

DELEGATED REPORT

Report by Sam Summers	Date of report: 26/10/2023	Ref: 70050/P3JPA
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Objections: 0	Con Area: N/A	Adv Type: N/A
Reason for Delay: N/A		EIA: NA
		Dec Level: DEL
		Stat Class: NREQ

Proposal: Prior approval for proposed change of use from Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E) to mixed use including offices and 2no. flats

Location: 93 - 95 Windsor Road, Prestwich, Manchester, M25 0DB

Description

This is an application for prior approval for a proposed change of use from commercial, business and service (Class E) to a mixed use including a shop and 2 no. flats (Class C3) under Part 3 Class G of the General Permitted Development Order 2015(as amended). The property is a two storey building on the end of a terraced row on Windsor Road.

It is proposed to change the first floor of the property into a flat whilst retaining an office use at ground floor. There will be no external alterations as part of this application. There would be adequate natural light to all habitable rooms. The floor space would exceed the 37 square metres required under the national housing standards but would not exceed the limit of 1500 square metres allowed under the permitted development right. There is a rear yard with proposed bin storage.

Relevant Planning History

None

Publicity

Letters sent to neighbours 06/09/2023

Statutory/Non-Statutory Consultations

Environmental Health - Pollution Control - No comment

Environmental Health - Contaminated Land - Low risk of contamination, no report required

Traffic Section -

Pre-start Conditions - None

Unitary Development Plan and Policies

Issues and Analysis

The following report includes analysis of the merits of the application against the relevant policies of both the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the adopted Bury Unitary Development Plan (UDP) together with other relevant material planning considerations. The policies of the UDP that have been used to assess this application are considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and as such are material planning considerations. For simplicity, just the UDP Policy will be referred to in the report, unless there is a particular matter to highlight arising from the NPPF where it would otherwise be specifically mentioned.

Equality Act 2010: All planning applications are considered in light of the Equality Act 2010 and associated Public Sector Equality Duty, where the Council is required to have due regard for:

The elimination of discrimination, harassment and victimisation;

The advancement of equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and person who do not share it;

The fostering of good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and person who do not share it; which applies to people from the protected equality groups.

Human Rights: All planning applications are considered against the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.

Under Article 6 the applicants (and those third parties who have made representations) have the right to a fair hearing and to this end full consideration will be given to their comments.

Article 8 and Protocol 1 of the First Article confer a right to respect private and family life and a right to the protection of property, ie peaceful enjoyment of one's possessions which could include a person's home, and other land and business assets.

In taking account of the Council policy as set out in the Bury Unitary Development Plan 1997 and all material planning considerations, it is concluded on balance that the rights conferred upon the applicant/ objectors/ residents/ other interested party by Article 8 and Article 1 of the First Protocol may be interfered with, since such interference is in accordance with the law and is justified in the public interest. Any restriction of these rights posed by refusal/ approval of the application is legitimate since it is proportionate to the wider benefits of such a decision, is based upon the merits of the proposal, and falls within the margin of discretion afforded to the Council under the Town & Country Planning Acts.

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 imposes (without prejudice to any other obligation imposed on it) a duty upon the Council to exercise its functions and have due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of its functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area. In so doing and on making planning decisions under the Town and Country Planning Acts, the material Planning considerations shall have due regard to the provisions of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and its implications in the exercise of its functions.

Development is permitted by Class G subject to the following conditions—

a) Some or all of the parts of the building used for a use within, as the case may be, article 3(6)(n) (betting office) or 3(6)(o) (pay day loan shop) of, or Class E of Schedule 2 to, the Use Classes Order is situated on a floor below the lowest part of the building used as a flat;

The proposed class E use is entirely below the flat use.

(b) where the development consists of a change of use of any building with a display window at ground floor level, the ground floor must not be used in whole or in part as a flat;

Ground Floor will not be used as a flat

(c) a flat must not be used otherwise than as a dwelling (whether or not as a sole or main residence)—

(i) by a single person or by people living together as a family, or

(ii) by not more than 6 residents living together as a single household (including a household where care is provided for residents).;

(d) before beginning development, the developer must apply to the local planning authority for a determination as to whether the prior approval of the authority will be required as to—

(i) contamination risks in relation to the building:

Environmental health confirmed risk of contamination is low and therefore no desktop survey required

(ii) flooding risks in relation to the building:

Not in a flood zone

(iii) impacts of noise from commercial premises on the intended occupiers of the development:

No comment from pollution control. Adjacent building in use as personal fitness studio but with an application of proposed use as offices. Neither of these uses would produce excessive levels of noise.

(iv) the provision of adequate natural light in all habitable rooms of the dwellinghouses:

There is adequate natural light to all habitable rooms.

(v) arrangements required for the storage and management of domestic waste.

Bin storage in rear yard

As such the Prior Approval of the Local Planning Authority is not required

Recommendation: Bury Metropolitan Borough Council Hereby determine that the prior approval of the local planning authority is **NOT REQUIRED** for the siting and appearance of the development as described in Part 1 of this decision notice.

Conditions and Reasons:

<u>Case Officer</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sign off Officer</u>	<u>Date</u>
SS	26/10/2023	DM	27/10/2023