

Planning Department
South Gloucestershire Council
Department of Place
PO Box 1954
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Our ref: 5929
Your ref. P22/05928/F
Date: 1st May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Approval of details reserved by condition for planning permission P22/05928/F – The Castle School, Park Road, Thornbury, BS35 1HT

Rapleys has been instructed by the applicant, to submit an application to seek the approval of details reserved by conditions attached to the planning permission ref. P22/05928/F to redevelop the existing Castle School.

This covering letter accompanies an application to discharge Conditions 5 (External Lighting) and Condition 11 (Travel Plan) from the aforementioned planning consent. The requirements and information provided for each condition are discussed in turn below.

Subject Conditions

Condition 5 requires the following:

Prior to any installation of external lighting, details are submitted to and approved by the local authority in writing, this is to include specification and location to ensure foraging and commuting bats are not deterred from using the site and that new roost provisions are not illuminated. All external lighting shall only be installed in accordance with the approved details.

Reason To ensure the works are carried out in an appropriate manner and in the interests of wider biodiversity, and to accord with Policy CS9 of the South Gloucestershire Local Plan: Core Strategy (Adopted) 2013 and Policy PSP19 of the South Gloucestershire Local Plan: Policies, Sites and Places Plan (Adopted) 2017 and the National Planning Policy Framework. With further regard to the species protected under the Conservation of Habitats & Species Regulations 2017 ('European Protected Species) and Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

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An external lighting plan and specification document has been submitted within this application. Please refer to the following documents:

- 26C001-WBS-XX-XX-DR-E-0002 – External Lighting Plan
- 26C001-WBS-XX-XX-TS-E-0025 - External Luminaire Technical Submission & Calculations

Condition 11 requires the following:

Prior to the first use of the development hereby approved, a Modeshift Stars Travel Plan demonstrating how this sixth form block will be incorporated into the current Modeshift Stars and its accreditation will be maintained, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The accreditation must be maintained each year and progression to higher levels of accreditation is encouraged.

Reason To promote sustainable forms of transport and to comply with policy CS8 of the South Gloucestershire Local Plan: Core Strategy (Adopted) 2013, and Policy PSP11 of the South Gloucestershire Local Plan: Policies, Sites and Places Plan (Adopted) 2017.

From September 2024, the new Maths/Science Block will open at Park Road site, and the base for the Sixth Form Students will switch from Gloucester Road site to Park Road site. Enclosed with this application is content from the 2023 Castle School Travel Plan, along with an update letter which explains how the new teaching block will be incorporated when it opens in September 2024.

In addition, an e-mail is provided from the Sustainable Travel team at South Gloucestershire Council confirming that the school has a Modeshift STARS Excellent (Gold) Travel Plan and that the new development has been properly incorporated.

The following documents are provided for consideration:

- South Glos Council Modeshift Team E-mail
- Castle School Travel Plan 2023
- Castle School Travel Plan – Update September 2024

Summary

I trust this letter and the information provided is sufficient to address the requirements of the above conditions, though please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

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