

## National list

The GDPO requires, as a minimum, that an application for planning permission should:

- be made in writing (paper or electronic application) to the local planning authority on a form published by the Secretary of State (or a form which is substantially the same);
- include the particulars specified in the form and be accompanied by a plan which identifies the land to which it relates;
- any other plans and drawings or information necessary to describe the development which is the subject of the application; which must be drawn to an identified scale and, in the case of plans, show the direction of North;
- for paper applications, include three copies of the form **plus** the original (or fewer if the local planning authority so indicates). No copies are required if the application is made electronically;
- be accompanied by any certificate or documents required by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or the GDPO;
- include any fee required to be paid in respect of the application. Lodging a cheque or making an electronic payment for the correct fee amount is taken as payment;
- be accompanied by a Design and Access statement, if required.

## Information requirements for applications for full planning permission

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Applications for full planning permission are required to be accompanied by the following:

#### 1. The standard application form

From 6 April 2008, all planning applications will need to be presented on a standard application form, which will be available electronically. The Government wishes to encourage applicants to submit applications electronically wherever possible, as this provides opportunities for streamlining procedures and thereby reducing costs. However applicants will retain the option of submitting paper versions of the form. In that event, the GDPO requires three **additional** copies **plus** the original of the completed standard application form to be submitted. An

applicant may be requested by the local planning authority to submit more than three copies, but three copies is the statutory requirement for a valid application.

## **2. The location plan**

All applications must include copies of a location plan based on an up-to-date map. This should be at a scale of 1:1250 or 1:2500. The GDPO 1995 requires three copies **plus** the original (unless submitted electronically). In exceptional circumstances plans of other scales may also be required. Plans should wherever possible show at least two named roads and surrounding buildings. The properties shown should be numbered or named to ensure that the exact location of the application site is clear.

The application site should be edged clearly with a red line. It should include all land necessary to carry out the proposed development – for example, land required for access to the site from a public highway, visibility splays, landscaping, car parking and open areas around buildings. A blue line should be drawn around any other land owned by the applicant, close to or adjoining the application site.

## **3. Site and Other Plans**

Copies of the site plan should be submitted. The legislation requires three copies **plus** the original (unless submitted electronically). The site plan should be drawn at a scale of 1:500 or 1:200 and should accurately show:

- a) the direction of North;
- b) the proposed development in relation to the site boundaries and other existing buildings on the site, with written dimensions including those to the boundaries;
- c) all the buildings, roads and footpaths on land adjoining the site including access arrangements;
- d) all public rights of way crossing or adjoining the site;
- e) the position of all trees on the site, and those on adjacent land that could influence or be affected by the development;
- f) the extent and type of any hard surfacing;
- g) boundary treatment including walls or fencing where this is proposed.

In addition other plans should be submitted (dependent on the type of application – refer to the relevant local requirements checklist for specific requirements available on the Winchester City Council website at <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/EnvironmentAndPlanning/Planning/PlanningApplications/DownloadablePlanningApplicationForms>) and may include:

- **Block plan of the site** (e.g. at a scale of 1:100 or 1:200) showing any site boundaries. Copies of plans should show: any site boundaries; the type and height of boundary treatment (e.g. walls, fences etc); the position of any building or structure on the other side of such boundaries.

- **Existing and proposed elevations** (e.g. at a scale of 1:50 or 1:100). These should be drawn to a scale of 1:50 or 1:100 and show clearly the proposed works in relation to what is already there. All sides of the proposal must be shown and these should indicate, where possible, the proposed building materials and the style, materials and finish of windows and doors. Blank elevations must also be included; if only to show that this is in fact the case.

Where a proposed elevation adjoins another building or is in close proximity, the drawings should clearly show the relationship between the buildings, and detail the positions of the openings on each property.

- **Existing and proposed floor plans** (e.g. at a scale of 1:50 or 1:100) These should be drawn to a scale of 1:50 or 1:100 and should explain the proposal in detail. Where existing buildings or walls are to be demolished these should be clearly shown. The drawings submitted should show details of the existing building(s) as well as those for the proposed development. New buildings should also be shown in context with adjacent buildings (including property numbers where applicable).

- **Existing and proposed site sections and finished floor and site levels** (e.g. at a scale of 1:50 or 1:100) Such plans drawn at a scale of 1:50 or 1:100 should show a cross section(s) through the proposed building(s). In all cases where a proposal involves a change in ground levels, illustrative drawings should be submitted to show both existing and finished levels to include details of foundations and eaves and how encroachment onto adjoining land is to be avoided.

Full information should also be submitted to demonstrate how proposed buildings relate to existing site levels and neighbouring development. Such plans should show existing site levels and finished floor levels (with levels related to a fixed datum point off site) and also show the proposals in relation to adjoining buildings. This will be required for all applications involving new buildings.

In the case of householder development, the levels may be evident from floor plans and elevations, but particularly in the case of sloping sites it will be necessary to show how proposals relate to existing ground levels or where ground levels outside the extension would be modified. Levels should also be taken into account in the formulation of design and access statements.

- **Roof plans** (e.g. at a scale of 1:50 or 1:100)

A roof plan is used to show the shape of the roof and is typically drawn at a scale smaller than the scale used for the floor plans. Details such as the roofing material and their location are typically specified on the roof plan.

#### **4. Ownership Certificates**

Under section 65(5) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, read in conjunction with Article 7 of the GDPO, the local planning authority must not entertain an application for planning permission unless the relevant certificates concerning the ownership of the application site have been completed. All applications for planning permission must include the appropriate certificate of ownership. An ownership certificate A, B, C or D must be completed stating the ownership of the property.

For this purpose an 'owner' is anyone with a freehold interest, or leasehold interest the unexpired term of which is not less than 7 years.

#### **5. Notice(s)**

A notice to owners of the application site must be completed and served in accordance with Article 6 of the GDPO.

#### **6. Agricultural Holdings Certificate**

This certificate is required whether or not the site includes an agricultural holding. All agricultural tenants must be notified prior to the submission of the application. This certificate is not required if the applicant is making an application for reserved matters, renewal of temporary planning permission, discharge or variation of conditions, tree preservation orders, or express consent to display an advertisement.

#### **7. The correct fee (where one is necessary)**

## 8. Design and Access Statements

A Design and Access Statement must accompany applications for both outline and full planning permission **unless** they relate to one of the following:

- A material change of use of land and buildings, (unless it also involves operational development);
- Engineering or mining operations;
- Householder developments.

However, statements **are** required for householder applications where any part of a dwelling house or its curtilage falls within one of the following designated areas:

- National Park
- Site of special scientific interest
- Conservation area
- Area of outstanding natural beauty
- World Heritage Site
- The Broads

A Design and Access Statement is a short report accompanying and supporting a planning application that should seek to explain and justify the proposal in a structured way. The level of detail required in a Design and Access Statement will depend on the scale and complexity of the application, and the length of the statement will vary accordingly. The Design and Access Statement should cover both the design principles and concepts that have been applied to the proposed development and how issues relating to access to the development have been dealt with. What is required in a Design and Access Statement is set out in Article 4C of the GDPO and DCLG Circular 01/06 – *Guidance on Changes to the Development Control System*.

Applications for listed building consent will also be required to be accompanied by a Design and Access Statement. In particular, such a statement should address:

- (i) the special architectural or historic interest of the building;
- (ii) the particular physical features of the building that justify its designation as a listed building; and
- (ii) the building's setting.

The legislative requirements are set out in regulation 3A of the Planning(Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.

## Information requirements for applications for outline planning permission

Applications for outline planning permission generally need not give details of any proposed reserved matters (Article 4E(3) of the GDPO) unless the matters include layout, scale or access. However if a local planning authority receives an application for outline planning permission, but decides that the application ought not to be considered separately from all or any of the reserved matters, it must notify the applicant within one month from the receipt of the application that further details must be submitted. The local planning authority should also specify what further details are needed (see Article 3(2) of the GDPO). Although the GDPO allows the local planning authority one month in which to notify the applicant that further details are required, as a matter of best practice local planning authorities should aim to notify applicants within 5 working days.

This situation should not be confused with applications where inadequate information is submitted.

DCLG Circular 01/2006 sets out the scope of information to be submitted with an outline application. Even if layout, scale and access are reserved, an application will still require a basic level of information. As a minimum, applications should always include information on:

- **Use** – the use or uses proposed for the development and any distinct development zones within the site identified.
- **Amount of development** – the amount of development proposed for each use.
- **Indicative layout** – an indicative layout with separate development zones proposed within the site boundary where appropriate.
- **Scale parameters** – an indication of the upper and lower limits for height, width and length of each building within the site boundary.
- **Indicative access points** – an area or areas in which the access point or points to the site will be situated.

In addition to the information above, applications for outline planning permission should also include a Design and Access Statement.