

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: Install sign, projecting sign and temporary vinyl signage to west (front) elevation (Protected Building).

LOCATION: 39-41, High Street, St. Peter Port.

APPLICANT: Trouteauds Opticians

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: 27/08/2025

This notification of grant of permission refers solely to the proposals referred to above as described in your application received as valid on 26/06/2025 and the drawings referred to below. This grant of permission is subject to the following conditions:-

Drawing Nos: PF+A 7888-01 A1A, Smith Signs 17347/v2-11.06.25 + photos of temporary vinyl.

Application Ref: FULL/2025/0261

Property Ref: A200110000

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 vinyl window stickers hereby approved are temporary and must be removed after one month from the decision date or prior to the shop opening, whichever comes first.

To make sure the works respect the special character of this protected building, as required by Section 34 of The Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005.

Expiry Date: This permission will cease to have effect on 26/08/2028 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.

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 39-41 High Street is a five storey attached building which faces west directly onto the High Street. There is a lovely Victorian shop frontage at ground floor level. There are attached buildings to the north and south and to the east is a building facing east onto The Quay. The property is located in the St Peter Port Main Centre, Conservation Area, Core Retail Area and Harbour Action Area as defined in the Island Development Plan. The property is also a Protected Building.

Relevant History:

FULL/2024/2099 - Change of use from retail (Use Class 10) to opticians (sui generis - mixed use) and internal alterations to ground floor and basement. (Protected Building) – Approved May 2025.

Existing Use(s):

Suis generis use class 29: suis generis.

Assessment: *(Tick as appropriate)*

no representation
accords with policy
within curtilage
design acceptable

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visual amenity acceptable
no material neighbour impact
traffic not affected

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Policies considered most relevant:

MC6: Retail in Main Centres
MC10: Harbour Action Areas
GP4: Conservation Areas
GP5: Protected Buildings
GP8: Design
GP9: Sustainable Development

Conclusion/Brief comment:

This application is to install the name on the fascia above the door, a small projecting sign next to the fascia on the south side of the façade and the installation of vinyl signage across the whole shop frontage for approximately three weeks.

The proposals are not considered to prejudice the outcomes of, or inhibit the implementation of an approved Local Planning Brief for the Harbour Action Area as stated in Policy MC10.

The vinyl window stickers, west facing fascia sign and projecting sign, are all considered to be reasonable aspirations that outweigh the harm to the special interest of the protected building, although a condition shall be added to ensure the vinyl window stickers are removed within a certain time frame.

The projecting sign is positioned appropriately on the building and it is of an appropriate size and appearance. The vinyl signs within the windows are very busy and will attract the eye, however as they are temporary they are considered acceptable.

The fascia signs are of applied lettering and positioned appropriately on the front façade of the building.

For the reasons described above the character, architectural and historic interest and appearance of the Conservation Area are considered to be conserved.

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: 27/08/2025

