



Knowsley Council

REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 25/00616/KMBC1

Name and address of applicant

KMBC
Municipal Buildings
Archway Road
Huyton
Knowsley
L36 9UX

Name and address of agent

Date of Receipt: 5 November 2025

Date Valid: 1 December 2025

Address/Location Of Development:

Altbridge School
Wellcroft Road
Huyton
Knowsley
L36 7TA

Description of Development:

EXTENSION OF EXISTING CAR PARK TO CREATE ADDITIONAL SPACES FOR DROP OFF AND PICK UP WITHIN EXISTING SCHOOL BOUNDARY. WIDENING OF VEHICULAR GATES TO ALLOW TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

The Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Knowsley hereby give notice in pursuance of the above Act(s) that Planning Permission has been **granted** for the carrying out of the development referred to above in accordance with the application and plans submitted subject to the following condition(s):

1. The development must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this permission.

Reason: In order to comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans and documents listed in Schedule 1.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt.

3. No part of the development hereby permitted, including any works of demolition, shall be commenced until a Construction Environmental Management Plan that details the means of mitigation of construction effects has been submitted and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This shall include the following:
 - a) Methods for the mitigation of noise and vibration from construction works, and also from the operation of any temporary power generation or pumping plant which will operate overnight.
 - b) Methods for dust control and suppression.
 - c) Control of transfer of mud out of the site - details of wheel washing facilities including location and type.
 - d) Methods for the control of pests if apparent on-site.
 - e) The areas for the storage of plant and materials.
 - f) Location of site compound, including any loading/unloading areas, turning areas for delivery vehicles and construction staff parking arrangements.
 - g) Scheme for recycling/disposal of waste resulting from construction works
 - h) Adequate provision for addressing any abnormal wear and tear to the highway.
 - i) Proposed hours of construction (the following is usually acceptable: 0800 to 1800 Monday to Friday, 0800 to 1300 Saturday and not at all on Sundays/Public Holidays).

Reasonable Avoidance Measures to prevent harm to wildlife shall be undertaken in accordance with the following measures:

Amphibians

- Existing vegetation on the site will be gradually cut and removed under ecological supervision to encourage any amphibians present to move away from the affected areas;
- The working area, together with any storage areas, will be kept clear of debris, and any stored materials will be kept off the ground on pallets so as to prevent amphibians from seeking shelter or protection within them; and
- Any open excavations (e.g. foundations / footings / service trenches etc) will be covered with plywood sheeting (or similar) at the end of each working day. The edges of these sheets will be covered with a thick layer of topsoil or similar) to prevent amphibians from seeking shelter beneath them. Any excavation must be in-filled and made good to ground level with compacted stone or similar at the earliest opportunity, so as to remove any hazard to amphibians.

Terrestrial Mammals

- A pre-commencement check for badgers, hedgehogs and other mammals.
- All trenches and excavations should have a means of escape (e.g. a ramp).
- Any exposed open pipe systems should be capped to prevent mammals gaining access; and

- Appropriate storage of materials to ensure that mammals do not use them.

Breeding Birds

No tree felling, scrub clearance, hedgerow removal, vegetation management, ground clearance and/or building works is to take place during the period 1 March to 31 August inclusive. If it is necessary to undertake works during the bird breeding season then all buildings, trees, scrub, hedgerows and vegetation are to be checked first by an appropriately experienced ecologist to ensure no breeding birds are present. If present, details of how they will be protected are required to be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to any works commencing.

All site works shall then proceed only in accordance with the approved management plan and the reasonable avoidance measures.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory development of the site in the interests of protecting the amenity of neighbouring occupiers and site ecology/biodiversity and to comply with the National Planning Policy Framework; Policies CS2, CS8 and CS19 of the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy adopted January 2016 and saved Policies H5 and ENV2 of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan adopted June 2006.

4. In addition to the approved planting scheme as indicated on Proposed Planting Plan Drwg No 24-014-L022 Rev 1 the following shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority:
 - a) A scaled drawing showing existing plants / trees to be retained.
 - b) A detailed regime for the establishment and ongoing and longer term maintenance of all soft landscaping is also required to be submitted for approval.

The approved landscaping works shall be implemented and completed prior to the first use of the extended car park hereby permitted or the first available planting season if the works are completed outside the planting season (which is October - March).

Any trees, shrubs or hedgerow planted in accordance with this condition which are removed, uprooted, destroyed, die or become severely damaged or become seriously diseased within 30 years of planting shall be replaced within the next planting season by trees, shrubs or hedgerow of similar size and species to those originally required to be planted.

Reason: To ensure that the site is satisfactorily landscaped having regard to its location and the nature of the proposed development, to comply with BNG and to comply with Policies CS2, CS8 and CS19 of the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy adopted January 2016 and Saved Policy H5 of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan adopted June 2006.

5. The development hereby permitted shall not commence until a biodiversity gain plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and take into account the approved planting scheme and the information required pursuant to Condition 4 of this planning permission. The biodiversity gain plan must include :

- (a) information about the steps taken or to be taken to minimise the adverse effect of the development on the biodiversity of the onsite habitat and any other habitat.
- (b) the pre-development biodiversity value of the onsite habitat.
- (c) the post-development biodiversity value of the onsite habitat.
- (d) any registered offsite biodiversity gain allocated to the development and the biodiversity and the biodiversity value of that gain in relation to the development.
- (e) any biodiversity credits purchased for the development; and
- (f) any such other matters as the Secretary of State may by regulations specify.

The biodiversity gain plan approved shall be implemented prior to the development hereby permitted first coming into use.

Reason: To comply with paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Policies CS2, CS19 and CS21 of the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy adopted January 2016.

6. Prior to the installation of any external lighting on the application site, a lighting scheme shall have first been submitted to and been approved by the Local Planning Authority. The details shall include, but not be limited to:

- A detailed description and precise details of the type of lighting;
- Positioning details;
- Details of proposed luminance which shall be designed to protect ecology and does not result in excessive light spill onto habitats and have regard to the 'Bats and Artificial Lighting at Night' guidance which has been produced by the Institute of Lighting Professionals in conjunction with the Bat Conservation Trust.

The scheme shall subsequently be implemented in accordance with the agreed details prior to the lighting first being operated and shall be retained as agreed thereafter.

Reason: In order to minimise the effect of lighting on protected species, in the interests of biodiversity in the interests of visual amenity and to comply with Policies CS2, CS8 and CS19 of the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy adopted January 2016, and Saved Policies DQ2 and ENV3 of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan adopted June 2006.

7. The proposed development shall not be brought into use until precise scheme details of the proposed cycle storage, as indicated on the drawing Proposed Car Parking Provision - Option 3 - Drawing No. 24-014 L013 Rev 1 have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Council as Local Planning Authority. The approved scheme shall provide a minimum of 5 long-stay cycle parking spaces and shall be installed prior to the first use of the extended car park hereby permitted. For the avoidance of doubt, the long-stay cycle parking shall be covered and shall include a means to securely lock cycles. The approved facilities shall thereafter be retained for use at all times.

Reason: To ensure that adequate provision is made for parking cycles securely, to encourage sustainable modes of travel, and to comply with Policies CS2 and CS7 of the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy adopted January 2016.

8. Prior to first use of the extended car park areas details of bird boxes to include number, type and location on an appropriately scaled plan as well as timing of installation, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority and implemented in accordance with those details. Evidence of implementation (i.e. photographs) shall be provided to the Local Planning Authority to verify implementation of the agreed bird boxes.

Reason: In the interests of bio-diversity and habitat provision and to comply with Policies CS2 and CS8 of the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy adopted January 2016.

9. Prior to the commencement of development an Arboricultural Method Statement shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Method statement shall include details laid out in the submitted Arboriculture Impact Assessment by Ascerta as appropriate and as follows:

- All forms of access required to the site.
- Any site cabins and storage areas.
- Proposed parking for site personnel and contractors.
- Any phasing of works.
- Space required for excavations (including foundation excavations).
- Any required special construction techniques (for example provision of porous surfaces).
- The location and construction methodology for installation of services in close proximity to retained trees & hedges.
- Any changes in ground levels and any resulting requirement for retaining structures.

- Proposed root zone enhancement measures.
- Working space for any cranes, plant and scaffolding.
- Management of waste products within the site.
- Protection of the soil structure within the proposed planted areas (where applicable).
- Planting operations within the root protection areas of retained trees.
- Any required / additional precautions outside of construction exclusion zones in relation to the treatment and landscaping of garden or open space areas;
- System of arboricultural site monitoring / schedule of site visits and resulting actions.

The development shall only take place in accordance with the Agreed Method Statement and tree protection measures agreed shall be installed prior to the commencement of the development hereby permitted and shall be retained on site until all site construction works including landscaping have been completed.

Reason: In the interest of tree protection and visual amenity and to comply with Policies CS2, CS19 and CS21 of the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy adopted January 2016 and Saved Policy DQ4 of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan adopted June 2006.

SCHEDULE 1

Date Received	Ref. No	Version	Drawing/Document Title
01/12/2025	24-014-L010.2	-	PROPOSED REAR ENTRANCE ELEVATIONS
05/11/2025	P.2141.24	-	AIA
05/11/2025	24-014-L022	1	PLANTING PLAN
05/11/2025	24-014-L010	-	EXISTING SITE PLAN
05/11/2025	24-014-L013	1	PROPOSED SITE PLAN
05/11/2025	24-014-L004	2	LOCATION PLAN

REASON(S) FOR THE GRANTING OF PLANNING PERMISSION

The decision to grant planning permission has also been taken having regard to the policies and proposals as set out below, and to all relevant material considerations including supplementary planning guidance:-

KNOWSLEY LOCAL PLAN: CORE STRATEGY

CS2 - Development Principles

CS7 - Transport Networks

CS8 - Green Infrastructure

CS19 - Design Quality and Accessibility in New Development

CS21 - Greenspaces and Trees

SAVED POLICIES - KNOWSLEY REPLACEMENT UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (ADOPTED JUNE 2006)

H5 - Development within Primarily Residential Areas

DQ4 - Trees and Development

ENV2 - Noise and Vibration

ENV3 - Light Pollution

This informative is only intended as a summary of the reason(s) for the granting of planning permission. Should you require any further details relating to the decision please contact the relevant case officer (Lee Osborne on 0151 443 2395)

ARTICLE 35 STATEMENT

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by identifying matters of concern within the application (as originally submitted) and negotiating with the applicant, acceptable amendments to the proposal to address those concerns. As a result, the Local Planning Authority has been able to grant planning permission for an acceptable proposal, in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

NOTE FOR APPLICANT:

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE NOTES BELOW AS FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD MAKE THE DEVELOPMENT HEREBY PERMITTED UNAUTHORISED

- 1) This planning permission is granted in strict accordance with the approved plans. It should be noted however that:
 - a) Any variation from the approved plans following commencement of the development, irrespective of the degree of variation, will constitute unauthorised development and may be liable to enforcement action.

- b) You or your agent or any other person responsible for implementing this permission should inform Planning Services immediately of any proposed variation from the approved plans and ask to be advised as to the best method to resolve the matter. Most proposals for variation to the approved plans will require the submission of a new planning application.
- 2) This permission is granted subject to conditions and it is the owner of the property and the person responsible for the implementation of the development who will be fully responsible for their compliance throughout the development and beyond.
- 3) If there is a condition that requires work to be carried out or details to be approved prior to the commencement of the development this is called a "condition precedent". The following should be noted with regards to conditions precedent.
 - a) If a condition precedent is not complied with prior to the start of development, the whole of the development will be unauthorised and you may be liable to enforcement action.
 - b) In addition, if the requirements of a condition precedent are subsequently not complied with, the development is unauthorised and the only way to rectify the development is the submission of a new application.

If any other type of condition is breached then you will be liable to a breach of condition notice.

1 Cadent

Cadent Gas Ltd own and operate the gas infrastructure within the area of your development. There may be a legal interest (easements and other rights) in the land that restrict activity in proximity to Cadent assets in private land. The applicant must ensure that the proposed works do not infringe on legal rights of access and or restrictive covenants that exist.

If buildings or structures are proposed directly above the apparatus the development may only take place following diversion of the apparatus. The applicant should apply online to have apparatus diverted in advance of any works, by visiting cadentgas.com/our-services/gas-diversions

Prior to carrying out works, including the construction of access points, please register on www.linesearchbeforeudig.co.uk to submit details of the planned works for review, ensuring requirements are adhered to.

Your responsibilities and obligations

Cadent may have a Deed of Easement on the pipeline, which provides us with a right of access for a number of functions and prevents change to existing ground levels, storage of materials. It also prevents the erection of permanent/temporary buildings, or structures. If necessary Cadent will take action to legally enforce the terms of the easement.

This letter does not constitute any formal agreement or consent for any proposed development work either generally or related to Cadent's easements or other rights, or any planning or building regulations applications.

Cadent Gas Ltd or their agents, servants or contractors do not accept any liability for any losses arising under or in connection with this information. This limit on liability applies to all and any claims in contract, tort (including negligence), misrepresentation (excluding fraudulent misrepresentation), breach of statutory duty or otherwise. This limit on liability does not exclude or restrict liability where prohibited by the law nor does it supersede the express terms of any related agreements.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. L. White'.

Head of Planning and Building Control

Date: 17 February 2026

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR YOUR ATTENTION:

- 1. This permission refers only to that required under the Town and Country Planning Acts and does not include any consent or approval under any other enactment, bylaw, order or regulation.**
- 2. This permission refers only to those plans submitted as part of the Planning Application a copy of which is retained by the Local Planning Authority. The Local Planning Authority should be contacted in writing if it is proposed to amend these plans in any way as a further permission, may be required.**
- 3. If a Building Regulations Consent is required for these works it is your responsibility to ensure that the plans submitted for both the Building Regulations Consent and Planning Permission are the same in all respects. Should the plans relating to one consent vary from the other, it will be necessary for you to submit amended plans to this Department and obtain the relevant approval(s) prior to commencing any works.**

Appeals to the Secretary of State

- If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- As this is a decision for a minor commercial application, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice.
- Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>.
If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.
- The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be 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.