

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: Remove and replace hedge, with minor alterations to ground levels along the northeast (roadside) boundary.

LOCATION: Specsavers, La Villiaze Road, St. Saviour.

APPLICANT: Specsavers Optical Group Ltd

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: 09/01/2025

This notification of grant of permission refers solely to the proposals referred to above as described in your application received as valid on 01/08/2024 and the drawings referred to below. This grant of permission is subject to the following conditions:-

Drawing Nos: A7 Design: 12-471-P19 PD/01C & PD/02D.

Application Ref: FULL/2024/1291

Property Ref: E000820000

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.The replacement hedge shall be planted in accordance with the approved details in the first planting season following the removal of the existing hedge. Any plants removed, dying, being severely damaged or becoming seriously diseased, within 5 years of planting shall be replaced in the following planting season by plants of a size and species similar to those originally required to be planted.

Reason - To ensure that an appropriate replacement hedge is planted in a timely fashion in the interests of the landscape character of the locality.

Expiry Date: This permission will cease to have effect on 09/01/2028 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.

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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

Site Description:

The site known as 'Specsavers' is a large site which is located west of La Villiaze Road and southwest of Rue au Page. There are neighbouring residential properties to the northwest and southeast and the airport to the south and southwest. The site is located Outside of the Centres as defined in the Island Development Plan. The application relates to the Specsavers Optical Group head office which is situated adjacent to the airport and is Outside of the Centres and within the Airport Consultation Zone.

Relevant History:

Residential use class 1: dwelling house.

Existing Use(s):

Administrative, financial and professional services use class 16: administrative office.

Brief Description of Development:

Originally, this application was to remove a hedge, alter the ground levels and landscaping to the northeast roadside boundary.

Following amendment however, the proposals are now to replace the hedge with only minor alterations to the ground levels and to leave the landscaping as existing.

Relevant Policies of any Plan, Subject Plan or Local Planning Brief:

OC3: Offices, Industry and Storage and Distribution Outside of the Centres
GP1: Landscape Character and Open Land
GP8: Design.

Representations:

None

Consultations:

None

Summary of Issues:

- Design of the development.
- Impact of the development on the character and appearance of the area.
- Impact of the development on neighbouring properties.

Assessment against:

1 - Purposes of the law.

The objectives of the Law, as set out in Section 1(2), have been considered and this forms part of the assessment of policy issues as set out in 2 below.

2 - Relevant policies of any Plan, Subject Plan or Local Planning Brief.

Rue au Page is a small rural lane which has high earthbanks and hedging on either side for the majority of the road. The proposal now is to replace the hedging and slightly alter the ground levels in front of the business headquarters.

The revised proposals would conserve the character of Rue au Pages, keeping the rural aspect, which is a local characteristic and therefore the proposals are considered to comply with policy GP1 as it would result in the upkeep of a traditional boundary feature.

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

3 - General material considerations set out in the General Provisions Ordinance.

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. Where relevant the issues are considered in section 2 above.

4 - Additional considerations (for protected trees, monuments, buildings and/or SSS's).

The proposal would have no impact on Protected Buildings, Trees or Monuments or on SSS's.

Date: 09/01/2025

