

THE LAND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (GUERNSEY) LAW, 2005
AND THE LAND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL PROVISIONS)
ORDINANCE, 2007

NOTIFICATION OF GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION

PROPOSALS: Conversion of 2nd floor flat and 3rd floor bedsit into 1 maisonette/flat (Use Class 2).

LOCATION: 3 Vauvert Terrace, Vauvert, St. Peter Port.

APPLICANT: PAI Limited

This permission is granted under the terms of Sections 15 and 16 of the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005 (the 'Law').

Date of Grant of Permission: 10/01/2024

This notification of grant of permission refers solely to the proposals referred to above as described in your application received as valid on 10/10/2023 and the drawings referred to below. This grant of permission is subject to the following conditions:-

Drawing Nos: PF+A Ltd - 7682-03 B1 & B3.

Application Ref: FULL/2023/1571

Property Ref: A202230000

Conditions and reasons:-

1.All development authorised by this permission must be carried out and must be completed in every detail in accordance with the written application, plans and drawings referred to above. No variations to such development amounting to development may be made without the permission of the Authority under the Law.

Reason - To ensure that it is clear that permission is only granted for the development to which the application relates.

2.The development hereby permitted shall be begun within 3 years from the date of grant of this permission.

Reason - This condition reflects section 18(1) of the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005 which states that planning permission ceases to have effect

unless development is commenced within 3 years of the date of grant (or such shorter period as may be specified in the permission).

3. The development hereby permitted and all the operations which constitute or are incidental to that development must be carried out in compliance with all such requirements of The Building (Guernsey) Regulations, 2012 as are applicable to them, and no operation to which such a requirement applies may be commenced or continued unless (i) plans relating to that operation have been approved by the Authority and (ii) it is commenced or, as the case may be, continued, in accordance with that requirement and any further requirements imposed by the Authority when approving those plans, for the purpose of securing that the building regulations are complied with.

Reason - Any planning permission granted under the Law is subject to this condition as stated in section 17(2) of the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005.

Expiry Date: This permission will cease to have effect on 09/01/2027 unless development is commenced by that date.

ADVICE AND OTHER REMARKS:-

Effect of planning permission:

Section 18 of the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005 ('the Law') defines the effect of the planning permission hereby granted, namely:

- (1) Planning permission ceases to have effect unless the development permitted by it is commenced within a period of three years immediately following the date on which it is granted (or such shorter period as may be specified in the permission).
- (2) Planning permission enures for the benefit of the land concerned and of every person for the time being having an interest in it.
- (3) Any conditions subject to which planning permission is issued are enforceable in accordance with the provisions of Part V of the Law.
- (4) Planning permission for the erection of a building is only permission to use it for the purpose specified in the permission or, subject to any restriction so specified, for any other purpose for which it is designed.
- (5) Planning permission is only permission to carry out the development specified in it (subject to any conditions so specified), and does not imply the giving of any

other approval or consent required under this Law or any other enactment or under any rule of law.

Right of appeal against planning decisions:

Your attention is drawn to the provisions of Section 68(1) of the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law 2005, which provides a right of appeal, on the merits against a decision to grant planning permission subject to conditions (except a building condition), to the Planning Tribunal, which is independent of the States of Guernsey. An appeal to the Planning Tribunal under section 68 of the Law against this decision must be made before the expiry of the period of six months beginning with the date on which the Authority made this decision. The official Appeal Notice Forms are available on the States of Guernsey website at www.gov.gg/planningpanel and must be completed with all enclosures in multiples as requested and received within the six months deadline.

Copy of representations made:

In reaching this decision the Authority took into account any written consultations made under Section 11(1) of the Land Planning and Development (General Provisions) Ordinance, 2007 ('the Ordinance'). A copy of any consultation responses made under section 11 will be included with this decision in accordance with section 19 of the Ordinance.

Other Remarks:

Please note that any work which abuts or affects the public highway requires prior approval by Traffic and Highway Services. Please contact Traffic & Highway Services (highways@gov.gg) for further advice. You must also ensure that any access/es to the development are constructed to meet the existing road/footway levels in accordance with their requirements.

This document is not a Building Licence and confers no approval under the Building Regulations.

A separate Building Control Licence may be required and it is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that ALL necessary consents are obtained and that any pre-commencement conditions are discharged prior to development being commenced.

A J ROWLES

Director of Planning
Planning Service



PLANNING APPLICATION REPORT

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RECOMMENDATION - Grant: Planning Permission with Conditions:

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OFFICER'S REPORT

Brief Description of the site:

The property known as '4 Vauvert Terrace' is a four storey Victorian town house which is only very slightly set back from and faces west onto Vauvert. The attached neighbours are to the north and south, a play school across the road to the west and a junior school to the east beyond the garden. The property is located in the St Peter Port Main Centre and Conservation Area as defined in the Island Development Plan.

Relevant History:

FULL/2022/2267 - Change of use of 3 flats and 1 bedsit (Use Class 2) to a House of Multiple Occupancy (Use class 6), install 1st floor window to east and south (rear) elevations and alteration to fenestration, demolish extension, erect single storey extension to rear elevation and erect single storey outbuilding/Manager's accommodation to east boundary – Approved June 2023.

Existing Use(s):

Residential use class 2: flats.

Assessment: *(Tick as appropriate)*

no representation	☒
accords with policy	☒
within curtilage	☒
design acceptable	☒

visual amenity acceptable	☒
no material neighbour impact	☒
traffic not affected	☒

Policies considered most relevant:

MC2: Housing in Main Centres and Main Centre Outer Areas
GP4: Conservation Areas
GP8: Design
GP9: Sustainable Development
GP12: Protection of Housing Stock

Conclusion/Brief comment:

This application is to convert the 2nd floor flat and the 3rd floor bedsit into one maisonette/flat.

MC2 states that proposals for housing development in Main Centres will be supported providing that they are in accordance with all other relevant policies of the Island Development Plan.

The proposals in this application would not affect the front façade of the building and therefore the special quality and character of the surrounding conservation area will remain intact. The proposals comply with policy GP4.

Policy GP12 seeks to protect existing housing stock and only supports the loss of existing housing if it is substandard (size, location, form of construction or means of access) with no reasonable way of upgrading the accommodation.

The agent has demonstrated that the building used to have three flats and one bedsit, one on each floor. The second floor flat had undersized rooms and a tiny kitchen, which is considered to be substandard for Guernsey Building Regulations, Technical Standards (G7). To upgrade the thermal performance of the flat would further reduce the size of the rooms, so in this instance the flat as it stands is too small to remain a one bedroom flat.

The third floor bedsit is also undersized for today's market, with a small kitchen and even smaller shower room. The thermal performance of the flat is also poor, currently the accommodation is cold, damp, and susceptible to black mould and provides substandard living accommodation.

Combining the two flats into one maisonette can provide a three bedroom flat for up to 5 people, with enough space for everyone having regard to GP8 and Annex I. It would comply with Guernsey's Technical Standard G7 and will be thermally upgraded to ensure all damp and mould is removed and an improved standard of living will be available to the future occupiers.

Confirmation has been received that the development proposed has been designed to take into account matters of energy efficiency and current Building Regulations in accordance with Policy GP9.

The proposals are considered to conform to the above policies of the Island Development Plan and grant of permission is recommended, subject to conditions.

All material considerations as set out in the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005 and the Land Planning and Development (General Provisions) Ordinance, 2007 have been taken into account in the assessment of this application.

Recommendation:

Grant with Conditions



Date: 09/01/2024

