

Notice of Decision



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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 [as amended]

Application No: **26/0216**
Application Type: **Full**
Proposal: **PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE FROM OFFICE TO EVENTS VENUE AND ASSOCIATED WORKS**
Site/Location: **Land Adjacent To Unit 3, Esperanto Way, Newport, South Wales,**
Decision Date: **27th August 2026**

In pursuance of its powers under the above Act the Council of the City of Newport notifies you of its decision in respect of your application, registered by them on 14th May 2026. The application has been:-

Refused

Reason(s) for refusal:

1. The development is significantly harmful to interests of acknowledged importance, namely safety and sustainability by reason of the introduction of multi event floorspace and associated traffic in an out of centre, predominantly industrial, location that has poor pedestrian provision and legibility giving rise to increased risk of conflict and accident risk. The development is contrary to Policies SP1, GP6 and GP4 of the Newport Local Development Plan, 2011-2026 (Adopted January 2015), Supplementary Planning Guidance on Sustainable Travel, Planning Policy Wales 12 and Policy 6 of Future Wales: The National Plan.
2. The development results in a significant adverse impact on matters of acknowledged importance, namely the loss of high quality employment floorspace on an established industrial site contrary to Policy EM3 of the Newport Local Development Plan 2011-2026 (adopted January 2015). No information or justification has been provided that mitigates this objection.
3. The development is in an out of centre location and results in a significant adverse impact on matters of acknowledged importance, namely the vitality and viability of defined centres contrary to policy SP19 of the Newport Local Development Plan 2011-2026 (adopted January 2015), Planning Policy Wales (12), Policy 6 of Future Wales: The National Plan and Technical Advice Note 4. No information or justification has been provided that mitigates this objection.

NOTE TO APPLICANT

This decision notice is issued in respect of Planning Permission only and does not convey any decision which may be required under any other legislation or provisions, such as the Building Regulations.

The plans have been assessed on the basis of the scale or dimensions stipulated and any statement of 'do not scale' (or similar) has been disregarded.

1. This decision relates to plan Nos: Sequential Tests, Planning Statement., Flood Consequence Assessment, GI Statement, 027042-WEV4A - Proposed First Floor Plan, 027042-WEV6 - Proposed Ground Floor Plan, 027042-WEV5A - Proposed Second Floor Plan, 027042-WEV1A. - Revised Site Location Plan
2. The development plan for Newport is the Newport Local Development Plan 2011 - 2026 (Adopted January 2015). Policies CE6, EM3, SP1, SP3, SP19, GP1, GP2, GP4, GP5, GP6, T4 and were relevant to the determination of this application.
3. Due to the minor nature of the proposed development (including any demolition) and the location of the proposed development, it is considered that the proposals did not need to be screened under the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.
4. Guidance on resilient design can be found in Chapter 13 of Technical Advice Note 15: Development, flooding and coastal erosion, dated 2025, which references advice from Construction Industry Research and Information Association, including a Code of Practice and Guidance for Property Flood Resilience. NRW provide advice on their website <https://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/flooding/preparing-for-a-flood/?lang=en> which may be useful for the developer or occupant of the proposal.

Signed on behalf of the Council



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IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ THE NOTES ON THE REVERSE OF THIS FORM

Notes for Applicants

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Appeals to the Welsh Government

- If you are aggrieved by the decision of your Local Planning Authority to refuse permission or grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Welsh Government under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act (as amended).
- Appeals must be made within a prescribed time period that is dependent on the application type. These time periods along with further information on the appeals process are available here and should be checked immediately: [Planning appeals | Sub-topic | GOV.WALES](#)
- Appeals in respect of:
 - Householder and 'minor commercial' development must be received within 12 weeks from the date of the decision notice;
 - Advertisement consent applications must be received within 8 weeks from the date of the decision notice; and,
 - Other types of planning application must be received within 6 months from the date of the decision notice.

Appeal forms can be downloaded at Planning Casework (gov.wales) or are obtainable from Planning and Environment Decisions Wales, Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ, email PEDW.Casework@gov.wales

- The Welsh Ministers can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but are not normally prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.
- The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the Local Planning Authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.
- In practice, the Welsh Ministers do not refuse to consider appeals solely because the Local Planning Authority based their decision on a direction given by them.

Purchase Notices

- If either the Local Planning Authority or the Welsh Government refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he/she can neither put the land to a reasonable beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.
- In these circumstances, the owner may serve a Purchase Notice on the Council. This notice will require the Council to purchase his/her interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).