

Country House Developments  
C/O  
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## PLANNING DECISION NOTICE

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<b>APPLICANT:</b>	<b>Country House Developments</b>
<b>DEVELOPMENT TYPE:</b>	<b>Small Major Dwellings</b>
<b>APPLICATION REFERENCE:</b>	<b>14/504795/FULL</b>
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	<b>Erection of 30 no. open market homes and associated garaging, and erection of 20 no. affordable homes, construction of access road and bridge, and provision of open space, ecology park and new public footpath. Demolition of 24 bay garage court and redevelopment to provide a 16 bay garage court and amenity storeroom</b>
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	<b>Land To The South Of Cross Keys Bearsted Kent</b>

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The Council hereby **GRANTS** planning permission subject to the following Condition(s):

- (1) The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of one year from the date of this permission;

Reason: In accordance with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

**MKPS – Working in Partnership with:** Maidstone Borough Council

**Please Note:** All planning related correspondence for MBC should be sent to:

Mid Kent Planning Support, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone ME15 6JQ

Tel: 01622 602736 email: [planningsupport@midkent.gov.uk](mailto:planningsupport@midkent.gov.uk)

Access planning services online at: [www.maidstone.gov.uk](http://www.maidstone.gov.uk); or submit an application via [www.planningportal.gov.uk](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk)

- (2) Whilst the principles and installation of sustainable drainage schemes are to be encouraged, no infiltration of surface water drainage into the ground is permitted other than with the express written consent of the Local Planning Authority, which may be given for those parts of the site where it has been demonstrated that there is no resultant unacceptable risk to Controlled Waters. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approval details.

Reason: Infiltrating water has the potential to cause remobilisation of contaminants present in shallow soil/made ground which could ultimately cause pollution of groundwater.

- (3) The development permitted by this planning permission shall be carried out in accordance with the approved Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) (14\_504795\_FULL-FLOOD\_RISK\_ASSESSMENT, 12th November 2014). Specifically, the mitigation measures detailed within the FRA include:
1. Finished floor levels are set no lower than 39.95m above Ordnance Datum (AOD) (paragraph 4.7 FRA)
  2. The minimum level of the access road bridge is set at 39.50mAOD (paragraph 4.9, FRA) and the lowest level of this bridge is greater than one metre above the 39.20m (paragraph 4.10)
  3. Limiting the surface water run-off to the watercourse of 5 litres per second, generated by the 100 year critical storm (including climate change allowance), so that it will not exceed the run-off from the undeveloped site and not increase the risk of flooding off-site.
  4. Provision of compensatory flood storage (for the bridge piers) on the Lilk, as detailed in section 5 of the FRA and Appendix 12.0.
  5. Confirmation of culvert construction and improvement works, detailed in paragraph 4.4 and drawing A2164-SK1500 in Appendix 12.0.

The mitigation measures shall be fully implemented prior to occupation and subsequently in accordance with the timing / phasing arrangements embodied within the scheme, or within any other period as may subsequently be agreed, in writing, by the local planning authority.

Reasons:

1. To reduce the risk of property flooding to the proposed development and future occupants
2. To prevent flooding elsewhere by ensuring that compensatory storage of flood water is provided and ensure safe access and egress from and to the site.
3. To prevent flooding by ensuring the satisfactory storage of/disposal of surface water from the site.

4. To reduce the risk of flooding from blockages to the existing culvert (s).
  5. To reduce the risk of flooding (from all sources) to the proposed development and existing road infrastructure and properties surrounding the site.
- (4) No development shall take place until a surface water drainage scheme for the site, based on sustainable drainage principles and an assessment of the hydrological and hydro geological context of the development, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The drainage strategy should demonstrate the surface water run-off generated up to and including the 100 years critical storm (including climate change) will not exceed the run-off from the undeveloped site following the corresponding rainfall event. The scheme shall subsequently be implemented in accordance with the approved details before the development is completed. These details shall include:
- The appropriate locations on the development site where infiltration techniques are appropriate. This will be informed by specific ground conditions (e.g. groundwater levels and infiltration rates) at each location where soakaways are proposed.
  - Where soakaways are not appropriate, sustainable surface water drainage systems will be designed and incorporated into the development, in line with the FRA, paragraph 6.13. Updated rainfall runoff calculations based upon the detailed design will be included with the surface drainage scheme.
  - Details of how the overall scheme shall be maintained and managed after completion

Reason: To prevent the increased risk of flooding, both on and off site.

- (5) If, during development, contamination not previously identified is found to be present at the site then no further development (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority) shall be carried out until the developer has submitted, and obtained written approval from the Local Planning Authority for, a remediation strategy detailing how this unsuspected contamination shall be dealt with. The remediation strategy shall be implemented as approved, verified and reported to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: There is always the potential for unexpected contamination to be identified during development groundworks. We should be consulted should any contamination be identified that could present an unacceptable risk to Controlled Waters.

- (6) Prior to occupation of the development, a verification report demonstrating completion of the works set out in the approved remediation strategy and the effectiveness of the remediation shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the local planning authority. The report shall include results of sampling and monitoring carried out in accordance with the approved verification plan to demonstrate that the site remediation criteria have been met. It shall also include any plan (a "long-term monitoring and maintenance plan") for longer-term monitoring of pollutant linkages, maintenance and arrangements for contingency action, as identified in the verification plan, if appropriate, and for the reporting of this to the local planning authority. Any long-term monitoring and maintenance plan shall be implemented as approved.

Reason: Should remediation be deemed necessary, the applicant should demonstrate that any remedial measures have been undertaken as agreed and the environmental risks have been satisfactorily managed so that the site is deemed suitable for use.

- (7) No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of heritage interpretation in accordance with a written specification and timetable which has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that heritage interpretation is appropriately integrated into the development.

- (8) No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written specification and timetable which has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that features of archaeological interest are properly examined and recorded.

- (9) The development hereby permitted shall not be commenced until the following components of a scheme to deal with the risks associated with contamination of the site shall have been submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority:

1) A preliminary risk assessment which has identified:

- all previous uses
- potential contaminants associated with those uses
- a conceptual model of the site indicating sources, pathways and receptors
- potentially unacceptable risks arising from contamination at the site.

2) A site investigation, based on (1) to provide information for a detailed assessment of the risk to all receptors that may be affected, including those off site.

3) A remediation method statement (RMS) based on the site investigation results and the detailed risk assessment (2). This should give full details of the remediation measures required and how they are to be undertaken. The RMS should also include a verification plan to detail the data that will be collected in order to demonstrate that the works set out in the RMS are complete and identifying any requirements for longer-term monitoring of pollutant linkages, maintenance and arrangements for contingency action.

4) A Closure Report is submitted upon completion of the works. The closure report shall include full verification details as set out in 3. This should include details of any post remediation sampling and analysis, together with documentation certifying quantities and source/destination of any material brought onto or taken from the site. Any material brought onto the site shall be certified clean;

Reason: In the interests of public health and safety.

(10) The development hereby permitted shall not be commenced until the following highways / parking details have been submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority:

- Provision of construction vehicle loading/unloading and turning facilities.
- Provision of parking facilities for site personnel and visitors.
- Provision of wheel washing facilities.
- Provision and permanent retention of the vehicle parking spaces and/or garages.
- Provision and permanent retention of the vehicle loading/unloading and turning facilities.

These facilities shall be provided in accordance with the approved details and remain available for the duration of the construction and where relevant shall be retained for use at all times thereafter.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety.

(11) The development shall not commence until, written details and samples of the materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of any buildings and hard surfaces have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the development shall be constructed using the approved materials;

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory appearance to the development.

(12) The development shall not commence until, details of all fencing, walling and other boundary treatments have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details before the first occupation of the building(s) or land and maintained thereafter;

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory appearance to the development and to safeguard the enjoyment of their properties by existing and prospective occupiers.

- (13) The development shall not commence until there has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority a habitat management plan detailing how all the ecological enhancements and protected species mitigation, including details of the future management of the woodland and ecology park, will be managed long term. The site shall be managed in accordance with the approved habitat management plan thereafter.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory appearance and setting to the development and in the interests of biodiversity protection and enhancement.

- (14) Details of facilities for the separate storage and disposal of waste and recycling generated by this development as well as the site access design and arrangements for waste collection shall be submitted for approval to the LPA. The approved facilities shall be provided before the first use of the building(s) or land and maintained thereafter. The applicant should have regard to the Environmental services guidance document 'Planning Regulations for Waste Collections' which can be obtained by contacting Environmental Services.

Reason: In the interests of amenity and to safeguard the appearance of the area.

- (15) The development shall not commence until details of the proposed slab levels of the buildings and the existing site levels have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the development shall be completed strictly in accordance with the approved levels;

Reason: In order to secure a satisfactory form of development.

- (16) No development shall take place until details of any lighting to be placed or erected within the site have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The submitted details shall include, inter alia, details of measures to shield and direct light from the light sources so as to prevent light pollution and illuminance contour plots covering sensitive neighbouring receptors. The development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the subsequently approved details.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity

- (17) The dwellings shall achieve at least Level 4 of the Code for Sustainable Homes. No dwelling shall be occupied until a final Code Certificate has been issued for it certifying that Code Level 4 has been achieved.

Reason: to ensure a sustainable and energy efficient form of development.

- (18) No development shall take place until a landscape scheme designed in accordance with the principles of the Council's landscape character guidance has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The scheme shall show all existing trees, hedges and blocks of landscaping on, and immediately adjacent to, the site and indicate whether they are to be retained or removed. It shall detail a planting specification, a programme of implementation and a 10 year management plan and include details of the responsibility for management of any area that falls outside of private residential gardens of the new properties.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory landscaped setting for the development.

- (19) The use or occupation of the development hereby permitted shall not commence until all planting, seeding and turfing specified in the approved landscape details has been completed. All such landscaping shall be carried out during the planting season (October to February). Any seeding or turfing which fails to establish or any trees or plants which, within ten years from the first occupation of a property, commencement of use or adoption of land, die or become so seriously damaged or diseased that their long term amenity value has been adversely affected shall be replaced in the next planting season with plants of the same species and size as detailed in the approved landscape scheme unless the local planning authority gives written consent to any variation.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory landscaped setting for the development.

- (20) No development shall take place until details of barriers and/or ground protection in accordance with the current edition of BS 5837, for areas designated for retention as soft landscaped areas of the whole site, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

Reason: To ensure the protection of trees on the site in the interests of visual amenity and ecology.

- (21) No development shall take place until an Arboricultural method statement (AMS) in accordance with the current edition of BS 5837 has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The AMS shall include details of hard surfacing and any other conflicts within the root protection areas of any retained trees.

Reason: To ensure the protection of trees on the site in the interests of visual amenity and ecology.

- (22) No equipment, machinery or materials shall be brought onto the site prior to the erection of approved barriers and/or ground protection except to carry out pre commencement operations approved in writing by the local planning authority. These measures shall be maintained until all equipment, machinery and surplus materials have been removed from the site. Nothing shall be stored or placed, nor fires lit, within any of the protected areas. No alterations shall be made to the siting of barriers and/or ground protection, nor ground levels changed, nor excavations made within these areas without the written consent of the local planning authority.

Reason: To ensure the protection of trees on the site in the interests of visual amenity and ecology.

- (23) No development shall commence on site until details of the exact location of the new pedestrian route including the point of attachment with public footpath KM75 have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: In pursuit of sustainable transport objectives.

- (24) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended by any order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification) no development within Schedule 2, Part 1, Class(es) B, C, and F and Schedule 2, Part 2, Class(es) A; shall be carried out without the permission of the Local Planning Authority;

Reason: To safeguard the character and appearance of the development and the enjoyment of their properties by prospective occupiers and surrounding neighbours.

- (25) The development shall not commence until details of foul water drainage, which shall include any necessary off-site improvements to the local network and shall incorporate wildlife friendly gullies, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with Southern Water. The approved details and any off-site works shall be implemented in full prior to the first occupation of the development.

Reason: In the interest of pollution and flood prevention and ecology.

- (26) No development shall commence on site until a signed S278 Agreement, covering the alterations to Cross Keys road layout, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall not be occupied until the highways works covered in the S278 have been completed.

Reason: In the interests of highways safety.

- (27) The details and samples of the materials submitted pursuant to condition 11 shall include details of swift and / or bat bricks incorporated into the eaves of the proposed housing units;

Reason: In the interest of ecological enhancement.



- (28) The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

CK/TSP/915-01A, CK/TRP/915-02A, CK/TRP/915-03A; dated 26 June 2014 and 500/RP/048, 500/RP/061; dated August 2014 and A2164-SK1500 P5, A2164-SK1501 P2, A2164-SK1505 P3, A2164-SK1506 P3, A2164-SK1510 P1, A2164-SK1615 P1, A2164-SK1615 P2, A2164-SK1616 P2; dated July 2014 and A2164-SK1600 P6, A2164-SK1601 P6, A2164-SK1612 P3, A2164-SK1613 P3; dated June 2014 and 2020/14/B/4A, 2020/14/B/5A; dated July 2014, 2020/14/B/2A; dated June 2014 and 500/RP/001, 500/DA/008; dated April 2014 and 500/RP/004; received 12/11/2014 and 500/RP/009, 500/RP/010, 500/RP/015; dated June 2014 and 500/RP/043, 500/RP/46, 500/RP/049, 500/RP/054; dated July 2014 and 500/RP/039, 500/RP/040, 500/RP/062; dated September 2014 and 500/RP/006, 500/RP/007, 500/RP/011, 500/DA/012 500/RP/013, 500/RP/014, 500/RP/016, 500/RP/017, 500/RP/018, 500/RP/019, 500/RP/020, 500/RP/021, 500/RP/022, 500/RP/023, 500/RP/024, 500/RP/025, 500/RP/028, 500/RP/029, 500/RP/030, 500/RP/031, 500/RP/032, 500/RP/033, 500/RP/034, 500/RP/035, 500/RP/042, 500/RP/043; dated May 2014 and 500/RP/070A, 500/RP/002 I REVA, 500/RP/047 REVA, 500/RP/052 Rev A; dated February 2015 and 500/RP/02A, 500/RP/026/C, 500/RP/027/A, 500/RP/041/A, 500/RP/042/A, 500/RP/044/A, 500/RP/045/A, 500/RP/047/B, 500/RP/053/B, 500/RP/057/A, 500/RP/058/A, 500/RP/070/A and LaDellWood Woodland Management Plan & Wetland Habitat Ref: 2020/14/B/3/B; dated February 2015 and Arboricultural Impact Assessment REF: SA/915/14A; dated 7 October 2014, Ecology Phase 1 habitat survey and reptile survey; dated September 2014, Flood Risk Assessment A2164/October 2014, Habitat creation and woodland management, Issue 2; dated September 2014, Phase 1 Geo Desk Study Ref: 3082/14; dated October 2014, Phase 2 archaeological investigation Ref: 2014/51; dated October 2014, Transport Assessment A2164/October 2014.

Reason: For the purpose of clarity and to ensure a satisfactory appearance to the development and a high quality of design.

Informative(s):

- (1) The wording of the interpretation panels should be agreed with KCC archaeology.
- (2) As the development involves demolition and / or construction, I would recommend that the applicant is supplied with the Mid Kent Environmental Code of Development Practice. Broad compliance with this document is expected.
- (3) Fuel, Oil and Chemical Storage

All precautions must be taken to avoid discharges and spills to the ground both during and after construction. For advice on pollution prevention, the applicant should refer to our guidance "PPG1 - General guide to prevention of pollution", which can be found at: [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/290124/LT\\_1404\\_8bdf51.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/290124/LT_1404_8bdf51.pdf)

## Waste

The CLAIRE Definition of Waste: Development Industry Code of Practice (version 2), provides operators with a framework for determining whether or not excavated material arising from site during remediation and/or land development works are waste or have ceased to be waste.

Contaminated soil that is excavated, recovered or disposed of, is controlled waste. Therefore its handling, transport, treatment and disposal is subject to waste management legislation which includes:

- i. Duty of Care Regulations 1991
- ii. The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011
- iii. Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005
- iv. Pollution Prevention and Control Regulations (England and Wales) 2000
- v. Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010

## Advisory

### Ordinary watercourse

Please note, any watercourse within the boundary of the site would be classified as an ordinary watercourse and would not be maintained by us or by an Internal Drainage Board. In the absence of any express agreement to the contrary, maintenance is the responsibility of the riparian owners. Under the terms of the Land Drainage Act 1991 (as amended by regulations of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010), any culvert, diversion, weir, dam, or like obstruction to the flow of the watercourse requires the consent from the Lead Local Flood Authority (Kent County Council). For details of the ordinary watercourse consent application process in Kent, please refer to the Kent County Council website at [www.kent.gov.uk/land\\_drainage\\_consent](http://www.kent.gov.uk/land_drainage_consent). Enquires and applications for ordinary watercourse consent should be made to Kent County Council via email at [suds@kent.gov.uk](mailto:suds@kent.gov.uk)

- (4) No furniture may be erected on or across Public Rights of Way without the express consent of the Highway Authority:

There must be no disturbance of the surface of the right of way, or obstruction of its use, either during or following any approved development without the permission of this office.

There should be no close board fencing or similar structure over 1.2 metres erected which will block out the views:

No hedging or shrubs should be planted within 1.0 metre of the edge of the Public Path.

No Materials can be stored on the Right of Way.

The granting of planning permission confers on the developer no other permission or consent or right to close or divert any Public Right of Way at any time without the express permission of the Highway Authority.

- (5) The applicant/developer should enter into a formal agreement with Southern Water to provide the necessary sewerage infrastructure required to service this development. Please contact Atkins Ltd, Anglo St James House, 39A Southgate Street, Winchester, SO23 9EH (tel 01962 858688), or [www.southernwater.co.uk](http://www.southernwater.co.uk)

The Council's approach to this application:

In accordance with paragraphs 186 and 187 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the Council takes a positive and proactive approach to development proposals focused on solutions. We work with applicants/agents in a positive and proactive manner by:

Offering pre-application advice.

Where possible, suggesting solutions to secure a successful outcome.

As appropriate, updating applicants/agents of any issues that may arise in the processing of their application.

In this instance:

The applicant/agent was advised of minor changes required to the application and these were agreed.

The applicant/agent was provided formal pre-application advice.

The application was considered by the Planning Committee where the applicant/agent had the opportunity to speak to the Committee and promote the application.

*R. L. Jarman*

**Rob Jarman**  
**Head of Planning Services**  
**Maidstone Borough Council**

**IMPORTANT - YOUR ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE ATTACHED NOTES**

## NOTIFICATION TO APPLICANT FOLLOWING REFUSAL OF PERMISSION OR GRANT OF PERMISSION SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

This decision does not give approval or consent that may be required under any act, bylaw, order or regulation other than Section 57 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

### Appeals to the Secretary of State

If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority (LPA) to refuse permission for the proposed development, or to grant it subject to Conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State (SoS) under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

**Please see “Development Type” on page 1 of the decision notice to identify which type of appeal is relevant.**

- 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 and if you want to appeal against the LPA'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 the LPA's decision on your application, then you must do so within **28 days** of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or within **6 months [12 weeks** in the case of a **householder** or **minor commercial** application decision] of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.
- If this is a decision to refuse planning permission for a **Householder** application or a **Minor Commercial** application and you want to appeal the LPA's decision, or any of the conditions imposed, then you must do so within **12 weeks** of the date of this notice.
- In all other cases, you will need to submit your appeal against the LPA's decision, or any of the conditions imposed, within **6 months** 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.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs).

The SoS 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 SoS need not consider an appeal if it seems to the SoS that the LPA 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.