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Application for Planning Permission, and for relevant demolition of an unlisted building in a conservation area

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

St Mary's Church Hall, 25 East Street, & No's 1 and 1a New Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, BN43 5ZD

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr.

First name

M.

Surname

Farrell

Company Name

Empire Land & Homes Ltd

Address

Address line 1

c/o Agent

Address line 2

Address line 3

c/o Agent

Town/City

County

Country

c/o Agent

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

Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

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Site Area

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

566.00

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

Change of use of to provide a mixed use with a new church/community hall and Parish office, and 7 no. residential units (comprising 5 houses and 2 flats).

Has the work or change of use already started?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Explanation for Proposed Demolition Work

Why is it necessary to demolish all or part of the building(s) and/or structure(s)?

The very modest part of the existing building that is to be removed is located at the rear facade of the building, and is not required for the provision of new dwellings. Its removal will provide larger outside amenity space for the new dwellings.

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

Church/community hall (Classes F1 and F2), Parish office, retail and pottery studio (Class E)

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

Please provide a description of existing and proposed materials and finishes to be used externally (including type, colour and name for each material)

Type:

Walls

Existing materials and finishes:

Red brick with render and stucco detailing, painted brick to areas of East St. elevation.

Proposed materials and finishes:

Red brick with render and stucco detailing, painted brick to areas of East St. elevation.

Type:

Roof

Existing materials and finishes:

Slate with lead detailing.

Proposed materials and finishes:

Slate with lead detailing (concealed flat roof: black roofing membrane).

Type:

Windows

Existing materials and finishes:

Painted timber and glass.

Proposed materials and finishes:

Painted timber with double-glazed units.

Type:

Doors

Existing materials and finishes:

Painted timber and glass.

Proposed materials and finishes:

Painted timber with double-glazed units.

Type:

Boundary treatments (e.g. fences, walls)

Existing materials and finishes:

Brick walls, scars in pavements.

Proposed materials and finishes:

Brick walls, black metal railings.

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plans, drawings or a design and access statement?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, please state references for the plans, drawings and/or design and access statement

Please refer to Willow Architects' Design & Access Statement and drawing package

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

Please provide information on the existing and proposed number of on-site parking spaces

<div><div>Vehicle Type:</div><div>Cycle spaces</div><div>Existing number of spaces:</div><div>0</div><div>Total proposed (including spaces retained):</div><div>14</div><div>Difference in spaces:</div><div>14</div></div>

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

Assessment of Flood Risk

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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

Biodiversity net gain is a legal requirement for planning permission introduced on 12 February 2024. All applications are required to either provide detailed information proving there will be a biodiversity increase; or explain why the requirement does not apply to the development.

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

Biodiversity net gain has been introduced as a general condition for planning permission. As set out in [The Environment Act 2021](#): "grants of planning permission in England [are] to be subject to a condition to secure that the biodiversity gain objective is met". Therefore, in England, all planning permissions are generally subject to biodiversity gain rules, unless they are specifically exempt or out of scope.

If you have stated that the biodiversity net gain requirement does not apply to your application you must provide the reason(s) why, and may also need to supply evidence (especially where you believe the application is eligible for the 'de minimis' exemption).

Please add all the reasons why biodiversity net gain does not apply and enter a justification for each one

Reason biodiversity net gain does not apply:
Development subject to the de minimis exemption (development below the threshold)

What best describes the size of your site?:
Under 25 square metres

Please justify the reason why biodiversity net gain does not apply:
The works proposed are very minor in nature and relate to the change of use of an existing building. The proposals have no impact on existing habitats.

Note: Please read the help text for further information why developments may be exempt or not in scope.

Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

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

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unknown

If Yes, please include the details of the existing system on the application drawings and state the plan(s)/drawing(s) references

Please refer to GTA Civils designs, set out at Section 3 ('Proposed Development and SuDS & Foul Drainage Strategy') and Appendix E of their Flood Risk Assessment Report (dated October 2025), which accompanies this Planning Application.

Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

If Yes, please provide details:

Please refer to drawing no. (51)002

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

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please provide details:

Please refer to drawing no. (51)002

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

Please note: This question is based on the current housing categories and types specified by government.

If your application was started before 23 May 2020, the categories and types shown in this question will now have changed. We recommend that you review any information provided to ensure it is correct before the application is submitted.

Proposed

Please select the housing categories that are relevant to the proposed units

- ☒ Market Housing
☐ Social, Affordable or Intermediate Rent
☐ Affordable Home Ownership
☐ Starter Homes
☐ Self-build and Custom Build

Market Housing

Please specify each type of housing and number of units proposed

Housing Type: Houses
1 Bedroom: 0
2 Bedroom: 0
3 Bedroom: 5
4+ Bedroom: 0
Unknown Bedroom: 0
Total: 5

Housing Type: Flats / Maisonettes
1 Bedroom: 0
2 Bedroom: 2
3 Bedroom: 0
4+ Bedroom: 0
Unknown Bedroom: 0
Total: 2

Proposed Market Housing Category Totals	1 Bedroom Total	2 Bedroom Total	3 Bedroom Total	4+ Bedroom Total	Unknown Bedroom Total	Total
	0	2	5	0	0	7

Existing

Please select the housing categories for any existing units on the site

- ☐ Market Housing
- ☐ Social, Affordable or Intermediate Rent
- ☐ Affordable Home Ownership
- ☐ Starter Homes
- ☐ Self-build and Custom Build

Totals

Total proposed residential units	7
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Total existing residential units	0
Total net gain or loss of residential units	7

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

Please add details of the Use Classes and floorspace.

<p>Use Class: E(a) - Display/Sale of goods other than hot food</p> <p>Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres) (a): 220</p> <p>Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres) (b): 220</p> <p>Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres) (c): 0</p> <p>Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres) (d = c - a): -220</p>
<p>Use Class: E(g)(i) - Offices - Except where not suitable in a residential area</p> <p>Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres) (a): 74</p> <p>Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres) (b): 74</p> <p>Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres) (c): 0</p> <p>Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres) (d = c - a): -74</p>
<p>Use Class: F2 - Local community uses (essential shops, meeting places, sport, and recreation)</p> <p>Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres) (a): 275</p> <p>Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres) (b): 139</p> <p>Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres) (c): 136</p> <p>Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres) (d = c - a): -139</p>

Totals	Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres) (a)	Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres) (b)	Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres) (c)	Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres) (d = c - a)
	569	433	136	-433

Tradable floor area

Does the proposal include use as a shop (e.g. For the display/sale of goods under Use Class E(a), the sale of essential goods under Use Class F2, or as part of any other use)

- ☐ 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

3

Part-time

3

Total full-time equivalent

4.50

Proposed Employees

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

Full-time

0

Part-time

2

Total full-time equivalent

1.00

Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Please add details of the of the Use Classes and hours of opening for each non-residential use proposed.

If you do not know the hours of opening, select the Use Class and tick 'Unknown'

Use Class:

Other (Please specify)

Other (Please specify):

F1 and F2 with ancillary uses

Unknown:

No

Monday to Friday:

Start Time:

08:00

End Time:

22:00

Saturday:

Start Time:

08:00

End Time:

22:00

Sunday / Bank Holiday:

Start Time:

08:00

End Time:

22:00

Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

Does this proposal involve the carrying out of industrial or commercial activities and processes?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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

PREAPP/0072/25

Date (must be pre-application submission)

11/07/2025

Details of the pre-application advice received

Please refer to Section 3 of the accompanying Planning Statement.

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

Surname

Farrell

Declaration Date

23/01/2026

☒ Declaration made

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Full planning & demolition in a conservation area 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

Tim Rodway

Date

23/01/2026