



WORTHING BOROUGH COUNCIL

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LISTED BUILDING REFUSAL
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

APPLICATION NUMBER: AWDM/0213/26

In pursuance of their powers under the above-mentioned Acts, the Council hereby notify you that they REFUSE to grant Listed Building Consent for the following works:

Application for Listed Building Consent for a gas meter box on the front elevation

Flat 8 Field Row Worthing West Sussex

as shown on Plan and Application Reference AWDM/0213/26 submitted to the Council on 16/03/2026. The reasons for the Council's decision to refuse to permit the above works are specified hereunder.

Gary Peck
Planning Services Manager
Date: 22/04/2026

SCHEDULE

Reasons for Refusal

01. The proposed external gas box, by reason of location, appearance, colour and size, would cause less than substantial harm to the special architectural and historical interest of this listed building and its setting. The harm is not clearly or convincingly justified and there are no public benefits to outweigh the harm. The development is therefore contrary to policy DM24 of the Worthing Local Plan (2023), paragraphs 135, 213 and 214 of the National Planning Policy Framework and fails the statutory tests in Sections 16(2) and 66(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Informatives / Notes to Applicant

01. For the avoidance of doubt this refusal relates to the following drawings/plans:-

Reference/Drawing Number	Version	Date Rec
PROPOSED ELEVATION PROPOSED GAS METER	Drg 02	16.03.2026
SURFACE MOUNTED METER BOX		16.03.2026
PHOTOGRAPH		16.03.2026
DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT		16.03.2026
HERITAGE & DESIGN STATEMENT		16.03.2026
LOCATION PLAN	1:1250	16.03.2026
BLOCK PLAN	Drg 01	16.03.2026

02. The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by identifying matters of concern with the proposal and determining the application within a timely manner, clearly setting out the reason(s) for refusal, allowing the Applicant the opportunity to consider the harm caused and whether or not it can be remedied by a revision to the proposal. The Local Planning Authority is willing to meet with the Applicant to discuss the best course of action and is also willing to provide pre-application advice in respect of any future application for a revised development.

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YOUR ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE FOLLOWING NOTES FROM THE ABOVE ORDER. THEY ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY AND DO NOT PRETEND TO SET OUT THE WHOLE OF THE LAW ON THE SUBJECT. IT WOULD BE WELL FOR YOU TO CONSULT YOUR SOLICITOR IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT

Appeals to the Secretary of State

1. 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 1990.
2. If you want to appeal, then you must do so within six months of the date of this notice. Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>. If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.
3. The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances, which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.
4. The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him 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.
5. 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 him.
6. If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. [Further details are on GOV.UK](#).

Purchase Notices

7. 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 he 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.
8. In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the District Council in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Planning Act 1990.
9. Further correspondence about this application should quote the reference number at the top right hand corner of the form.
10. Where this notice conveys approval or permission, conditional or unconditional, please note that the decision given does not purport to convey any consent or approval which may be required under the Building Act and Building Regulations, or any other legislation.