

Notice of Decision



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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 [as amended]

Application No: **25/0817**

Application Type: **Full**

Proposal: **INSTALLATION OF AN INTERACTIVE COMMUNICATION HUB UNIT WITH INTEGRAL ADVERTISEMENT DISPLAY, DEFIBRILLATOR AND CITY WAYFINDING**

Site/Location: **157 Commercial Street, Newport, South Wales, NP20 1JQ**

Decision Date: **27th November 2025**

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 30th September 2025. The application has been:-

Refused

Reason(s) for refusal:

1. By reason of its scale and siting, the development would result in visual interruption, distraction and additional street clutter and would have a harmful impact on heritage assets of recognised importance, specifically the character and appearance of the nearby Listed Buildings, and would fail to preserve or enhance the Town Centre Conservation Area. The proposal is contrary to Policy GP6 and CE7 of the Newport Local Development Plan 2011-2026 (Adopted January 2015), Planning Policy Wales 12 and, The Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2023 Technical Advice Note (TAN) 24.
2. The addition of the proposed development by reason of its scale and siting would result in additional street clutter that would have a harmful impact on Highways Safety as the proposed communications kiosk would cause obstruction and reduce pedestrian movements. As such, the proposal is contrary to policy GP4 of the Newport Local Development Plan 2011 (Adopted January 2015).

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. The decision relates to the following plans: Appendix A - A02962 - Application Site Map and Visuals, Infocus Communication Hub - Newport City Council - Planning Heritage Statement 2_2., Infocus Communication Hub - Newport City Council - Planning Heritage Statement 1_2, Appendix E - Zoll 3 specs.p, Appendix D - Hub Management Plan, Appendix B - Hub Unit Spec
2. The development plan for Newport is the Newport Local Development Plan 2011 - 2026 (Adopted January 2015). Policies GP2, GP3, GP4, GP5, GP6, CE6 and CE7 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.

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).