

Case Officer: Clare Whitehead

Recommendation: Approval

Applicant: Thames Valley Police

Proposal: Discharge of Conditions 2 and 3 of 12/00220/F (Access Strategy and Travel Plan-Police)

Expiry Date: 5 November 2012

Extension of Time:

1. APPLICATION SITE AND DESCRIPTION OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENT

1.1. The application site is on part of the former USAF Upper Heyford base, specifically on the flying field in the character area 1B - the Central Plateau (Conservation Area Appraisal 2006). Consent was granted in 2012 to use part of the runway for police driver training.

2. CONDITIONS PROPOSED TO BE DISCHARGED

2.1. The application seeks consent to discharge conditions 2 and 3.

2.2. Condition 2 reads:

That within six months of the grant of permission, an access phasing strategy shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, showing the transition of the access to the site in accordance with the long term strategy for the site. Vehicular access to and from the site shall be from Camp Road only.

Reason - In the interests of highway safety and to ensure a satisfactory lasting arrangement for the site in accordance with Policy H2 of the Oxfordshire Structure Plan.

2.3. Condition 3 reads as:

That within six months of the grant of permission, a detailed green travel plan, prepared in accordance with the Department of Transport's Best Practice Guidance Note "Using the planning process to secure travel plans" and the emerging Oxfordshire County Council guidance on Developer Travel Plans, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason - In the interests of highway safety, transport sustainability, to reduce the impact of vehicle movements on the amenities of surrounding villages and to comply with Government advice contained in the National Planning Policy Framework (2012).

2.4. Notwithstanding the 6-month time stipulation referenced in both conditions that has long since lapsed, to discharge the application, the agent submitted a cover letter dated 6 September 2021, which enclosed an Access Strategy for Former RAF Heyford Park, dated September 2010 (Ref D.0291.35) and a Local Workplace Travel Plan for Upper Heyford Airfield (Driver Training), dated August 2012 and prepared by Thames Valley Police.

3. RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

3.1. The following planning history is considered relevant to the current proposal:

- 12/00220/F – Use of section of runway for advanced Police driving training. Approved 8 May 2012.

4. RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

4.1. **OCC HIGHWAYS** – No objection to discharging either conditions 2 or 3.

5. APPRAISAL

5.1 The Highways Officer at Oxfordshire County Council confirmed that he has reviewed the documents submitted and considers that the information supplied satisfies the requirements of those conditions.

6. RECOMMENDATION

Notwithstanding the late submission of the information, that Planning Condition(s) 2 and 3 of Application Number 12/00220/F be discharged based upon the following:

Cover letter dated 06 September 2021, Access Strategy for Former RAF Heyford Park dated September 2010 (ref D.0291.35) and Local Workplace Travel Plan for Upper Heyford Airfield (Driver Training) dated August 2012 prepared by Thames Valley Police.

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DATE: 7 July 2021

Checked By: Andy Bateson

DATE: 7th July 2021
