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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

Gareth

Surname

Thomas

Company Name

Speciality Oxygen Service

Address

Address line 1

Unit 14

Address line 2

Conway Industrial Estate

Address line 3

Skull House Lane

Town/City

Appley Bridge

County

Lancashire

Country

England

Postcode

WN6 9DW

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

***** REDACTED *****

Fax number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

Site Area

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

268.00

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

We intend to replace our 2,000L liquid oxygen storage tank with a larger 10,000 litre tank.

No building works are required for the installation of the new tank.

The new tank will be situated in the same location as the incumbent tank which is next to our building.

SOS uses liquid oxygen, which is stored in our 2,000 litre capacity tank, to turn into gaseous oxygen and pump into medical oxygen cylinders.

Because demand for medical oxygen has increased exponentially over the last 5 years we require a larger tank in order to keep up with demand.

Our medical oxygen cylinders are licenced medicines under MHRA authorisations and supplied to customers throughout the UK including emergency services.

The reason for requiring a new tank is to ensure our production and supply lines work seamlessly to negate shortages and ensure patient safety.

Has the work or change of use already started?

- Yes
 No

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

The site is already being used for the manufacture and supply of medical oxygen.

We just need to upgrade the oxygen tank we already have.

Is the site currently vacant?

- Yes
 No

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

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

Vehicle Parking

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

- Yes
 No

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.

Biodiversity net gain

Do you believe that, if the development is granted permission, the general Biodiversity Gain Condition (as set out in Paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)) would apply?

- Yes
 No

Please add all the exemptions or transitional arrangements that apply and provide a reason why

Exemption:

Development subject to the de minimis exemption (development below the threshold)

Reason for selecting exemption:

The location of the tank does not impact a priority habitat. The new tank will be placed in the same position as the existing tank. The footprint of the tank will be the same as the existing tank (2.1m x 2.1m (4.1m sq)).

Note: Please read the help text for further information on the exemptions available and when they apply

Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

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

Other

Sewage is not relevant to this application. No building work will be taking place.

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

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

- Yes
- No

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

6

Part-time

0

Total full-time equivalent

6.00

Proposed Employees

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

Full-time

4

Part-time

0

Total full-time equivalent

10.00

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:

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Our medical oxygen cylinders are licenced medicines under MHRA authorisations and supplied to customers throughout the UK including emergency services, so it's very important our operation works seamlessly to negate shortages and ensure patient safety.

It is important that we are able to install a new tank so that we can continue to meet demand.

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

2023/1140/LDP

Date (must be pre-application submission)

08/02/2024

Details of the pre-application advice received

We initially applied for a Certificate of Lawful Use or Development but the application was refused and we were advised that planning permission would be required.

"Ground(s) for Refusal

1. On the basis of the information provided, the gas storage tank would materially affect the external appearance of the premises, contrary to Schedule 2, Part 7, Class I.1 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) and planning permission is REQUIRED."

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

Can you give appropriate notice to all the other owners/agricultural tenants? (Select 'Yes' if there are no other owners/agricultural tenants)

- Yes
- No

Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate B

I certify/ The applicant certifies that:

- I have/The applicant has given the requisite notice to everyone else (as listed below) who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was the owner* and/or agricultural tenant** of any part of the land or building to which this application relates; or
- The applicant is the sole owner of all the land or buildings to which this application relates and there are no other owners* and/or agricultural tenants**.

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

** "agricultural tenant" has the meaning given in section 65(8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Owner/Agricultural Tenant

Name of Owner/Agricultural Tenant:

***** REDACTED *****

House name:

Number:

1

Suffix:

Address line 1:

Burlington Gardens

Address Line 2:

Town/City:

Leyland

Postcode:

PR25 3PX

Date notice served (DD/MM/YYYY):

19/03/2024

Person Family Name:

Person Role

The Applicant

The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Gareth

Surname

Thomas

Declaration Date

19/03/2024

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

Gareth Thomas

Date

19/03/2024