

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing Use or Operation or Activity,
 including those in breach of a planning condition

Town and Country Planning Act 1990: Section 191 as amended by Section 10 of the Planning and
 Compensation Act 1991; Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)
 (Wales) Order 2012

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

Wynne

Surname

Edwards

Company Name

Edwards Properties South Wales Ltd

Address

Address line 1

Land Off Tabernacle Terrace Cwmavon

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Cwmavon Port Talbot

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

SA12 9HS

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

Reason for Lawful Development Certificate

Which category describes the existing use or operation or development for which the certificate is sought

- ☒ An existing use
- ☐ An existing operation
- ☐ An existing use, operation or activity in breach of a condition

Being a use, operation or activity in effect on the date of this application

If Yes, to either 'an existing use' or 'an existing use in breach of a condition', please state which one of the Use Classes of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) the use relates to

C3 - Dwellinghouses (main residences)

Description of Existing Use, Operation or Activity

Please describe the existing uses, building works or activities for which you want a lawful development certificate. Where appropriate, show to which part of the land each use building works or activity relates

Land off Tabernacle Terrace, Cwmavon, SA12 9HS Civil Engineering works undertaken to date on-site for Plots 1, 2, 3, and 4
Planning approval was granted on 4th December 2020 (Ref: 2020/0923). All pre-commencement conditions have been satisfied (copy of planning approval attached).

Stage 1 – Engineered Excavation works to establish site levels (Plots 1–4)
(See Photograph 1) Excavation works were undertaken to establish site levels, enabling the surveyor to set out ordinance pegs for plot boundary lines and individual plot excavation reductions.

Stage 2 – Construction of boundary fencing to the Eastern Site Boundary
65.000 x 1.800mm Hit & Miss fence has been constructed along the eastern boundary line in accordance with the planning approval.

Stage 3 – Additional Engineered Excavation Works
Further extensive excavation works were carried out to reduce levels for Plots 1, 2, and 3 to a depth to achieve the approved finished floor levels. MOT Type 1 imported and laid in layers to establish the rock bed, compacted in 150mm layers strictly in accordance with the Terra Firma Ground Investigation Report and our Structural Engineer's design specifications.

Stage 4 – Construction of Concrete Blockwork Formwork
As per the detailed design, concrete blockwork formwork was constructed around the perimeter of Plots 1, 2, and 3 in strict accordance with the approved design.

Project delays and rescheduling
Unfortunately, due to unforeseen delays, the revised timeline for pouring concrete coincided with a period of inclement weather, resulting in unpredictable and unacceptable conditions for structural concrete pouring. As a result, work on-site is scheduled to restart in Spring 2026.

Phased development approach
Given site constraints, the development must be carefully phased to ensure access and storage areas remain available. Strict adherence to the phased approach is crucial to minimising disruptions caused by limitations and access restrictions. We have been awaiting a decision from the planners to allow us to clear the northern end of the site under planning application P2024/0253

Request for acceptance of issuing a Lawful Development Certificate
We kindly request that the planners consider our application for a material start by issuing a lawful development certificate of acceptance.

Grounds for application for a Lawful Development Certificate

Under what grounds is the certificate being sought

- ☐ The use began more than 10 years before the date of this application
- ☐ The use, building works or activity in breach of condition began more than 10 years before the date of this application
- ☐ The use began within the last 10 years, as a result of a change of use not requiring planning permission, and there has not been a change of use requiring planning permission in the last 10 years
- ☒ The building works (for instance, building or engineering works) were substantially completed more than four years before the date of this application.
- ☐ The use as a single dwelling house began more than four years before the date of this application
- ☐ Other - please specify (this might include claims that the change of use or building work was not development, or that it benefited from planning permission granted under the Act or by the General Permitted Development Order).

Is the certificate being sought for a use, operation, or activity in breach of a condition or limitation?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Please state why a Lawful Development Certificate should be granted

All planning pre-commencement conditions have been satisfied

Information in support of a Lawful Development Certificate

When was the use or activity begun, or the building works substantially completed (date must be pre-application submission)?

03/05/2021

In the case of an existing use or activity in breach of conditions has there been any interruption?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

In the case of an existing use of land, has there been any material change of use of the land since the start of the use for which a certificate is sought?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Residential Information

Does the application for a certificate relate to a residential use where the number of residential units has changed?

- ☐ 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

Date (must be pre-application submission)

03/06/2024

Details of the pre-application advice received

Jessica advised on the process to apply for a lawful development certificate

Interest in the Land

Please state the applicant's interest in the land

- ☒ Owner
- ☐ Lessee
- ☐ Occupier
- ☐ Other

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

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Lawful development: Existing use 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

Wynne Edwards

Date

10/06/2025