



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Application for Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

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1. Applicant Name and Address

Title:	Mrs	First name:	Elinor Ruth		
Last name:	Chopping				
Company (optional):	The Escape Rooms Newport LLP				
Unit:		House number:	37	House suffix:	
House name:					
Address 1:	Graig Park Circle				
Address 2:	Malpas				
Address 3:					
Town:	Newport				
County:	Newport				
Country:	Wales				
Postcode:	NP206HF				

2. Agent Name and Address

Title:

First name:

Last name:

Company
(optional):

Unit:

House number:

House suffix:

House name:

Address 1:

Address 2:

Address 3:

Town:

County:

Country:

Postcode:

3. Description of the Proposal

Please describe the proposed development, including any change of use:

We propose to use the vacant office space on the first floor of The Corn Exchange (Formerly owned by Pobl) and convert it into a recreation & gaming space for live action immersive games - namely, Escape Rooms. We would be subletting from The Corn Exchange themselves and would be using their existing infrastructure with regards to use of utilities, waste removal, bicycle parking etc as they are happy to share all their facilities for these things with us as part of our rental agreement. They are already designated for D2 use but, unfortunately when their application was processed it only covered the ground floor. This application intends to simply extend that existing change of use to include the mezzanine level, currently (we believe) designated as office space.

The works proposed in order to achieve this will have no affect on the building's internal structure or any of the existing facilities such as the plumbing etc but will involve erecting several stud walls to create two separate, enclosed game spaces with a false ceiling suspended above. There will also be a false floor added to one of the rooms to give the impression of wooden floorboards above the existing cement flooring. The created rooms will be freestanding self-bracing structures and will not be in any way anchored to the building's structure but they would be considered "permanent" only in the sense that they could not be easily disassembled and re-erected without a rebuild. These games would host groups of 2-6 players per space when booked as Escape Rooms but one of the spaces, the larger of the two, would also be used as a space for a seated social deduction game so would have the potential to house 14 seated guests and one games master. The absolute maximum number of the public who would potentially be on site at one time would be 20 with 2-3 staff as an absolute maximum but in general the range of about 12 in total (6 per room) would be a far more common occurrence.

The design of the spaces should allow us to take advantage of the existing ventilation and fire detection to ensure all designated areas have adequate provisions for each but we will ensure all works are up to commercial building regulations for health & safety & fire protections.

Has the building, work or change of use already started?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, please state the date when building, work or use were started (DD/MM/YYYY):
(Date must be pre-application submission)

Has the building, work or change of use been completed?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, please state the date when the building, work or change of use was completed (DD/MM/YYYY):
(Date must be pre-application submission)

4. Site Details

Please provide the full postal address of the application site.

Unit:		House number:		House suffix:	
House name:	Mezzanine Floors				
Address 1:	Exchange House At The Corn Exchange				
Address 2:	High Street				
Address 3:					
Town:	Newport				
County:	Newport				
Postcode: (optional)	NP20 1FB				

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site – for example “field to the North of the Post Office”.

Easting:		Northing:	
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Description:

First Floor Mezzanine only - address advised as: Mezzanine Floors Exchange House At The Corn Exchange High Street Newport South Wales NP20 1FB on your system. Sam address as listed here: <https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/business-rates-find/valuations/start/14168838000> relating only to the first floor mezzanine.

5. Pre-application Advice

Has pre-application advice been sought from the local planning authority about this application?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given.
(This will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently).

Please tick if the full contact details are not known, and then complete as much possible:

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Officer name:

Mr Adam Foote

Reference:

Date (DD/MM/YYYY): (Must be pre-application submission)

28.8.2025

Details of the pre-application advice received:

With regards to planning consent we have received the following, from Adam Foote (Adam.Foote@newport.gov.uk) the Principal Planning Officer on the indicated dates:

28.8.2025: That's a shame that the consent was limited to the ground floor only, however, I don't anticipate any issue in dealing with your application given that a D2 use is already present on the lower floor. I would advise you to take note of the details submitted with the application for a change of use on the lower floor and any conditions attached to that consent as to assist in the determination of your application. In terms of any works in this interim; you are unlikely to need planning consent for the physical alterations/works that we have discussed however listed building

6. Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicle or pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway?

Yes

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No

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Are there any new public roads to be provided within the site?

Yes

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Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?

Yes

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No

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Do the proposals require any diversions/extinguishments and/or creation of rights of way?

Yes

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No

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Please show details of any existing or proposed rights of way on or adjacent to the site, as well as any alterations to pedestrian and vehicle access, on your plans or drawings.

7. Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste and have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, please describe:

We will be permitted to full use of the provisions already provided in situ from our downstairs neighbours, and landlords, The Corn Exchange. I include with our application the decision notice provided to The Corn Exchange (Application No: 23/1096) dated 22nd February 2024 and I refer to the "Additional Conditions" numbers 4 and 6 for their provisions for both cycle storage and waste removal as we will be sharing their existing provisions for these facilities.

8. Neighbour and Community Consultation

Have you consulted your neighbours or the local community about the proposal?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, please describe:

Our immediate neighbours, The Corn Exchange as well as Le Public Space, which is in the immediate vicinity, are aware of - and very encouraging of - our plans to use the vacant space immediately above The Corn Exchange. As this area of the high street already has high footfall for recreation, leisure & hospitality-type venues with numerous pubs & gig venues, we feel an added D2 property is very in-keeping with the local area and would, in fact, involve far less noise intrusion, or large numbers of visitors that are already frequenting the neighbouring businesses.

9. Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, I am:

a) a member of staff;

b) an elected member;

c) related to a member of staff;

d) related to an elected member.

Do any of these statements apply to you?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, please provide details of the name, relationship and role:

10. Materials

If applicable, please state what materials are to be used externally. Include type, colour and name for each material:

	Existing (where applicable)	Proposed	Not applicable	Don't Know
Walls			✓	
Roof			✓	
Windows			✓	
Doors			✓	
Boundary treatments (e.g. fences, walls)			✓	
Vehicle access and hard-standing			✓	
Lighting			✓	
Others (please specify)			✓	

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plan(s)/drawing(s)/design and access statement?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If Yes, please state references for the plan(s)/drawing(s)/design and access statement:

No external works are required whatsoever.

11. Vehicle Parking

Is vehicle parking relevant to this proposal?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, please provide information on the existing and proposed number of on-site parking and cycling spaces on your plans.

12. Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

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Mains sewer

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Package treatment plant

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Cess pit

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Septic tank

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Other

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, please include the details of the existing system on the application drawings and state references for the plan(s)/drawing(s):

No changes are to be made to the existing systems whatsoever.

13. Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

To assist in answering the following questions refer to the guidance notes. The notes provide further information on when there is a reasonable likelihood that any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby and whether they are likely to be affected by your proposals.

Having referred to the guidance notes, is there a reasonable likelihood of the following being affected adversely or conserved and enhanced within the application site, or on land adjacent to or near the application site?

a) Protected and priority species:

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Yes, on the development site

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Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development

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No

b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features:

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Yes, on the development site

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Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development

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No

c) Features of geological conservation importance:

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Yes, on the development site

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Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development

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No

Supporting Information Requirements

Where a development proposal is likely to affect features of biodiversity or geological conservation interest, you will need to submit, with the application, sufficient information and assessments to allow the local planning authority to determine the proposal.

Failure to submit all information required will result in your application being deemed invalid. It will not be considered valid until all information required by the Local Planning Authority has been submitted.

Your Local Planning Authority will be able to advise on the content of any assessments that may be required.

14. Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?

Yes

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No

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And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?

Yes

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No

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If Yes to either or both of the above, you may need to provide a full Tree Survey, at the discretion of your local planning authority. If a Tree Survey is required, this and the accompanying plan should be submitted alongside your application. Your local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations'.

15. Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or waste?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, please describe the nature, volume and means of disposal of trade effluents or waste:

16. Residential Units (Including Conversion)

Does your proposal include the gain, loss or change of use of residential units?

Yes

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No

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If you answered "Yes" to the question above, please specify the existing and proposed number of market and affordable dwellings on the attached plans.

17. All Types of Development: Non-residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace?

Yes



No

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If you have answered Yes to the question above please add details in the following table:

Use class/type of use		Not applicable	Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres)	Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres)	Total gross internal floorspace proposed (including change of use) (square metres)	Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres)
A1	Shops					
A2	Financial and professional services					
A3	Food and drink					
B1	Business		126.5	126.5	0	0
B2	General industrial					
B8	Storage or distribution					
C1	Hotels					
C2	Residential institutions					
C2A	Secure residential					
D1	Non-residential institutions					
D2	Assembly and leisure		0	0	126.5	126.5
Other – Please specify:						
Total					126.5	0

In addition, for hotels, residential institutions and hostels, please additionally indicate the loss or gain of rooms:

Use class/type of use		Not applicable	Existing rooms to be lost by change of use or demolition	Total rooms proposed (including changes of use)	Net additional rooms
C1	Hotels				
C2	Residential Institutions				
C6	Short-term lets				
Other – Please specify:					

18. Employment

Please complete the following information regarding employees:

	Full-time	Part-time	Total full-time equivalent
Existing employees	2	2	3
Proposed employees	3	5	5.5

19. Hours of Opening

If known, please state the hours of opening (e.g. 15:30) for each non-residential use proposed:

Use	Mondy to Friday	Saturday	Sunday and Bank Holidays	Not known
D2	12.00-22.00	12.00-22.00	12.00-22.00	(closed some banl
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20. Site Area

Please state the site area in hectares (ha)

126 Meters squared - internal, existing buildings

Does your proposal involve the construction of a new building which would result in the loss or gain of public open space?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, please complete the following information regarding public open space:

Area of Land (ha):

Open Space Lost

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Open Space Gained

0

21. Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding?

(Refer to Flood Map for Planning on Natural Resources Wales website www.naturalresources.wales/flooding/flood-map-for-planning/?lang=en)

Yes

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No

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If Yes, and you are proposing a new building or change of use, please add details of the proposal in the following table:

Flood Zone	Residential (Number of units)	Non-residential (Area of land – hectares)
Zone 1		
Zone 2		
Zone 3		
Defended Zone		

If the proposed development is located within an area at risk from flooding, you will need to consider whether it is appropriate to submit a flood consequence assessment (refer to TAN 15 www.gov.wales/technical-advice-note-tan-15-development-flooding-and-coastal-erosion)

Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)?

Yes

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No

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Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?

Yes

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No

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From 7 January 2019, all new developments of more than 1 dwelling house or where the construction area is 100 square metres or more, require Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) for surface water designed and built in accordance with the Welsh Ministers' Statutory SuDS Standards. SuDS Schemes must be approved by your local authority acting in its SuDS Approving Body (SAB) role. Please contact your local authority for details of how to apply.

How will surface water be disposed of?

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Sustainable drainage system

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Main sewer

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Existing watercourse

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Pond/lake

22. Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site:

Current use is office space.

Is the site currently vacant?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, please describe the last use of the site:

Not 100% certain but we believe it hasn't been used since 2020 when the tenant was Pobl.

When did this use end (if known)? (DD/MM/YYYY)
(Date where known may be approximate)

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Does the proposal involve any of the following:

Land which is known or suspected to be contaminated
for all or part of the site?

Yes

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No

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A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the
presence of contamination?

Yes

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No

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If you have answered Yes to any of the above, you will need to submit an appropriate
contamination assessment.

Does your proposal involve the construction of a new building?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, please complete the following information regarding the element of the site area which
is in previously developed land or greenfield land:

	Previously Developed Land	Greenfield Land
Area of land (ha) proposed for new development		

23. Renewable and Low Carbon Energy

Does your proposal involve the installation of a stand-alone renewable or low-carbon energy development?

Yes

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No



If you have answered Yes to the question above please state the proposed energy output capacity in MegaWatts (MW):

Renewable Energy Type	Energy Capacity (MW)
Anaerobic digestion	
Biofuels	
Biomass	
Combined heat and power (CHP)	
District heating	
Fuel cells	
Geothermal	
Ground/water/air heat pumps	
Hydropower	
Solar	
Waste heat energy	
Wind	
Other low carbon or renewable energy (please specify below)	

24. Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

Please describe the activities and processes which would be carried out on the site and the end products including plant, ventilation or air conditioning. Please include the type of machinery which may be installed on site:

No industrial processes or end products produced on site. Recreation activity, on-site live game-events. No meaningful physical stock/products created/bought/sold.

Is the proposal a waste management development?

Yes

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No



If the answer is Yes, please complete the following table:

	Not applicable	The total capacity of the void in cubic metres, including engineering surcharge and making no allowance for cover or restoration material (or tonnes if solid waste or litres if liquid waste)	Maximum annual operational throughput in tonnes (or litres if liquid waste)
Inert landfill			
Non-hazardous landfill			
Hazardous landfill			
Energy from waste incineration			
Other incineration			
Landfill gas generation plant			
Pyrolysis/gasification			
Metal recycling site			
Transfer stations			
Material recovery/recycling facilities (MRFs)			
Household civic amenity sites			
Open windrow composting			
In-vessel composting			
Anaerobic digestion			
Any combined mechanical, biological and/or thermal treatment (MBT)			

	Not applicable	The total capacity of the void in cubic metres, including engineering surcharge and making no allowance for cover or restoration material (or tonnes if solid waste or litres if liquid waste)	Maximum annual operational throughput in tonnes (or litres if liquid waste)
Sewage treatment works			
Other treatment			
Recycling facilities construction, demolition and excavation waste			
Storage of waste			
Other waste management			
Other developments			

Please provide the maximum annual operational throughput of the following waste streams:	
Municipal	
Construction, demolition and excavation	
Commercial and industrial	
Hazardous	

If this is a landfill application you will need to provide further information before your application can be determined. Your waste planning authority should make clear what information it requires on its website.

25. Hazardous Substances

Does the proposal involve the use or storage of any of the following materials in the quantities stated below?

Yes☐

No☒

Not applicable☐

If Yes, please provide the amount of each substance that is involved:

Acrylonitrile (tonnes)	
Ammonia (tonnes)	
Bromine (tonnes)	
Chlorine (tonnes)	
Ethylene oxide (tonnes)	
Hydrogen cyanide (tonnes)	
Liquid oxygen (tonnes)	
Liquid petroleum gas (tonnes)	
Phosgene (tonnes)	
Sulphur dioxide (tonnes)	
Flour (tonnes)	
Refined white sugar (tonnes)	
Other Amount (tonnes)	
Other Amount (tonnes)	

26. Ownership Certificates

One Certificate A, B, C, or D, must be completed, together with the Agricultural Holdings Certificate with this application form

Certificate of Ownership – Certificate A
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

I certify/The applicant certifies that on the day 21 days before the date of this application nobody except myself/the applicant was the owner (*owner is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run*) of any part of the land or building to which the application relates.

Signed – Applicant:

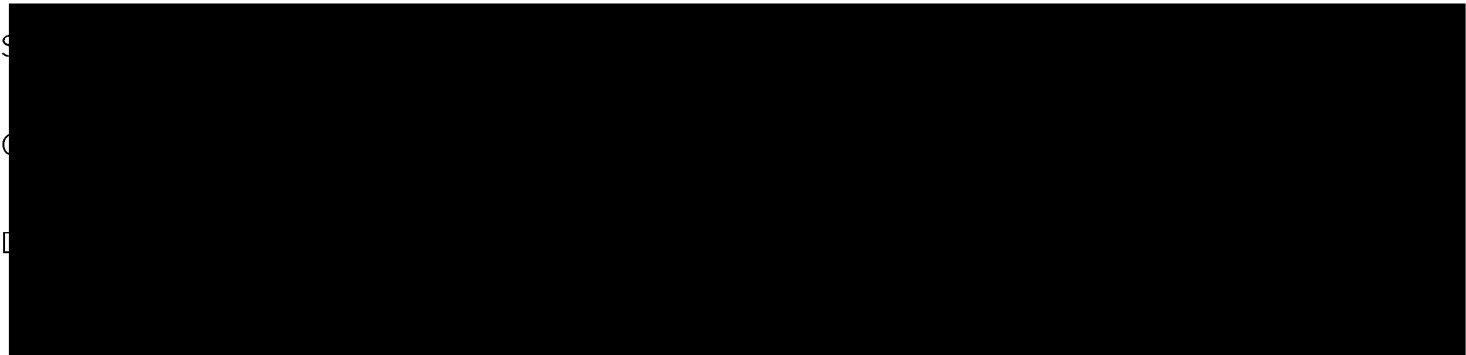
Or signed – Agent:

Date (DD/MM/YYYY):

Certificate of Ownership – Certificate B
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

I certify/The applicant certifies that I have/the applicant has given the requisite notice to everyone else (as listed below) who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was the owner (*owner is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run*) of any part of the land or building to which this application relates.

Name of Owner	Address	Date Notice Served
Pearl & Coutts	Pearl & Coutts 1st Floor 9 White Lion Stre	08/10/2025
The Corn Exchange Casnewyd	Exchange House, High Street, NP20 1AA	08/10/2025



Certificate of Ownership – Certificate C

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

I certify/The applicant certifies that:

- Neither Certificate A or B can be issued for this application.
- All reasonable steps have been taken to find out the names and addresses of the other owners (*owner is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run*) of the land or building, or of a part of it, but I have/the applicant has been unable to do so.

The steps taken were:

Name of Owner	Address	Date Notice Served

Notice of the application has been published in the following newspaper (circulating in the area where the land is situated):

On the following date (which must not be earlier than 21 days before the date of the application):

Signed – Applicant:

Or signed – Agent:

Date (DD/MM/YYYY):

26. Ownership Certificates (continued)

Certificate of Ownership – Certificate D

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

I certify/The applicant certifies that:

- Certificate A cannot be issued for this application.
- All reasonable steps have been taken to find out the names and addresses of everyone else who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was the owner (*owner is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run*) of any part of the land to which this application relates, but I have/the applicant has been unable to do so.

The steps taken were:

Notice of the application has been published in the following newspaper (circulating in the area where the land is situated):

On the following date (which must not be earlier than 21 days before the date of the application):

Signed – Applicant:

Or signed – Agent:

Date (DD/MM/YYYY):

27. Agricultural Holdings

Agricultural Holding Certificate

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Agricultural Land Declaration – You Must Complete Either A or B.

(A) None of the land to which the application relates is, or is part of, an agricultural holding

who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was a tenant of an agricultural holding on all or part of the land to which this application relates, as listed below:

Name of Tenant	Address	Date Notice Served

Signed – Applicant:

Or signed – Agent:

Date (DD/MM/YYYY):

28. Planning Application Requirements – Checklist

Please read the following checklist to make sure you have sent all the information in support of your proposal. Failure to submit all information required will result in your application being deemed invalid. It will not be considered valid until all information required by the Local Planning Authority has been submitted.

The original and 3 copies of a completed and dated application form.



The original and 3 copies of the plan which identifies the land to which the application relates drawn to an identified scale and showing the direction of North.



The original and 3 copies of other plans and drawings or information necessary to describe the subject of the application.



If the proposed development constitutes major development, the original and 3 copies of the pre-application consultation report.



The correct fee.



The original and 3 copies of a design and access statement, if the proposed development:

- is within a World Heritage Site, and consists of the creation of one or more dwellings, or creates floor space of 100 square metres or more; or
- constitutes “major development”.



The original and 3 copies of the completed, dated Ownership Certificate (A, B, C, or D – as applicable).



The original and 3 copies of the completed, dated Article 11 Certificate (Agricultural Holdings).



Depending on the type and scale of proposed development, your application – in order to be validated – may also need to be accompanied by the following technical documents:

- Flood Consequences Assessment
- Biodiversity and Geological Conservation Assessment
- Tree Survey
- Coal Mining Risk Assessment - see Planning Policy Wales paragraph 6.9.26
- Rural Enterprise Dwelling Appraisal
- Retail Impact Assessment
- Noise Assessment
- Transport Assessment.

The Welsh Government’s Management Manual will assist you in determining whether any of these assessments are necessary.

You should also note that your Local Planning Authority may have adopted ‘Local Validation Requirements’ for some major developments. Information on any “Local Validation Requirements” will be available on the Local Planning Authority’s website.

29. Declaration

I/we hereby apply for planning permission as described in this form and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information. I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the persons giving them.

31. Agent Contact Details

Telephone numbers:

Country code:	National number:	Extension number:

Country code:	Mobile number (optional):

Email address (optional):

32. Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

Yes



No

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If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact? *(Please select only one)*

Agent

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Applicant



Other (if different from the agent/applicant's details)

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If Other has been selected, please provide:

Contact name:

Telephone number:

Email address: