

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: Demolish section of wall, erect, alter and widen vehicle access to south-west boundary.

LOCATION: Les Rocquettes Hotel, Les Gravees, St. Peter Port.

APPLICANT: Sarnia Hotels 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: 08/11/2023

This notification of grant of permission refers solely to the proposals referred to above as described in your application received as valid on 02/10/2023 and the drawings referred to below. This grant of permission is subject to the following conditions:-

Drawing Nos: The Drawing Room - 286 N1, N2 & N3.

Application Ref: FULL/2023/1709

Property Ref: A204140000

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.

4.Within four weeks of the existing walls being demolished, the replacment walls shall be constructed and finished in accordance with the approved drawings.

Reason - To secure the satisfactory appearance of the completed development.

5.No development, excluding demolition and site works, shall begin until a landscaping scheme, to include those details specified below, has been submitted to and agreed in writing by the Authority:

- i) full details of tree and hedge planting;
- ii) planting schedules, noting the species, sizes, numbers and densities of plants; and
- iii) all existing trees, hedges and other landscape features, indicating clearly those to be removed.

Reason - To make sure that a satisfactory landscaping scheme for the development is agreed, in order to help assimilate the development into its surroundings.

6.The landscaping scheme shall be fully completed, in accordance with the details agreed in writing under the terms of the above condition, in the first planting season following the completion of development. Any trees or plants removed, dying, being severely damaged or becoming seriously diseased, within 5 years of planting shall be replaced in the following planting season by trees or plants of a size and species similar to those originally required to be planted.

Reason - To make sure that the appearance of the completed development is satisfactory and to help assimilate the development into its surroundings.

Expiry Date: This permission will cease to have effect on 07/11/2026 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 site known as 'Les Rocquettes Hotel' is a large triangular site on a corner plot with Les Gravees running along the southwest boundary and Rocquettes Lane running along the east boundary, and large detached residential properties to the north. The main part of the hotel dates back to the 18th century, with the south wing added in the 1970's and the north wing added at the end of the 1990s. The property is located in the St Peter Port Main Centre Outer Area and Conservation Area as defined in the Island Development Plan.

Relevant History:

There is no relevant history pertaining to this application.

Existing Use(s):

Visitor economy use class 7: serviced visitor accommodation.

Assessment: *(Tick as appropriate)*

no representation	☒	visual amenity acceptable	☒
accords with policy	☒	no material neighbour impact	☒
within curtilage	☒	traffic not affected	☒
design acceptable	☒		

Policies considered most relevant:

MC8: Visitor Accommodation in Main Centres and Main Centre Outer Areas

GP4: Conservation Areas

GP8: Design

IP9: Highway Safety, Accessibility and Capacity

Conclusion/Brief comment:

This application is to demolish a section of the entrance roadside wall to alter and widen the existing vehicular access.

The existing access comprises the original high granite roadside wall with granite pillars 15m apart, then a lower rendered block wall which curves in with lower pillars 4.6m apart. Just inside the rendered wall are three oak trees, which have grown very big and the roots have compromised the low wall pushing it so it now slopes towards the road quite precariously. The agent advises that the trees have been diagnosed as diseased and structurally unsound by a tree surgeon and are required to be removed on safety grounds.

The proposals show the three oak trees removed and the low rendered wall and pillar repaired/rebuilt on the north side and 1.6m of the low rendered wall removed to the south side and the rest of the wall and pillar rebuilt, leaving a 6.25m wide entrance.

The trees are not protected trees and during the site visit, the officer witnessed the trees being felled. As they were not protected planning permission was not necessary. However the trees framed the entrance of the hotel and there is now a vacant open space where they were which has a negative effect on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. At present the drawings only say planting and do not specify how and what the new planting scheme is to be, therefore a condition will be added to ensure replacement trees are planted in order to conserve the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. In this respect it is recommended that a minimum of 3 trees are planted.

Although the trees have been felled, provided that suitable replacement trees are planted, the proposals are considered to achieve a good standard of design, using materials which complement the existing materials. The scale of the new opening is not considered to have a detrimental effect on the character and amenity of the surrounding conservation area, nor will it have any impact on either of the immediate neighbours. The increased width would however improve the functionality of the access, and therefore provide road safety benefits.

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 and Planning (General Provisions) Ordinance 2007 have been taken into account in the assessment of this application.

Recommendation:

Grant with Conditions



Date: 08/11/2023