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## Application for Planning Permission

### 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

## Applicant Details

### Name/Company

Title

Ms

First name

Jeanette

Surname

Kusel

Company Name

### Address

Address line 1

94 Bouverie Road West

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Folkestone

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

CT20 2PP

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

### Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

## Site Area

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

Unit

## 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

Has the work or change of use already started?

- Yes  
 No

## Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

Is the site currently vacant?

- Yes  
 No

If Yes, please describe the last use of the site

To our knowledge, the property was last used as an assisted living facility for those with learning disabilities for 8 years up until March 2024

When did this use end (if known)?

14/03/2024

**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

## 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

## 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

**If Yes to either or both of the above, you may need to provide a full tree survey, at the discretion of the local planning authority. If a tree survey is required, this and the accompanying plan should be submitted alongside the application. The local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations'.**

## Assessment of Flood Risk

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 application is exempt from the general Biodiversity Gain Condition as set out in the Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Exemptions) Regulations 2024, as the total development site size falls below the de minimis exemption threshold. No extension to the current building is being proposed.

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

The property is already connected to the existing drainage system

## Waste Storage and Collection

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

- Yes
- No

If Yes, please provide details:

Garden area at rear of property already in use for storing the wheelie bins

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

- Yes
- No

If Yes, please provide details:

Garden area at rear of property already in use for storing the recycling boxes

## 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

## Self-build and Custom Build

Please specify each type of housing and number of units proposed

<b>Housing Type:</b> Houses <b>1 Bedroom:</b> 0 <b>2 Bedroom:</b> 0 <b>3 Bedroom:</b> 0 <b>4+ Bedroom:</b> 1 <b>Unknown Bedroom:</b> 0 <b>Total:</b> 1
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Proposed Self-build and Custom Housing Category Totals	1 Bedroom Total	2 Bedroom Total	3 Bedroom Total	4+ Bedroom Total	Unknown Bedroom Total	Total
	0	0	0	1	0	1

## 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	1
Total existing residential units	0
Total net gain or loss of residential units	1

## 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.

### Use Class:

C2 - Residential institutions

### Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres) (a):

321

### Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres) (b):

321

### Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres) (c):

321

### Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres) (d = c - a):

0

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)
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## Loss or gain of rooms

Does the proposal include loss or gain of rooms for hotels, residential institutions, or hostels?

Yes

No

Please indicate the loss or gain of rooms:

### Use Class:

C2 - Residential institutions

### Existing rooms to be lost by change of use or demolition:

7

### Total rooms proposed (including changes of use):

7

### Net additional rooms:

0

## Employment

Are there any existing employees on the site or will the proposed development increase or decrease the number of employees?

Yes

No

## Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

- Yes  
 No

## 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

24/1287/PREAPP

Date (must be pre-application submission)

17/09/2024

Details of the pre-application advice received

#### Principle

The application site is located within the defined settlement boundary of Folkestone in what is considered a sustainable location for new development, such as residential uses. Core Strategy Review policies SS1 and SS3 direct development toward existing sustainable settlements where there is opportunity for increased densities. Consequently, the broad principle of the proposed development is therefore acceptable subject to all other material planning considerations.

However, the loss of care homes is safeguarded by Places and Policies Local Plan Policy HB11, which covers proposals for the loss of residential care homes and institutions.

The supporting information sets out that the property has not been marketed for a 12-month period. As such, any application would fail to comply with the terms of the policy. In this regard, it is for the applicant to demonstrate that there would be no need to engage this part of the policy.

It is noted that Victorian properties that have historically supported residential care in the district are frequently too costly to reconfigure to modern standards and are increasingly being brought forward for conversion or redevelopment for other uses.

#### Amenity

In relation to amenity, the change of use is considered unlikely to have any discernible impact in relation to surrounding residential uses in relation to noise and disturbance, as the comings and goings from staff, visitors, healthcare professionals and deliveries are replaced with movements from occupants, visitors and domestic deliveries that would be associated with a residential use. The property is not proposed to be altered in any way, so there would be no detriment to residential amenity arising from overbearing presence, overshadowing, or loss of privacy as a consequence of the proposed change of use. The building is substantial and, together with the garden area, would meet the requirements for internal and external amenity standards as set out in adopted policy HB3.

#### Parking & Highways

The nature of the proposal means that there would likely be a reduction in parking requirement, based on the outgoing commercial use. However, this should be clearly set out. For guidance, nursing / residential homes require 1 space per resident staff + 1 space per 2 other staff, as well as 1 space per 6 beds. For residential development in this location, 4+ bed houses are required to have 2 spaces per unit and 0.2 space visitor parking. Without any information available for employment levels, I can provide no further advice – you would be best placed to contact the former operator. Provision should be made for the secure, covered storage of bicycles, at a ratio of one per bedroom.

#### Summary

The principle of development in this location is considered broadly acceptable, although a successful application would need to meet the requirements set out above before it could gain officer-level support.

## 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

## Ownership Certificates and Agricultural Land Declaration

### Certificates under Article 14 - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Please answer the following questions to determine which Certificate of Ownership you need to complete: A, B, C or D.

Is the applicant the sole owner of all the land to which this application relates; and has the applicant been the sole owner for more than 21 days?

Yes

No

Can you give appropriate notice to all the other owners/agricultural tenants? (Select 'Yes' if there are no other owners/agricultural tenants)

Yes

No

### Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate B

I certify/ The applicant certifies that:

I have/The applicant has given the requisite notice to everyone else (as listed below) who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was the owner\* and/or agricultural tenant\*\* of any part of the land or building to which this application relates; or

The applicant is the sole owner of all the land or buildings to which this application relates and there are no other owners\* and/or agricultural tenants\*\*.

\* "owner" is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run.

\*\* "agricultural tenant" has the meaning given in section 65(8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Owner/Agricultural Tenant

**Name of Owner/Agricultural Tenant:**

\*\*\*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\*\*\*

**House name:**

**Number:**

94

**Suffix:**

**Address line 1:**

Bouverie Road West

**Address Line 2:**

**Town/City:**

Folkestone

**Postcode:**

CT20 2PP

**Date notice served (DD/MM/YYYY):**

17/09/2024

**Person Family Name:**

Person Role

The Applicant

The Agent

Title

Ms

First Name

Jeanette

Surname

Kusel

Declaration Date

24/09/2025

Declaration made

## Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Full planning permission 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

Jeanette Kusel

Date

05/11/2025