

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
PROCEDURE) (WALES) ORDER 2012**

APPROVAL OF FULL PLANNING PERMISSION

Name and address of the applicant

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DATE REGISTERED: 26 April 2024

APPLICATION NO: P2024/0257

LOCATION: What , (former Carpet Right/topps Tiles), Vale Of Neath Retail Park, Vale Of Neath Retail Park Access Road, Neath, Neath Port Talbot, SA10 7AY

PROPOSAL: Change of use from Class A1 (retail) to Class D2 (gymnasium)

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL as the Local Planning Authority in pursuance of its power under the above mentioned Act and Order hereby **GRANTS PLANNING PERMISSION** for the development as described above to be carried out in accordance with the application and the plans submitted therewith, subject to compliance with the following conditions:

Conditions:

This decision notice is REVISION 2, issued on 04/02/2025

Time Limit Conditions

- 1 The development shall begin no later than five years from the date of this decision.

Reason:

To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

List of Approved Plans

- 2 The development shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and documents:

Transport Assessment - TN01 dated June 2024
Acoustic Feasibility Report dated 21.4.24
Environmental Noise Survey dated 4.4.24
Planning Statement dated April 2024
Green Infrastructure Statement
Location Plan - TQRQM2410084757828
Site Plan TQRQM24110093017974

Reason:

In the interests of clarity.

Action Conditions

- 3 Within 4 weeks of the first use of the development hereby approved a Validation Noise Assessment demonstrating compliance with the noise limits imposed by noise conditions 4 and 13 shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority.
In the event that noise limits are not complied with all amplified music and speech shall immediately cease.

Appropriate remedial actions shall be specified within the submission and once approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, fully implemented in accordance with any agreed timescale.

The remedial measures shall be fully implemented and re-tested for compliance with those levels set out in conditions 4 and 13, details of which must be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the re-commencement of any amplified music or speech, and these measures retained as such thereafter.

Reason:

In the interests of local amenity, and to ensure compliance with Policies SP16, EN8 and BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

Details in respect of the above condition were approved by planning permission ref P2025/0028 on 04/02/2025

- 4 The noise rating level emitted from external plant shall not be greater than the existing background noise level. The noise levels shall be determined at the nearest noise-sensitive premises or at another location that is deemed suitable by the Local Planning Authority. Measurements and assessments shall be made in accordance with "BS 4142:2014 Method for rating and assessing industrial and commercial sound".

Reason:

In the interests of local amenity, and to ensure compliance with Policies SP16, EN8 and BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 5 Unless otherwise agreed in writing, on receipt of a Noise Impact Assessment to design suitable mitigation, the Studio/Spin Studio shall not be located on the southeastern façade of the building, to prevent noise breakout from the roller shutter door which has been identified as a significant potential weakness for sound attenuation.

Reason:

In the interests of local amenity, and to ensure compliance with Policies SP16, EN8 and BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 6 Upon written request from the Local Planning Authority, following receipt of any justified complaint, a post-operation Noise Impact Assessment shall be undertaken and the results submitted to the Local Planning Authority within one month of such request being made. The methodology for the assessment shall be agreed prior to commencement, and shall upon completion identify the specifications of any remedial actions necessary. The remedial measures shall be fully implemented on site within a timescale to be agreed with the local planning authority and retained as such thereafter.

Reason:

In the interests of local amenity, and to ensure compliance with Policies SP16, EN8 and BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 7 The unit shall not be occupied until facilities for the secure storage of cycles have been provided in accordance with details which shall first have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, and such facilities shall thereafter be retained as approved at all times.

Reason:

In the interest of highway safety and to ensure the development complies with Policy TR2 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

Details in respect of the above condition were approved by planning permission ref P2024/0734 on 03/12/2024

- 8 Prior to the first beneficial use of the unit an artificial nesting site for birds shall be erected on the premises to one of the following specifications, and retained as such thereafter:

Nest Box Specifications for House Sparrow Terrace:

Wooden (or woodcrete) nest box with 3 sub-divisions to support 3 nesting pairs. To be placed under the eaves of buildings.

Entrance holes: 32mm diameter

Dimensions: H310 x W370 x D185mm

or

Swift Nest Box Specification:

Wide box with small slit shaped entrance hole. Must be placed under or close to roofs, at least 5m from the ground.

Dimensions: H150 x W340 x D150mm

Reason:

In the interest of biodiversity, and to mitigate to loss of bird nesting/foraging habitats under the Habitats Regulations (amended 2012) and to accord with Policy SP15 of the adopted Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 9 In the event that contamination is found at any time when carrying out the approved development that was not previously identified, work on site shall cease immediately and shall be reported in writing to the Local Planning Authority. A Desk Study, Site Investigation, Risk Assessment and where necessary a Remediation Strategy must be undertaken in accordance with the following document: - Land Contamination: A Guide for Developers (WLGA, WAG & EAW, July 2006). This document shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. Prior to occupation of the development, a verification report which demonstrates the effectiveness of the agreed remediation, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised, together with those to controlled waters, property and ecological systems, and to ensure that the development can be carried out safely without unacceptable risks to workers, neighbours and other off-site receptors, and to ensure compliance with Policies SP16 and EN8 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 10 No ground works shall take place until an assessment of the nature and extent of contamination affecting the application site area has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This assessment must be carried out by or under the direction of a suitably qualified competent person in accordance with BS10175 (2011) 'Investigation of Potentially Contaminated Sites Code of Practice' and shall assess any contamination on the site, whether or not it originates on the site. The report of the findings shall include:

(i) a desk top study to identify all previous uses at the site and potential contaminants associated with those uses and the impacts from those contaminants on land and controlled waters. The desk study shall establish a 'conceptual site model' (CSM) which identifies and assesses all identified potential source, pathway, and receptor linkages.

(ii) an intrusive investigation to assess the extent, scale and nature of contamination which may be present, if identified as required by the desk top study.

(iii) an assessment of the potential risks to:

- human health,
- groundwater and surface waters
- adjoining land,
- property (existing or proposed) including buildings, crops, livestock, pets, woodland and service lines and pipes, - ecological systems,
- archaeological sites and ancient monuments; and
- any other receptors identified at (i)

(iv) an appraisal of remedial options, and justification for the preferred remedial option(s).

Reason:

To ensure that information provided for the assessment of the risks from land contamination to the future users of the land, neighbouring land, controlled waters, property and ecological systems is sufficient to enable a proper assessment, and to ensure compliance with Policies SP16 and EN8 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 11 No ground works shall take place a remediation scheme to bring the site to a condition suitable for the intended use by removing any unacceptable risks to human health, buildings, other property and the natural and historic environment shall be prepared and submitted to and approved in writing with the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall include all works to be undertaken, proposed remediation objectives, remediation criteria and site management procedures. The measures proposed within the remediation scheme shall be implemented in accordance with an agreed programme of works.

Reason:

To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised, together with those to controlled waters, property and ecological systems, and to ensure that the development can be carried out safely without unacceptable risks to workers, neighbours and other offsite receptors, and to ensure compliance with Policies SP16 and EN8 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 12 Prior to beneficial use of the proposed development following any ground works, a verification report which demonstrates the effectiveness of the agreed remediation works carried out in accordance with condition 11 shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised, together with those to controlled waters, property and ecological systems, and to ensure that the development can be carried out safely without unacceptable risks to workers, neighbours and other offsite receptors and to ensure compliance with Policies SP16 and EN8 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

Regulatory Conditions

- 13 The LAeq noise level of the breakout sound shall not exceed a level 5dB below the otherwise ambient LAeq sound level in any 1/3 octave band at the façade of the nearest affected noise sensitive property.

Reason:

In the interests of local amenity, and to ensure compliance with Policies SP16, EN8 and BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 14 The playing of amplified music and speech, above that which would be considered background, is restricted to the hours of 06.00 to 22.00 hours. Doors and windows shall remain closed at all times, with the exception of for the purposes of access and egress, during the playing of amplified music and speech (such as class instructions). No classes shall be undertaken between the hours of 22.00 hours and 06.00.

Reason:

In the interests of local amenity, and to ensure compliance with Policies SP16, EN8 and BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 15 The unit shall be used for as a gymnasium and for no other purpose (including any other purpose in class D2 of the schedule to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (or in any provision equivalent to that class in any statutory instrument revoking and re-enacting that order with or without modification).

Reason:

In order that other changes of use can be assessed in the interests of amenity and to accord with Policies SC1 and TR2 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

Informatives:

1 Preliminary Mine Gas Assessment - Low Risk Mining: The applicant is made aware that the development lies in an area of historic mining activity which may be a potential source of ground gas. No development should take place until a mine gas risk assessment has been undertaken. The mine gas risk assessment shall be undertaken by a competent person as defined in the National Planning Policy Framework and conducted in accordance with 'CL:AIRE - Good Practice for Risk Assessment for Coal Mine Gas Emissions, October 2021' and having regard to current guidance - 'Land Contamination: Risk Management (LCRM; 2020)' the recommendations of the report shall be fully implemented within the approved development.

2 Land contamination: The development site is located within a Coal Authority Coal Mining Reporting Area which could be a potential source of ground gas, and also an area potentially affected by contamination. Although the risk assessment processes for these are slightly different, they have similar themes and may form part of the same report, if produced by someone suitably qualified and competent in both areas. Evidence of their competence will need to be detailed within the report.

The decision to recommend planning permission has been taken in accordance with Section 38 of The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, which requires that, in determining a planning application the determination must be in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The Development Plan comprises Future Wales - the National Plan 2040 and the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan (2011-2026) adopted January 2016.

It is considered that the proposal represents an appropriate form of development that would have no unacceptable impact on visual amenity, residential amenity or highway and pedestrian safety.

Accordingly, the proposed development complies with policies SP2, SP3, SP11, EC4, SP12, R3, SP15, SC1, EN6, EN7, EN8, SP20, TR2, SP20, SP21 and BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

It is further considered that the decision complies with Future Wales - the National Plan 2040, specifically Policies 2 and 3 and the Council's well-being objectives and the sustainable development principle in accordance with the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Signed: 

Ceri Morris – Head of Planning & Public Protection

Date: 25 September 2024

IMPORTANT:

(1) Please note that for all decisions issued after 16th March 2016 for outline or full planning permission, a revised decision notice will be issued whenever a subsequent consent is given, for example providing details of any Reserved Matters approvals (outline applications only) and/or approval of conditions (including on Reserved Matters). This will ensure that the current status of the conditions applied to a consent is clear. Accordingly, you are advised to visit www.npt.gov.uk/planning to view the application documentation to see if this is the current version, or whether it has been superseded by a more up-to-date revision of this Decision Notice. For Reserved Matters approvals the revised Decision Notice will only be shown under the Outline approval.

(2) Please note that this consent is specific to the plans and particulars approved as part of the application. Any departure from the approved plans will constitute unauthorised development and may be liable to enforcement action. You (or any subsequent developer) should advise the Council of any actual or proposed variations from the approved plans immediately so that you can be advised how to best resolve the matter.

(3) In addition, any conditions that the Council has imposed on this consent will be listed above and should be read carefully. It is your (or any subsequent developers) responsibility to ensure that the terms of all conditions are met in full at the appropriate time (as outlined in the specific condition). Please note that any works carried out without compliance with the conditions attached to this approval will be entirely at the risk of the persons involved and may result in formal action being taken by the Local Planning Authority.

(4) The developer should have regard to Sections 4, 7, 8 and 8A of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 and to the British Standards Institution's Code of Practice for "Design of buildings and their approaches to meet the needs of disabled people" (BS 8300:2009+A1:2010).

(5) From 1st October 2012 it has been an offence to install a public sewer or lateral drain without having an adoption agreement in place. From the 1st October 2012 the vast majority of all existing private sewers and lateral drains which link with the public sewer network were transferred to Welsh Water. For further details on how this will affect your development please contact: Welsh Water Developer Services, PO Box 3146, Cardiff, CF30 0EH. Telephone No. 0800 9172652 or email: developer.services@dwrcymru.com.

(6) Welsh Water Dwr Cymru advise that the planning permission hereby granted does not extend any rights to carry out any works to the public sewerage or water supply systems without first having obtained the necessary permissions required by the Water Industry Act 1991.

Please note, in accordance with Construction and Design Management (CDM) Regulations, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that any proposed works within their curtilage do not conflict with any underground services and is recommended they review their land registry title deeds for any legal covenants. For Sewers or Watermains that may be present and affected by your proposals, you are advised to contact Dwr Cymru Welsh Water who will be able to explain whether your proposed works will be acceptable as well as any consent required.

Prior to commencing works, it is also recommended the applicant review the information and guidance on Building Over Sewers available on Welsh Water's website at <https://developers.dwrcymru.com/en/applications/planning/build-over-or-near-to-sewers>

The applicant is also advised that some public sewers and lateral drains may not be recorded on Welsh Water maps of public sewers because they were originally privately owned and were transferred into public ownership by nature of the Water Industry (Schemes for Adoption of Private Sewers) Regulations 2011. The presence of such assets may affect the proposal. In order to assist us in dealing with the proposal the applicant may contact Dwr Cymru Welsh Water to establish the location and status of the apparatus. Under the Water Industry Act 1991 Dwr Cymru Welsh Water has rights of access to its apparatus at all times.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The applicant's attention is drawn to the notes below.

- (1) If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the Local Planning Authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Welsh Government under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
- (2) You can also appeal to the Welsh Government against a decision to refuse permission or grant subject to conditions in respect of applications made for: Listed Building or Conservation Area Consent; Consent under a Tree Preservation Order; Advertisement Consent.
- (3) You can also appeal If your application for a Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Lawful Proposed Use is partly or wholly refused or is granted differently from what you asked for (under Section 195/196) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
- (4) If you are aggrieved of the LPAs decision, the following deadlines apply for appeals to be submitted to the Welsh Government (from the date of the Council's decision):

(1) Planning Permission (with the exception of Minor Commercial and Householder applications – see below)	Within 6 Months
(2) Householder Appeal see endnote i	Within 12 weeks
(3) Minor Commercial Appeal see endnote i	Within 12 weeks
(4) Listed Building or Conservation Area Consent appeals	Within 6 months
(5) Tree Preservation Order (TPO) Consent	Within 28 days
(6) Advertisement Consent	Within 8 weeks
(7) Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing (Section 191) or Proposed (Section 192) Use or Development	Within 6 months
(8) Hazardous Substances Consent	Within 6 months
- (5) Appeals must be made on a form which is obtainable from the Planning & Environment Decisions Wales, Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ – Tel 0300 060 4400, or online at <https://planningcasework.service.gov.wales/>.
- (6) The Welsh Government has power to allow a longer period for the giving of notice of appeal but they will not normally be prepared to exercise this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.
- (7) The Welsh Government is not required to entertain an appeal if it appears to them that permission for the proposed development could not have been granted having regard to the statutory requirements to the provisions of the development order, and to any directions given under the Order. They do not in practice refuse to entertain appeals solely because the decision of the Local Planning Authority was based on a direction given by them.
- (8) If permission to develop land is refused or granted subject to conditions, whether by the Local Planning Authority or by the Welsh Government, and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonable beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonable beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, he may serve on the County Borough Council, in which the land is situated, as the case may be, a **purchase notice** requiring that Council purchase his interest in the land in

accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Making an Appeal

- (9) Please note that for all applications received by the LPA after 5th May 2017, it is now a requirement that any appeal made to the Planning Inspectorate (other than Householder and Minor Commercial Appeals and appeals against refusal to grant advertisement consent) must be accompanied by all the information and evidence you intend to rely upon (a **“full statement of case”**). You must also send a copy of the notice of appeal and full statement of case to the LPA.
- (10) In addition, for ‘planning appeals’ an amendment to an application following notice of appeal may only be made to correct an error.
- (11) Additional details and information on making an appeal to the Welsh Government is available from the Planning Inspectorate at the above address and website. The relevant documents are entitled “making your planning appeal” and “planning appeals Public Local Inquiries”.
- (12) Further correspondence regarding this application should bear the reference number quoted on the top of the decision notice.

THIS NOTICE RELATES ONLY TO A PLANNING DECISION AND DOES NOT RELATE TO OTHER LEGISLATION INCLUDING ANY LEGISLATION UNDER:

- BUILDING REGULATIONS – Please contact buildingcontrol@npt.gov.uk or 01639 686820 to discuss all aspects of the service that is offered by Building Control
- HIGHWAY LEGISLATION

IF PLANNING CONSENT HAS BEEN GRANTED IT IS ADVISABLE TO ESTABLISH WHETHER ANY OTHER FORM OF CONSENT IS REQUIRED AND TO OBTAIN SUCH CONSENT BEFORE COMMENCING DEVELOPMENT

ⁱ Please see the [Town and Country Planning \(Referred Applications and Appeals Procedure\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2017](#) for appeal procedures and for full definitions of:

- *“householder application”* (essentially an application for the enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse, or development within the curtilage of such a dwellinghouse, or change of use to enlarge the curtilage of a dwelling house)
- *“householder appeal”* means an appeal in relation to a householder application, but excludes an appeal against conditions on the grant of planning permission; or an appeal which is accompanied by an enforcement or listed building consent appeal.
- *“minor commercial application”* (essentially relates to existing buildings of no more than 250 square metres gross external floor space at ground floor level, currently in use for any of the purposes set out in Schedule 1A to The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2015 which is an application for change of use from Class A1 to A2 or A3; or Class A2 to A3); or the carrying out of building or other operations to a shop front.
- *“minor commercial appeal”* means an appeal in relation to a minor commercial application but excludes an appeal against conditions on the grant of planning permission; or an appeal which is accompanied by an enforcement or listed building consent appeal.