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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

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Postcode

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

Easting (x)

Northing (y)

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

John

Surname

Martlew

Company Name

JMBC Ltd

Address

Address line 1

Unit 1

Address line 2

Collins Industrial Estate

Address line 3

Merton Bank Road

Town/City

St. Helens

County

Merseyside

Country

Postcode

WA9 1HY

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

County

Country

Postcode

Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

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Site Area

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

2724.00

Unit

Sq. metres

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

Construction of 14no. commercial/light industrial units comprising 13no. 543ft2 units and 1no. 1,086ft2 unit, together with ancillary external works.

Has the work or change of use already started?

Yes

No

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

Use Class E (Commercial, Business and Service) - Garden Centre.

Is the site currently vacant?

Yes

No

If Yes, please describe the last use of the site

Use Class E (Commercial, Business and Service) - Garden Centre.

When did this use end (if known)?

12/05/2023

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

Land where contamination is suspected for all or part of the site

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

Please provide a description of existing and proposed materials and finishes to be used externally (including type, colour and name for each material)

Type:

Roof

Existing materials and finishes:

N/A.

Proposed materials and finishes:

Profiled steel cladding panels with GRP roof lights.

Type:

Walls

Existing materials and finishes:

N/A

Proposed materials and finishes:

Profiled steel cladding panels with steel trims etc.

Type:

Windows

Existing materials and finishes:

N/A

Proposed materials and finishes:

Powder-coated aluminium-frame windows with double-glazed units.

Type:

Doors

Existing materials and finishes:

N/A

Proposed materials and finishes:

Powder-coated aluminium-frame doors with double-glazed units.

Type:

Boundary treatments (e.g. fences, walls)

Existing materials and finishes:

6ft galvanised steel palisade fencing.

Proposed materials and finishes:

Existing 6ft galvanised steel palisade fencing to be retained and repaired along the east, north and south boundary lines.

Type:

Vehicle access and hard standing

Existing materials and finishes:

N/A

Proposed materials and finishes:

Tarmac vehicle hardstanding and roadways etc., with precast concrete pavement flags and kerb edgings etc.

Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

Roller shutters

Existing materials and finishes:

N/A

Proposed materials and finishes:

Insulated steel sectional panel roller shutters with GRP vision windows.

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plans, drawings or a design and access statement?

- 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

New pedestrian access gates from Merton Bank Road shown on drawing no. 022-043-MRS-JM 003.

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):

12

Difference in spaces:

12

Vehicle Type:

Disability spaces

Existing number of spaces:

0

Total proposed (including spaces retained):

3

Difference in spaces:

3

Vehicle Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

Electric vehicle charging bays

Existing number of spaces:

0

Total proposed (including spaces retained):

2

Difference in spaces:

2

Vehicle Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

External bicycle storage rack

Existing number of spaces:

0

Total proposed (including spaces retained):

8

Difference in spaces:

8

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

If Yes to either or both of the above, you may need to provide a full tree survey, at the discretion of the local planning authority. If a tree survey is required, this and the accompanying plan should be submitted alongside the application. The local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations'.

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.

Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

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

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

If Yes, please provide details:

Bin store compound area allocated at the south end of the site.

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

- Yes
- No

If Yes, please provide details:

Provisional bin store compound area is large enough to house up to 6no. 1,100 litre commercial bins; allowing storage of a mixture of recyclable and non-recyclable waste.

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

Existing Employees

Please complete the following information regarding existing employees:

Full-time

0

Part-time

0

Total full-time equivalent

0.00

Proposed Employees

If known, please complete the following information regarding proposed employees:

Full-time

Part-time

Total full-time equivalent

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

Please describe the activities and processes which would be carried out on the site and the end products including plant, ventilation or air conditioning. Please include the type of machinery which may be installed on site:

Proposed units are speculative units intended for commercial/light industrial use and each individual occupier may have different requirements. Any plant or machinery will be fitted inside the units by the future occupiers and so cannot be reasonably determined at this stage.

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

***** REDACTED *****

First Name

***** REDACTED *****

Surname

***** REDACTED *****

Reference

PRE/2022/0082/PREC

Date (must be pre-application submission)

24/11/2022

Details of the pre-application advice received

Written pre-application advice issued by Daley Parsonage, following previous discussions with Natasha Ayres. Please refer to the letter dated 24th November 2022 for details. Numerous recommendations made both in the advice letter, and by telephone and email by Natasha Ayres, which have now been incorporated into the proposal. The main amendments are discussed in the Planning Statement.

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

Is any of the land to which the application relates part of an Agricultural Holding?

- Yes
- No

Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate A

I certify/The applicant certifies that on the day 21 days before the date of this application nobody except myself/ the applicant was the owner* of any part of the land or building to which the application relates, and that none of the land to which the application relates is, or is part of, an agricultural holding**

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

** "agricultural holding" has the meaning given by reference to the definition of "agricultural tenant" in section 65(8) of the Act.

NOTE: You should sign Certificate B, C or D, as appropriate, if you are the sole owner of the land or building to which the application relates but the land is, or is part of, an agricultural holding.

Person Role

- The Applicant
 The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Chris

Surname

Cousineau

Declaration Date

28/09/2023

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

Signed

Chris Cousineau

Date

29/09/2023