

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)**Full Planning Application**

APPLICATION REFERENCE: PL/2026/0188

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Part I - Particulars of Application

Proposal: Installation of 4 no. six berth sleeping pods and roundhouse structure to provide communal space for cooking, eating and socialising

Location: ASHWORTH VALLEY SCOUT CAMPSITE, ASHWORTH ROAD, HEYWOOD, ROCHDALE, OL11 5UP

Valid On: 27 February 2026

DECISION: GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**Condition(s) (7)**

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

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

- 2 The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the following list of plans and documents:

- Location Plan
- Proposed Site Plan
- Planning Statement
- Biodiversity Net Gain Metric
- Habitat Condition Assessments
- Ashworth Valley Scout Camp Tree Constraints Plan V2

- Select Item 16
- Design and Access Statement
- Proposed pod layout and elevations
- Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Method Statement
- Proposed roundhouse hut and elevations
- Preliminary Ecological Appraisal
- BS 5837 Tree Survey Ashworth Valley Scout Camp V2
- Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Feb 2026

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure a satisfactory standard of development in accordance with the policies contained within the adopted Rochdale Core Strategy, the saved Rochdale Unitary Development Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 3 The materials used in the construction of the exterior of the development hereby permitted shall be in accordance with those indicated within the application and on the approved plans.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory appearance in the interests of visual amenity in accordance with policies P3 and DM1 of the adopted Rochdale Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework

- 4 No part of the development hereby permitted shall be occupied until a scheme of biodiversity enhancements has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Such measures shall include, but not limited to, the provision of bird boxes, bird bricks, bat boxes and bat bricks to be integrated to the fabric of the buildings hereby approved, bug hotels, hibernaculum, wildflower seeding and hedgehog habitat (including provision of 'Hedgehog Highways') The duly approved scheme shall be implemented in full prior to final occupation of the phase of development to which the measures relate and retained thereafter.

Reason: In the interests of enhancing biodiversity and habitat provision within the site in accordance with Policy G7 of the adopted Rochdale Core Strategy, Policy JP-G8 of the adopted Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 5 No development shall take place (including any site clearance, demolition or preparation works) until a reasonable avoidance measures statement for commuting bats, nesting birds, badger, hedgehog reptiles, and amphibians has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved statement thereafter.

Reason: In order to minimise potential risk to protected species and in accordance with Policy G7 of the adopted Rochdale Core Strategy, Policy

JP-G8 of the adopted Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Reason for pre-commencement condition: site clearance poses a potential threat to commuting bats, nesting birds, badger, hedgehog reptiles, and amphibians which are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and protective measures must therefore be agreed in advance.

- 6 No development shall take place until details of measures to protect Cheeseden Brook from fugitive dust and debris both during and after the construction phase have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The development shall not be carried out otherwise than in accordance with the approved method statement without the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To minimise the detrimental effects to the natural environment through risks of pollution during the construction phase in accordance with Policies DM1, G7 and G9 of the Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 8 No development (including any demolition, site clearance or preparation works) shall take place until the trees that are to be retained within the site has been enclosed with temporary protective fencing and temporary ground protection has been fully installed in full accordance with BS:5837:2012 'Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction' and with the approved Tree Protection Plan.

The necessary protection measures shall be retained, and the Arboricultural Method Statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction phase of the development and no works, excavation, tipping, or stacking/storage of materials shall take place beyond such protective fencing during the construction period.

Reason: In order to protect the existing trees on the site in the interests of the amenities of the area and in accordance with Policies P3, G1, G6 and G7 of the adopted Rochdale Core Strategy, Policies JPP1, JP-G6 and JP-G7 of the adopted Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Date of Decision: 22/04/2026

Melanie Hale
Head of Planning

IMPORTANT

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE CONTENTS OF THIS DECISION NOTICE. YOUR ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE ATTACHED NOTES.

INFORMATIVE:

The Local Planning Authority's reasons for its decision are set out in the accompanying officer's report.

Your attention is drawn to the following (1)	
1	BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN The effect of paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 is that planning permission granted for development of land in England is deemed to have been granted subject to the condition (biodiversity gain condition) that development may not begin unless: (a) a Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority, and; (b) the planning authority has approved the plan. The planning authority, for the purposes of determining whether to approve a Biodiversity Gain Plan, if one is required in respect of this permission would be Rochdale Council. Based on the information available this permission is considered to be one which will require the approval of a biodiversity gain plan before development is begun because none of the statutory exemptions or transitional arrangements listed below are considered to apply. Statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements in respect of the biodiversity gain condition. 1. The application for planning permission was made before 12 February 2024. 2. The planning permission relates to development to which section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (planning permission for development already carried out) applies. 3. The planning permission was granted on an application made under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and (i) the original planning permission to which the section 73 planning permission relates* was granted before 12 February 2024; or

	(ii) the application for the original planning permission* to which the section 73 planning permission relates was made before 12 February 2024. 4. The permission which has been granted is for development which is exempt being: 4.1 Development which is not 'major development' (within the meaning of article 2(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015) where: i) the application for planning permission was made before 2 April 2024; ii) planning permission is granted which has effect before 2 April 2024; or iii) planning permission is granted on an application made under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 where the original permission to which the section 73 permission relates* was exempt by virtue of (i) or (ii). 4.2 Development below the de minimis threshold, meaning development which: i) does not impact an onsite priority habitat (a habitat specified in a list published under section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006); and ii) impacts less than 25 square metres of onsite habitat that has biodiversity value greater than zero and less than 5 metres in length of onsite linear habitat (as defined in the statutory metric). 4.3 Development which is subject of a householder application within the meaning of article 2(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. A "householder application" means an application for planning permission for development for an existing dwellinghouse, or development within the curtilage of such a dwellinghouse for any purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse which is not an application for change of use or an application to change the number of dwellings in a building. 4.4 Development of a biodiversity gain site, meaning development which is undertaken solely or mainly for the purpose of fulfilling, in whole or in part, the Biodiversity Gain Planning condition which applies in relation to another development, (no account is to be taken of any facility for the public to access or to use the site for educational or recreational purposes, if that access or use is permitted without the payment of a fee). 4.5 Self and Custom Build Development, meaning development which: i) consists of no more than 9 dwellings; ii) is carried out on a site which has an area no larger than 0.5 hectares; and
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	iii) consists exclusively of dwellings which are self-build or custom housebuilding (as defined in section 1(A1) of the Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015). 4.6 Development forming part of, or ancillary to, the high speed railway transport network (High Speed 2) comprising connections between all or any of the places or parts of the transport network specified in section 1(2) of the High Speed Rail (Preparation) Act 2013. *original planning permission means the permission to which the section 73 planning permission relates" means a planning permission which is the first in a sequence of two or more planning permissions, where the second and any subsequent planning permissions are section 73 planning permissions. For the purposes of paragraph 13 (a) above, a biodiversity gain plan is a plan which: (a) relates to development for which planning permission is granted, and; (b) specifies the matters referred to in sub-paragraph 14(2) below: The matters are: (g) 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; (h) the pre-development biodiversity value of the onsite habitat; (i) the post-development biodiversity value of the onsite habitat; (j) any registered offsite biodiversity gain allocated to the development and the biodiversity and the biodiversity value of that gain in relation to the development; (k) any biodiversity credits purchased for the development; and (l) any such other matters as the Secretary of State may by regulations specify.
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Notes

- 1 The decision is for planning purposes only and for no other. It does not grant approval under any other regulatory regime, including the building regulations. Separate approvals may be required.
- 2 This permission does not give any legal right to carry out the development on, over or under land owned by or contrary to the rights of another person. You

are advised to seek independent legal advice Your attention is also drawn to the Party Wall Act.

- 3 If you are unhappy with the decision to grant permission subject to conditions you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Details of how to appeal can be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate, Customer Support Unit, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN or via their website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-appeals-procedural-guide>.
- 4 If permission to develop land is granted subject to conditions, whether by the Council or by the Secretary of State and you, as owner of the land, claim that it has become incapable of reasonable beneficial use, you may serve a Purchase Notice on the Council requiring the Council to purchase your interest in accordance with the provision of Part IV of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- 5 Some conditions attached to a grant of permission may require you to submit details and/or information before you start work. Please note that we aim to deal with these requests within 8 weeks. There is a fee for 'approval of details reserved by a condition'. These fees are set by Government and the current level can be found at: <https://1app.planningportal.co.uk/FeeCalculator/Standalone?region=1>.