority to recover expenses due to extraordinary traffic.
- Any incidental works affecting the adjoining highway shall be approved by, and a licence obtained from the The Streetcare Services Manager at Tinkers Lane Depot Tinkers Lane Windsor SL4 4LR tel: 01628 796801 at least 4 weeks before any development is due to commence.