



# Cyngor Sir Powys County Council

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Application for Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

## Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

### Site Details

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".

Number  Suffix

Property Name

Milebrook House

Address Line 1

A4113 From Junction With U1344 At Stanage To Junction With C1067 At Milebrook

Address Line 2

Stanage

Town/city

Knighton

Postcode

LD7 1LT

Description of site location (must be completed if postcode is not known)

Easting (x)

331541

Northing (y)

272725

Description

### Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

Company Name

## Address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Country

Postcode

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

## Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Email address

## Site Area

What is the site area?

1.01

Scale

Hectares

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

Yes

No

## Description of the Proposal

### Description

Please describe the proposed development including any change of use

We are applying for a change of use for Milebrook House from C1 to mixed use (C1 and C3). Our application demonstrates that the viability of a boutique hotel of this size, in this location, is no longer economically sustainable. To preserve the fabric and beauty of this important house, we wish to convert the principal part of the house back to a multi-generational family home and place of work. But we also recognise the importance of the Borders tourist industry and are determined to build and grow a successful B&B business, starting with four large and elegant ensuite rooms in the extension that was completed in 1996. As funds allow, we hope to also add three or four other, increasingly popular accommodation options (such as Shepherd's huts). By offering B&B only, we can attract more visitors to the area in more affordable rooms, but our guests will spend their tourist money on food, entertainment, drinks and attractions in the local economy - not all at Milebrook House. This is a truly sustainable, economically viable and community-centric proposal which fully aligns with the intentions of the Powys Local development Plan.

Has the work or change of use already started?

Yes

No

If yes, please state the date when the work or change of use started (date must be pre-application submission)

13/11/2021

Has the work or change of use been completed?

Yes

No

If Yes, please state the date when the work or change of use was completed (date must be pre-application submission)

13/11/2021

## Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

The house is currently used as a dwelling house for three generations of the same family. Four ensuite rooms are being let through Airbnb to tourists and other visitors to the area.  
Until March 2020, the House had operated as a full-service hotel, but financial issues forced the business to close for previous owners in late 2019 (before the onset of the economic challenges posed by the Coronavirus pandemic).

Is the site currently vacant?

Yes

No

### 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  
 No

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

- Yes  
 No

#### Application advice

If you have said 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  
 No

## Materials

Does the proposed development require any materials to be used in the build?

- Yes  
 No

## 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  
 No

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

- Yes  
 No

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

- Yes  
 No

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

- Yes  
 No

**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.**

## Vehicle Parking

Is vehicle parking relevant to this proposal?

- Yes  
 No

## Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?

- Yes  
 No

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  
 No

**If Yes to either or both of the above, you will need to provide a full tree survey with accompanying plan before your application can be determined. 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'**

## Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding?

- Yes  
 No

[Refer to the Welsh Government's Development Advice Maps website.](#)

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

- Yes  
 No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?

- Yes  
 No

**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?

- Sustainable drainage system  
 Existing water course  
 Soakaway  
 Main sewer  
 Pond/lake

## Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

**To assist in answering the following questions refer to the help text. The help text provides 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 help text, 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

- Yes, on the development site  
 Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development  
 No

b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features

- Yes, on the development site
- Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
- No

c) Features of geological conservation importance

- Yes, on the development site
- Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
- 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.

## Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

- Mains sewer
- Septic tank
- Package treatment plant
- Cess pit
- Other
- Unknown

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

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

There is no change to the way foul water is removed from the house - via a septic tank system and herringbone water distribution. Change of use does not alter this infrastructure.

## 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
- No

## Trade Effluent

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

- Yes
- No

## Residential/Dwelling Units

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

- Yes  
 No

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

## All Types of Development: Non-Residential Floorspace

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

- Yes  
 No

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

**Use Class:**

C1 - Hotels

**Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres):**

668

**Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres):**

519

**Total gross internal floorspace proposed (including change of use) (square metres):**

668

**Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres):**

149

Totals	Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres)	Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres)	Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres)	Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres)
	668	519	668	149

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

**Use Class:**

C1 - Hotels

**Existing rooms to be lost by change of use or demolition:**

6

**Total rooms proposed (including changes of use):**

0

**Net additional rooms:**

-6

## Employment

Will the proposed development require the employment of any staff?

- Yes  
 No

## Existing Employees

Please complete the following information regarding existing employees:

Full-time

0

Part-time

0

Total full-time equivalent

0.00

## Proposed Employees

If known, please complete the following information regarding proposed employees:

Full-time

0

Part-time

3

Total full-time equivalent

1.50

## Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

Yes

No

## Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

Does this proposal involve the carrying out of industrial or commercial activities and processes?

Yes

No

Is the proposal for a waste management development?

Yes

No

## Renewable and Low Carbon Energy

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

Yes

No



## Hazardous Substances

Does the proposal involve the use or storage of Hazardous Substances?

- Yes  
 No

## Neighbour and Community Consultation

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

- Yes  
 No

## Site Visit

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

- Yes  
 No

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

- The agent  
 The applicant  
 Other person

## Pre-application Advice

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

- Yes  
 No

**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):**

Officer name:

Title

Mr

First Name

Gwyn

Surname

Humphreys

Reference

PP-09315001

Date (must be pre-application submission)

07/07/2021

Details of the pre-application advice received

Mr. Humphreys confirmed that our misunderstanding of Policy TD2 of the Powys LDP meant that WE must market the house as a Hotel for a minimum of six months before a Change of Use to mixed use (not as we had previously submitted - purely to Dwelling House) would be considered. We duly put the hotel on the market and after six months no viable offer was received. In accordance with Mr. Humphreys' advice - we are now resubmitting an amending application with a marketing report as required. For the record, we are grateful to Mr. Humphreys for his clarity and support as we find our way through this process as novices.

## Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant or agent one of the following:

- (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  
 No

## Ownership Certificates

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

Please answer the following questions to determine which Certificate of Ownership you need to complete: A,B,C or D.

Are you the sole owner of ALL the land?

- Yes  
 No

### Certificate of Ownership - Certificate A

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 seven years left to run) of any part of the land or building to which the application relates.

Person Role

- The Applicant  
 The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Alden

Surname

Whittaker-Brown

Declaration Date

18/04/2022

Declaration made

## Agricultural Holding Certificate

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

Agricultural land declaration - you must select either A or B

- (A) None of the land to which the application relates is, or is part of an agricultural holding
- (B) I have/The applicant has given the requisite notice to every person other than myself/the applicant 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

Person Role

- The Applicant
- The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Alden

Surname

Whittaker-Brown

Declaration Date

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Declaration made

## Declaration

I / We hereby apply for Full planning permission as described in this form and accompanying plans/drawings and additional information. I / We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine options of the persons giving them. I / We also accept that: Once submitted, this information will be transmitted to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be made available as part of a public register and on the authority's website; our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Alden Whittaker-Brown

Date

19/04/2022