

Application for Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

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 Details

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

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

Mr

First name

Rob

Surname

Thompson

Company Name

GCRE Ltd.

Address

Address line 1

Global Centre of Rail Excellence

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Onllwyn

Country

Wales

Postcode

SA10 9HN

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Email address

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Mark

Surname

Murphy

Company Name

Fairhurst

Address

Address line 1

1

Address line 2

Arngrove Court

Address line 3

Town/City

Newcastle Upon Tyne

Country

Postcode

NE4 6DB

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

Site Area

What is the site area?

9920.00

Scale

Sq. metres

Does your proposal involve the construction of a new building which would result in the loss or gain of public open space?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Description of the Proposal

Description

Please describe the proposed development including any change of use

Demolition and redevelopment of an existing bridge, including the provision of landscaping and associated development.

Has the work or change of use already started?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

The site is currently in use as an existing road bridge with a railway line running underneath the bridge deck.

Is the site currently vacant?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Does the proposal involve any of the following?

Land which is known or suspected to be contaminated for all or part of the site

☒ Yes

☐ No

A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination

☐ Yes

☒ No

Application advice

If you have said Yes to any of the above, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment.

Does your proposal involve the construction of a new building?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, please complete the following information regarding the element of the site area which is in previously developed land or greenfield land

Area of previously developed land proposed for new development

150.00

hectares

Area of greenfield land proposed for new development

3325.00

hectares

Materials

Does the proposed development require any materials to be used in the build?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

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

Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

All Design Details

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:

All design details are contained within the submitted plans or will be agreed through the use of planning conditions.

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

All design details are contained within the submitted plans or will be agreed through the use of planning conditions.

Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicle or 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

Please show details of any existing or proposed rights of way on or adjacent to the site, as well as any alterations to pedestrian and vehicle access, on your plans or drawings.

Vehicle Parking

Is vehicle parking relevant to this proposal?

- ☐ 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 will need to provide a full tree survey with accompanying plan before your application can be determined. Your 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?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

[Refer to the Welsh Government's Development Advice Maps website.](#)

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

From 7 January 2019, all new developments of more than 1 dwelling house or where the construction area is 100 square metres or more, require Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) for surface water designed and built in accordance with the Welsh Ministers' [Statutory SuDS Standards](#). SuDS Schemes must be approved by your local authority acting in its SuDS Approving Body (SAB) role. Please contact your local authority for details of how to apply.

How will surface water be disposed of?

- ☒ Sustainable drainage system
☒ Existing water course
☐ Soakaway
☐ Main sewer
☐ Pond/lake

Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

To assist in answering the following questions refer to the help text. The help text provides further information on when there is a reasonable likelihood that any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby and whether they are likely to be affected by your proposals.

Having referred to the help text, 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?

- 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.

Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

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

Other

Not applicable.

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

Full indicative details are contained within the supporting Outline Surface Water Management Plan and associated documents.

Waste Storage and Collection

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Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste and have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

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

All Types of Development: Non-Residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Employment

Will the proposed development require the employment of any staff?

- ☐ 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

Renewable and Low Carbon Energy

Does your proposal involve the installation of a standalone renewable or low-carbon energy development?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Hazardous Substances

Does the proposal involve the use or storage of Hazardous Substances?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Neighbour and Community Consultation

Have you consulted your neighbours or the local community about the proposal?

- ☐ 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? (Please select only one)

- ☒ The agent
- ☐ The applicant
- ☐ Other person

Pre-application Advice

Has pre-application advice been sought from the local planning 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

On-going discussions and meetings

Date (must be pre-application submission)

11/11/2022

Details of the pre-application advice received

Extensive correspondence and pre-application meetings were held with Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council over the course of 10 months (November 2022 - September 2023). These meetings achieved the following:

- Confirmed that securing detailed planning permission would be the most appropriate means to secure consent for the replacement bridge, as opposed to obtaining outline planning permission or varying the existing outline 'GCRE' planning permission.
- Established the acceptability of the indicative dimensions that the proposed bridge would be constructed to.
- Agreed the suitability of the proposed widths of the carriageway.
- Discussed GCRE's approach to 'future-proofing' the development by increasing the width of the bridge deck so that an active travel route could be incorporated.
- Confirmed the extent of documents that would be required to support the planning application.
- Established that GCRE's approach to designing the bridge would not preclude SAB approval from being obtained at a later stage.

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant 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

Do any of these statements apply to you?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Ownership Certificates

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

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

Are you the sole owner of ALL the land?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

If No, can you give appropriate notice to ALL the other owners?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

If No, and you cannot trace all the other owners, can you give the appropriate notice to one or more owner?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Certificate of Ownership - Certificate C

I certify/the applicant certifies that:

- Neither Certificate A or B can be issued for this application
- All reasonable steps have been taken to find out the names and addresses of the other owners (owner is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least seven years left to run) of the land or building, or of a part of it, but I have/the applicant has been unable to do so.

The steps taken were:

Investigations were undertaken by Ashurst LLP and GCRE Ltd. into the ownership of the land which would be contained within the red line boundary, associated with the submitted Location Plan (Drg No. GCREB1-5TH-XX-XX-DR-A-0700 Rev P03). These investigations revealed the presence of a small area of land contained within the site's boundary which has not been registered with the Land Registry. Accordingly, the Applicant, in accordance with the Article 10 of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended), has advertised that the application is being submitted to the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council within the South Wales Evening Post and the Public Notice Portal.

I have/the applicant has given the requisite notice to the persons specified below being persons who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, were owners/agricultural tenants of any part of the land to which this application relates.

Owner/Agricultural Tenant

Name of Owner/Agricultural Tenant:

***** REDACTED *****

House name:

Number:

Suffix:

Address line 1:

Highway Development Control

Address Line 2:

The Quays, Brunel Way

Town/City:

Neath

Postcode:

SA11 2GG

Date notice served (DD/MM/YYYY):

19/12/2023

Person Family Name:

Notice of the application has been published in the following newspaper (circulating in the area where the land is situated)

South Wales Evening Post

On the following date (which must not be earlier than 21 days before the date of the application) (DD/MM/YYYY)

19/12/2023

Person Role

- ☐ The Applicant
☒ The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Mark

Surname

Murphy

Declaration Date

08/01/2024

☒ Declaration made

Agricultural Holding Certificate

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Agricultural land declaration - you must select either A or B

- ☒ (A) None of the land to which the application relates is, or is part of an agricultural holding
- ☐ (B) I have/The applicant has given the requisite notice to every person other than myself/the applicant who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was a tenant of an agricultural holding on all or part of the land to which this application relates, as listed below

Person Role

- ☐ The Applicant
- ☒ The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Mark

Surname

Murphy

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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:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be made available 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

Mark Murphy

Date

08/01/2024