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Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of use from  
Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E) to Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3)

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as  
amended) - Schedule 2, Part 3, Class MA

**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	<input type="text" value="155"/>
Suffix	<input type="text" value="A"/>
Property Name	<input type="text" value="Thinkpad House"/>
Address Line 1	<input type="text" value="Main Road"/>
Address Line 2	<input type="text"/>
Address Line 3	<input type="text" value="Bromley"/>
Town/city	<input type="text" value="Biggin Hill"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="TN16 3JP"/>

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

Easting (x)	<input type="text" value="541833"/>	Northing (y)	<input type="text" value="159142"/>
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Description

## Applicant Details

### Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

Company Name

### Address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

County

Country

Postcode

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

## Contact Details

Primary number

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

SP1 1DU

## Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

\*\*\*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\*\*\*

Fax number

Email address

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## Eligibility

Permitted development rights are subject to conditions set by legislation to ensure that only appropriate proposals are eligible.

The need to apply to the Local Planning Authority to see if prior approval is required is one such condition.

The questions below will help determine if the proposals are eligible for this permitted development right.

### The current building and site

Has the building been vacant for a continuous period of at least 3 months immediately prior to the date of this application?

Yes

No

Has the use of the building, for a continuous period of at least 2 years immediately prior to the date of this application, been any of the following:

• For periods prior to 1 September 2020

- Shops (Use Class A1);

- Financial and professional services (Use Class A2);

- Food and drink (Use Class A3)

- Business (Use Class B1);

- Medical or health services

- Non-residential institutions (Use Class D1(a));

- Crèche, day nursery or day centre

- Non-residential institutions (Use Class D1(b));

- Indoor and outdoor sports

- Assembly and leisure (Use Class D2(e)), other than an indoor swimming pool or skating rink;

• For periods from 1 September 2020

- Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E)

Yes

No

Does the cumulative floor space of the existing building exceed 1,500 square metres?

Yes

No

Is any land covered by, or within the curtilage of, the building:

- in a site of special scientific interest;
- a listed building or land within its curtilage;
- a scheduled monument or land within its curtilage;
- a safety hazard area;
- a military explosives storage area;

Or, is the building:

- in an area of outstanding natural beauty;
- in an area specified by the Secretary of State for the purposes of enhancement and protection of the natural beauty and amenity of the countryside;
- in the Broads;
- in a National Park;
- in a World Heritage Site

Yes

No

### The proposed change of use

For applications, submitted before 1 August 2022, proposing a change of use to Dwellinghouses from Offices (Use Class B1(a)/E(g)(i)).

Is/Was there an Article 4 direction in place that has removed these specific permitted development rights?

Yes

No / Not relevant

Will all the proposed new dwellinghouses have gross internal floor areas of at least 37 square metres, and comply with the [nationally described space standard?](#)

Yes

No

Following the development, will every dwellinghouse in the building remain in use within Use Class C3 and for no other purpose, unless that purpose is ancillary to the primary use as a dwellinghouse?

Yes

No

## Agricultural tenants

To be eligible for this permitted development right, all parties to any agricultural tenancy agreements that are currently in place need to provide consent.

This is to help ensure that agricultural tenants are not displaced to allow a change of use to be carried out.

Is any part of the land covered by or within the curtilage of the building to be demolished occupied under any agricultural tenancy agreements?

Yes

No

## Fire Safety

Where the building (as proposed) exceeds certain limits, legislation has been put in place to ensure the adequate consideration of fire safety by the Local Authority (including its decision to grant prior approval) and other relevant parties.

Would the proposed development result in a building that contains one or more dwellinghouse, and is:

- 18 metres or more in height (as measured from ground level to the highest part of the roof); and/or
- Contains 7 or more stories

Yes

No

## Description of Proposed Works, Impacts and Risks

### Proposed works

Please describe the proposed development including details of any dwellinghouses and other works proposed

Prior Notification requirement under Part MA of the GPDO for the change of use of Class E space to form 2 studio flats

Please provide details on the provision of adequate natural light in all habitable rooms of the dwellinghouses

See Plans and Planning Statement

What will be the net increase in dwellinghouses?

2

This figure should be the number of dwellinghouses proposed by the development that is additional to the number of dwellinghouses in the existing building prior to the development.

### Impacts and risks

Please provide details of any transport and highways impacts and how these will be mitigated, particularly to ensure safe site access

See Transport and Planning Statement

Please provide details of any contamination risks and how these will be mitigated

See Plans and Planning Statement

Please provide details of any flooding risks and how these will be mitigated.

FZ1- See Planning Statement

A flood risk assessment should accompany the application where the site:

- is in Flood Zones 2 or 3; or
- is in an area with critical drainage problems (such areas will have been notified to the Local Planning Authority by the Environment Agency).

[Check if your site location is in Flood Zone 2 or 3 online](#)

Check with your Local Planning Authority to see if your site is in an area with critical drainage problems.

Please provide details of the impacts of noise from any commercial premises on the intended occupiers of the new dwellinghouses and how these will be mitigated

See Planning Statement

If the building is located in a conservation area, and the development involves a change of use of the whole or part of the ground floor. Please provide details of the impacts that the change of use will have on the character or sustainability of the conservation area and how these will be mitigated

Not a CA - See Planning Statement

If the building is located in an area currently in use for general or heavy industry, waste management, storage and distribution, or a mix of such uses.

Please provide details of the impacts on intended occupiers of the development of the introduction of residential use in the area and how these will be mitigated

N/A

If the proposal involves the loss of services provided by a registered nursery, or a health centre. Please provide details of the impacts on the local provision of the type of services lost and how these will be mitigated

N/A

## List of flats and other premises in the existing building

Please provide a list of all addresses of any flats and any other premises within the existing building

**House name:**

ThinkPad House

**Number:**

**Suffix:**

**Address line 1:**

155a Main Road

**Address Line 2:**

Biggin Hill

**Town/City:**

Westerham

**Postcode:**

TN16 3JP

## Site information

**Please note:** This question is specific to applications within the Greater London area.

The Mayor can request relevant information about spatial planning in Greater London under [Section 346 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999](#).

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## Title number(s)

Please add the title number(s) for the existing building(s) on the site. If the site has no title numbers, please enter "Unregistered".

**Title Number:**

SGL671439

## Energy Performance Certificate

Do any of the buildings on the application site have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)?

Yes

No

## Vehicle Parking

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

- Yes  
 No

Please provide the number of existing and proposed parking spaces.

**Vehicle Type:**

Cars

**Existing number of spaces:**

0

**Total proposed (including spaces retained):**

0

**Difference in spaces:**

0

Please note that car parking spaces and disabled persons parking spaces should be recorded separately unless its residential off-street parking which should include both.

## Electric vehicle charging points

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Do the proposals include electric vehicle charging points and/or hydrogen refuelling facilities?

- Yes  
 No

## Superseded consents

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Does this proposal supersede any existing consent(s)?

- Yes  
 No

## Development Dates

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When are the building works expected to commence?

06/2024



When are the building works expected to be complete?

12/2024



## Scheme and Developer Information

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### Scheme Name

Does the scheme have a name?

- Yes  
 No

### Developer Information

Has a lead developer been assigned?

- Yes  
 No

## Residential Units

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### Residential Units to be added

Does this proposal involve the addition of any self-contained residential units or student accommodation (including those being rebuilt)?

- Yes  
 No

Please provide details for each separate type and specification of residential unit being provided.

**Residential Unit Type:**

Flat, Apartment or Maisonette

**Tenure:**

Market for sale

**Who will be the provider of the proposed unit(s)?:**

Private

**Development type:**

Conversion

**Number of units, of this specification, to be added:**

2

**GIA (gross internal floor area) per unit:**

43 square metres

**Habitable rooms per unit:**

1

**Bedrooms per unit:**

1

**Compliant with M4(2) of Approved Document M Volume 1 of the Building Regulations:**

No

**Compliant with M4(3)(2a) of Approved Document M Volume 1 of the Building Regulations:**

No

**Compliant with M4(3)(2b) of Approved Document M Volume 1 of the Building Regulations:**

No

**Providing sheltered accomodation?:**

No

**Providing specialist older persons housing?:**

No

**On garden land?:**

No

**Communal space to be added**

Please add details for every unit of communal space to be added

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**Totals**

Total number of residential units proposed

2
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Total residential GIA (Gross Internal Floor Area) gained

86	square metres
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**Mixed use residential site area**

Is this application for a mixed use proposal that includes residential uses?

- Yes
- No

**Existing and Proposed Uses**

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Please add details of the Gross Internal Area (GIA) for all current uses and how this will change based on the proposed development. Details of the floor area for any proposed new uses should also be added.

**Use Class:**

E(g)(i) - Offices - Except where not suitable in a residential area

**Existing gross internal floor area (square metres):**

131

**Gross internal floor area lost (including by change of use) (square metres):**

86

**Gross internal floor area gained (including change of use) (square metres):**

0

Total Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres)	Gross internal floor area lost (including by change of use) (square metres)	Gross internal floor area gained (including change of use) (square metres)
131	86	0

## Occupation Status

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Please indicate the occupation status of the building in question

- Vacant
- Partially vacant
- Occupied

## Waste and recycling provision

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Does every unit in this proposal (residential and non-residential) have dedicated internal and external storage space for dry recycling, food waste and residual waste?

- Yes
- No

If no, please add details of every unit that does not provide all of the above, indicating what is and isn't provided and the reason why all of these spaces cannot be provided

## Environmental Impacts

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### Community energy

Will the proposal provide any on-site community-owned energy generation?

Yes

No

### Heat pumps

Will the proposal provide any heat pumps?

Yes

No

### Solar energy

Does the proposal include solar energy of any kind?

Yes

No

### Passive cooling units

Number of proposed residential units with passive cooling

### Emissions

NOx total annual emissions (Kilograms)

Particulate matter (PM) total annual emissions (Kilograms)

### Greenhouse gas emission reductions

Are the on-site Green House Gas emission reductions at least 35% above those set out in Part L of Building Regulations 2021?

Yes

No

### Green Roof

Proposed area of 'Green Roof' to be added (Square metres)

### Urban Greening Factor

Please enter the Urban Greening Factor score

### Residential units with electrical heating

Number of proposed residential units with electrical heating

### Reused/Recycled materials

Percentage of demolition/construction material to be reused/recycled

0

## Utilites

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### Water and gas connections

Number of new water connections required

0

Number of new gas connections required

0

### Fire safety

Is a fire suppression system proposed?

- Yes  
 No

### Internet connections

Number of residential units to be served by full fibre internet connections

0

Number of non-residential units to be served by full fibre internet connections

0

### Mobile networks

Has consultation with mobile network operators been carried out?

- Yes  
 No

## Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Prior Approval: Change of use – commercial/business/service to dwellinghouses 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

Tony Allen

Date

20/12/2023

