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Important – Planning permission and notices of consent

Compliance with conditions

- Your planning approval or consent is attached. It will contain conditions that you must comply with.
- Please read the conditions and understand their requirements and restrictions, for example submission and approval of details or measures to protect trees.
- Some conditions will require action before you start development and it is imperative that you seek to have these discharged before any work commences.
- Whilst every effort has been made to group conditions logically, it is your responsibility to ensure that you are aware of the requirements and/or restrictions of all conditions.
- If you fail to comply with the conditions this may result in a breach of planning control and this may lead to enforcement action.
- Failure to comply with conditions may also result in the development not being lawful.
- It is in your interests to demonstrate that conditions have been complied with. Failure to do so may cause difficulties if the property is sold or transferred.
- A fee may be payable for each request to discharge conditions.

For advice on any of these matters, please contact the duty planning officer or the case officer at Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, Campus East, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6AE or by email planning@welhat.gov.uk between 0900 – 1100 daily.

**Notice of Decision
Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development
Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
Approval of Permission for Development**

To: Mr Alexander Hopkins

Application No: 6/2020/2155/FULL

Date of Approval: 6 November 2020

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL, in pursuance of powers under the above mentioned act, hereby GRANT, subject to the development beginning not later than 3 years from the date hereof to: -

Development: Erection of dwelling

At Location: Land adjacent to 45 Kentish Lane Brookmans Park Hatfield AL9 6NG

Applicant: Mr Marco Vignali

Application Date: 7 September 2020

In accordance with the conditions listed below: -

1. Prior to commencement of the development (including vegetation clearance), an on-site reptile survey must be carried out by a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist to check for reptile activity.

If reptiles will be impacted by the development, appropriate mitigation to safeguard them must be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before commencement of the development (including vegetation clearance). The development must be carried out in accordance with the approved mitigation measures.

REASON: To ensure reptiles are protected from harm during the development in accordance with Policy R11 of the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

2. Prior to commencement of the development (including vegetation clearance), a badger walk-over survey of the site and 30m of adjacent land (access permitting) must be carried out by a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist to check for badger activity.

If badgers will be impacted by the development, appropriate mitigation to safeguard them must be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before commencement of the development (including vegetation clearance). The development must be carried out in accordance with the approved mitigation measures.

REASON: To ensure badgers are protected from harm during the development in accordance with Policy R11 of the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

3. No development above ground level shall take place until samples of the materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the dwelling hereby granted have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be implemented using the approved materials and subsequently, the approved materials shall not be changed.

REASON: To ensure a satisfactory standard of development in the interests of visual amenity in accordance with Policies D1 and D2 of the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

4. No development above ground level shall take place until details of the proposed crown roof have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The details, including; a roof plan, elevations and sections, in either 1:50 or 1:100 scale must clearly show that the flat roof is stepped down and concealed behind the surrounding pitched roof. The pitched roof must use ridge tiles. Subsequently the development must be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

REASON: The proposal contains insufficient information in regards to the detailed design of the roof and this is required in the interests of quality of design and visual amenity in accordance with Policies D1 and D2 of the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005, Supplementary Design Guidance 2005 (Statement of Council Policy) and the National Planning Policy Framework.

5. No development above ground level shall take place until details of hard surfacing on a 1:250 scaled plan of hard landscape works have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The details must include the type, location and extent of hard surfacing. The development shall not be carried out other than in accordance with the approved details.

REASON: The landscaping of this site is required in order to respect the existing visual character of the area and to reduce the visual and environmental impacts of the development hereby permitted in accordance with Policies D1 and D2 of the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

6. Prior to occupation of the dwelling hereby approved, the enhancement measures in Table 14 of the submitted Ecological Appraisal (by Cherryfield Ecology, 07/04/2020) including: Bat, bird and insect box enhancement; Hedgehog highways and small mammal connectivity, and; Swift nest boxes, must be implemented and retained permanently thereafter.

REASON: To ensure that the development contributes positively to the biodiversity of the site and to provide net gains for biodiversity, in accordance

with Policy R11 of the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

7. The landscaping comprised in the submitted Soft Landscape Plan (drawing number: 4024.Brookmans.TD.LSP) shall be carried out in the first planting and seeding seasons following occupation of the dwelling or the completion of the development (whichever is the sooner): and any plants which within a period of 5 years from the completion of the development die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species. All landscape works shall be carried out in accordance with the guidance contained in British Standards 8545: 2014.

REASON: To ensure proper implementation of the agreed landscape details in the interest of the amenity value of the area in accordance with Policies D1, D2 and D8 of the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

8. The Arboricultural Method Statement contained in the submitted Arboricultural Implications Assessment and Method Statement (by Andrew Belson Arboricultural Consultant, 17th April 2020) and the submitted Tree Protection Plan (drawing number: 4024.Brookmans.TD.TPP) must be fully adhered to from start to completion of the development.

REASON: To protect existing retained trees and in the interest of the amenity value of the area in accordance with Policies D1, D2 and D8 of the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

9. Any tree/shrub removal should be undertaken outside the nesting bird season (March to August inclusive) to protect breeding birds, their nests, eggs and young. If this is not practicable, a search of the area should be made no more than two days in advance of vegetation clearance by a competent Ecologist and if active nests are found, works should stop until the birds have left the nest.

REASON: To protect biodiversity in accordance with Policy R11 of the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005 and the National Planning Policy Framework

10. Any external lighting on the site must follow the mitigation specification in Table 13 of the submitted Ecological Appraisal (by Cherryfield Ecology, 07/04/2020).

REASON: To minimize the impact it has on potential bat roosting and commuting, in accordance with Policy R11 of the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

DRAWING NUMBERS

11. The development/works shall not be started and completed other than in accordance with the approved plans and details:

Plan Number	Revision Number	Details	Received Date
4024.Brookmans.TD.TPP		Tree Protection Plan	24 August 2020
TDC043/PL/001		Location Plan & Proposed Site Plan	24 August 2020
4024.Brookmans.TD.AIP		Arboricultural Implications Plan	24 August 2020
4024.Brookmans.TD.LSP		Soft Landscape Plan	24 August 2020
TDC043/PL/200		Proposed Front Elevation	28 August 2020
TDC043/PL/201		Proposed Rear Elevation	28 August 2020
TDC043/PL/202		Proposed Side 1 Elevation	28 August 2020
TDC043/PL/203		Proposed Side 2 Elevation	28 August 2020
TDC043/PL/100		Proposed Ground Floor Plan	28 August 2020
TDC043/PL/101		Proposed First Floor Plan	28 August 2020
TDC043/PL/102		Proposed Loft Floor Plan	28 August 2020
TDC043/PL/103		Proposed Roof Plan	28 August 2020

REASON: To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved plans and details.

1. POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE STATEMENT

The decision has been made taking into account, where practicable and appropriate the requirements of paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework and material planning considerations do not justify a decision contrary to the development plan (see Officer's report which can be viewed on the Council's website or inspected at these offices).

Informative(s)

1. This permission does not convey any consent which may be required under any legislation other than the Town and Country Planning Acts. Any permission required under the Building Regulations or under any other Act, must be obtained from the relevant authority or body e.g. Fire Officer, Health and Safety Executive, Environment Agency (water interest etc.) Neither does this permission negate or override any private covenants or legal interest (easements or wayleaves) which may affect the land.
2. In addition, and separate to your planning permission, for the majority of schemes, you are required by law to appoint a building regulator who will inspect your property at various stages during the course of your building project. This is to ensure it is compliant with the Building Regulations and the Building Act 1984.

The checks the building regulator will carry out include, but are not limited to, the structure, foundations, fire precautions and escape routes, electrical and plumbing compliance and other issues such as drainage and insulation. The objective of these checks is to ensure that your building is safe to live in, accessible and environmentally sustainable.

Once all build stages are checked and the works are finished, a Completion Certificate is issued confirming that these objectives have been met. You will also need the Completion Certificate, should you sell the property, as it will confirm to future owners that the work has been carried out in compliance with the Regulations.

As the owner of the property, you are responsible for Building Regulations compliance so we would urge you to decide which regulator to use, as opposed to leaving your builder or architect to make the choice. This is so that you can be sure the building regulator is truly independent and working to protect you from any breach or omission during the works.

Hertfordshire Building Control Limited are a Company wholly owned by eight local authorities in Hertfordshire including Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council. Please contact them on 01438 879990 or at buildingcontrol@hertfordshirebc.co.uk to discuss the process and all that is involved. Or alternatively refer to the Homeowner Information section on their website at www.hertfordshirebc.co.uk

3. The development will involve the numbering of properties and/or the naming of new streets. The applicant MUST contact Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, Environmental Services (01707 357 000) before any name or number is proposed. This is a requirement of the Public Health Act 1875 and Public Health (Amendment) Act 1907.
4. Obstruction of public highway land: It is an offence under section 137 of the Highways Act 1980 for any person, without lawful authority or excuse, in any way to wilfully obstruct the free passage along a highway or public right of

way. If this development is likely to result in the public highway or public right of way network becoming routinely blocked (fully or partly) the applicant must contact the Highway Authority to obtain their permission and requirements before construction works commence. Further information is available via the website:

<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/transtreets/highways/> or by telephoning 0300 1234047.

5. **Parking and Storage of materials:** The applicant is advised that all areas for parking, storage, and delivery of materials associated with the construction of this development should be provided within the site on land which is not public highway, and the use of such areas must not interfere with the public highway. If this is not possible, authorisation should be sought from the Highway Authority before construction works commence. Further information is available via the website: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/business-anddeveloper-information/development-management/highways-development-management.aspx> or by telephoning 0300 1234047.

6. **Road Deposits:** It is an offence under section 148 of the Highways Act 1980 to deposit mud or other debris on the public highway, and section 149 of the same Act gives the Highway Authority powers to remove such material at the expense of the party responsible. Therefore, best practical means shall be taken at all times to ensure that all vehicles leaving the site during construction of the development are in a condition such as not to emit dust or deposit mud, slurry or other debris on the highway. Further information is available via the website <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/highways-roads-andpavements.aspx> or by telephoning 0300 1234047.



Colin Haigh
Head of Planning

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Appeals to the Secretary of State

- If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of The Town and Country Planning Act.
- If this is a decision on a planning application relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice.
- If an enforcement notice is served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within: 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or 12 weeks in the case of a householder appeal of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier. •
- As this is a decision to refuse permission for a householder application, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice;
- Appeals must be made using a form which you can get from the Secretary of State at Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN or online at www.gov.uk/government/organisations/planning-inspectorate.
- The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.
- The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the local planning authority based their decision on a direction given by the Secretary of State.

Purchase Notices

- If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that the owner can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor render



the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

- In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase the owner's interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Chapter I of Part 6 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

WHY HERTFORDSHIRE BUILDING CONTROL?



Hertfordshire Building Control are owned by seven local authorities in Hertfordshire. In effect, as a resident in Hertfordshire, you own Hertfordshire Building Control. Any profit we make is returned to those local authorities who reinvest it into our communities, which you as a resident will benefit from. Therefore, by using our services you benefit from our experience and knowledgeable team of surveyors, and also from the investment made in the community by Local Authorities.

Being accountable to the public in this way means that we will not be compromised by people or organisations, and when things go wrong - for example buildings becoming dangerous as a result of poor building practices and improper inspections - we are the people who are called in to ensure that the area is made safe and further losses minimised.

Use Hertfordshire Building Control early on in your project to **prevent** such occurrences rather than having us being called in to **cure** them.

WHAT HERTFORDSHIRE BUILDING CONTROL OFFERS:

- A truly independent service working on behalf of the property owner and accountable to the residents of Hertfordshire.
- Surveyors with the skills and experience to lead the compliance process ensuring that your property meets the standards required by Building Regulations
- A team with the capacity to provide a responsive service, ensuring that your project will be inspected when it needs to be and will not be held up.
- The technology to increase surveyor time on site and improve our service to our customers.
- A one stop shop for all related activities including air testing, acoustic testing, engineering and SAP calculations and warranties.
- A company that returns 100% of its profits back to Local Authorities for investment in the community

NEXT STEPS

Contact us as early as possible to make sure we can help you through the process. If you are sure about the type of building application you need to make, you can download the forms online at www.hertfordshirebc.co.uk

If you have any concerns or questions then please call us on **020 8207 7456** or email buildingcontrol@hertfordshirebc.co.uk

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WHAT IS BUILDING CONTROL?

Building Control ensures that architects, builders and other professionals in the construction industry adhere to the Building Regulations when designing and building structures. The Building Regulations set the standards for the design and construction of buildings to ensure that they are safe, accessible and energy efficient.

DOES MY PROJECT NEED BUILDING CONTROL APPROVAL?

Projects that involve extensions, structural changes, loft or garage conversions or changes to electrical wiring will - in the vast majority of cases - need Building Control certification. It is a legal requirement!

To check whether your project requires building control approval please call one of our qualified surveyors on **020 8207 7456** who will be happy to advise you. Or contact us at the following email address buildingcontrol@hertfordshirecc.co.uk. Alternatively, there is a lot of useful advice contained on our website: www.hertfordshirecc.co.uk

WHY DO I NEED BUILDING CONTROL?

There is a legal requirement that work carried out on buildings, including alterations, extensions and loft conversions are inspected and certified by an authorised Building Control body. Building Control protects the interests of the property owner ensuring that architects and builders adhere to the standards required in the Building Regulations. Sadly, there are a number of rogue operators who will cut corners to save themselves money and in doing so cause buildings to be unsafe, difficult to access or exit, and energy inefficient. The building control surveyor is there to ensure that standards are adhered to and to certify the work carried out. This is not only important for you when living in your property but also when you come to sell it, as it could delay or prevent a sale if the appropriate certification has not been completed.

IS THIS DIFFERENT FROM PLANNING?

Building Control is separate from planning which deals with the appearance of buildings and how they fit into their environment. Your project may also need planning consent, which is a different process.

You may be receiving this advice note because you have submitted plans to your Local Authority planning department; if not you will need to contact them to discuss planning requirements. Links to contact Local Authority Planning departments are on our website.

WHAT DO BUILDING CONTROL SURVEYORS DO?

Building Control Surveyors work on behalf of the property owner and with architects, builders and other construction professionals to lead the compliance process, certifying that buildings conform to Building Regulations. The mission of Hertfordshire Building Control is to ensure quality buildings and add value for our customers and communities by leading the compliance process. Essentially the surveyor protects the interests of the property owner and should therefore be independent of the architect and/or builder. Make sure that it is you and not your builder or architect who selects your Building Control provider, or that you have carried out the necessary due diligence.