



FOR ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING THIS FORM CONTACT

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Application for Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

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 Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

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

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Postcode

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

Easting (x)

Northing (y)

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Kamal

Surname

Rob

Company Name

ASTML Rochdale

Address

Address line 1

Archway House

Address line 2

Bridge Street

Address line 3

Town/City

Oldham

County

Country

Postcode

OL1 1ED

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

County

Country

Postcode

Contact Details

Primary number

07979864472

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

mjonesplanning@gmail.com

Site Area

What is the measurement of the site area? (numeric characters only).

200.00

Unit

Sq. metres

Description of the Proposal

Please note in regard to:

- **Fire Statements** - From 1 August 2021, planning applications for buildings of over 18 metres (or 7 stories) tall containing more than one dwelling will require a 'Fire Statement' for the application to be considered valid. There are some exemptions. [View government planning guidance on fire statements](#) or [access the fire statement template and guidance](#).
- **Permission In Principle** - If you are applying for Technical Details Consent on a site that has been granted Permission In Principle, please include the relevant details in the description below.
- **Public Service Infrastructure** - From 1 August 2021, applications for certain public service infrastructure developments will be eligible for faster determination timeframes. See help for further details or [view government planning guidance on determination periods](#).

Description

Please describe details of the proposed development or works including any change of use

Part change of use of ground floor – Suites 1 – 4 from Class E (Commercial, Business and Service) to a dual use (flexible change of use) Class F1 (Learning and non-residential Institutions) – F1a – for the provision of education and Class E - (Commercial, Business and Service) for a period of 10 years under Class V of Part 3, Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015

Has the work or change of use already started?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

Class E (Commercial, Business and Service)

Is the site currently vacant?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please describe the last use of the site

Class E (Commercial, Business and Service)

When did this use end (if known)?

dd/mm/yyyy

Does the proposal involve any of the following? If Yes, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment with your application.

Land which is known to be contaminated

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Land where contamination is suspected for all or part of the site

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

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

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Materials

Does the proposed development require any materials to be used externally?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

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

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Is a new or altered 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

Vehicle Parking

Does the site have any existing vehicle/cycle parking spaces or will the proposed development add/remove any parking spaces?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Please provide information on the existing and proposed number of on-site parking spaces

Vehicle Type:

Cars

Existing number of spaces:

30

Total proposed (including spaces retained):

30

Difference in spaces:

0

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

Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding? (Check the location on the Government's [Flood map for planning](#). You should also refer to national [standing advice](#) and your local planning authority requirements for information as necessary.)

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

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

How will surface water be disposed of?

- ☐ Sustainable drainage system
☐ Existing water course

☐ Soakaway

☐ Main sewer

☐ Pond/lake

Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

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?

To assist in answering this question correctly, please refer to the help text which provides guidance on determining if any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby; and whether they are likely to be affected by the proposals.

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.

Biodiversity net gain

Biodiversity net gain is a legal requirement for planning permission introduced on 12 February 2024. All applications are required to either provide detailed information proving there will be a biodiversity increase; or explain why the requirement does not apply to the development.

Do you believe that, if the development is granted permission, the general Biodiversity Gain Condition (as set out in [Paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 \(as amended\)](#)) would apply?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Biodiversity net gain has been introduced as a general condition for planning permission. As set out in [The Environment Act 2021](#): "grants of planning permission in England [are] to be subject to a condition to secure that the biodiversity gain objective is met". Therefore, in England, all planning permissions are generally subject to biodiversity gain rules, unless they are specifically exempt or out of scope.

If you have stated that the biodiversity net gain requirement does not apply to your application you must provide the reason(s) why, and may also need to supply evidence (especially where you believe the application is eligible for the 'de minimis' exemption).

Please add all the reasons why biodiversity net gain does not apply and enter a justification for each one

Reason biodiversity net gain does not apply:

Development subject to the de minimis exemption (development below the threshold)

What best describes the size of your site?:

Under 25 square metres

Please justify the reason why biodiversity net gain does not apply:

This is a change of use application with no new floorspace being created.

Note: Please read the help text for further information why developments may be exempt or not in scope.

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

Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

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

All Types of Development: Non-Residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace?
Note that 'non-residential' in this context covers all uses except Use Class C3 Dwellinghouses.

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Please add details of the Use Classes and floorspace.

Use Class: E(g)(i) - Offices - Except where not suitable in a residential area Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres) (a): 200 Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres) (b): 200 Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres) (c): 0 Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres) (d = c - a): -200
Use Class: F1 - Learning and non-residential institutions Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres) (a): 0 Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres) (b): 0 Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres) (c): 200 Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres) (d = c - a): 200

Totals	Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres) (a)	Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres) (b)	Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres) (c)	Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres) (d = c - a)
	200	200	200	0

Employment

Are there any existing employees on the site or will the proposed development increase or decrease the number of employees?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Existing Employees

Please complete the following information regarding existing employees:

Full-time	0
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Part-time

0

Total full-time equivalent

0.00

Proposed Employees

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

Full-time

15

Part-time

0

Total full-time equivalent

10.00

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

Hazardous Substances

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

☐ 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?

- ☒ The agent
☐ The applicant
☐ Other person

Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local 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

Ms

First Name

Rosalind

Surname

Gralton

Reference

PRE/2026/0208

Date (must be pre-application submission)

11/05/2026

Details of the pre-application advice received

My initial thoughts are the proposal is in the urban area, the highways officer has no objections and no concerns have been raised. I don't see any reason for why a change of use of one floor of the building to an educational use wouldn't be supported.

On 12th June 2026 this was followed with:

Policy JP-P5 of the PfE states that enhancements and skills to residents will be promoted by 'Enabling the delivery of new and improved accessible facilities for all ages, such as early years, schools, further and higher education, and adult training to ensure our workforce is ready to benefit from new employment opportunities'. Additionally, Rochdale Core Strategy Policy C7 states the Council improve education in the borough by promoting existing and new facilities and providing educational facilities in appropriate and accessible locations.

In a similar manner as to the concerns raised over the sustainability of the location for office use, it is not clear how access to the site for young people can be provided in a sustainable manner given the relative absence of public transport infrastructure which may feed into the overall balance in determining the suitability of this location for the proposed use.

Any application is also subject to the following development management considerations such as impact on neighbouring properties by way of noise an impact on highways."

Impact on neighbouring properties - Rochdale Core Strategy Policy G9

The site is situated immediately next to a row of terraced properties. The impact on neighbouring properties would likely be negligible given the sites protected status as a Primary Employment Zone and established use as an office. No external alterations have been proposed

Highways

The Council's Highways Officer was consulted and no objections were raised to the change of use, the parking requirement for higher education is lower than that of an office space and as such the parking provided would be considered adequate. There are no new road safety issues apparent at time of writing, raised by this proposal.

You are encouraged to provide details to demonstrate how safe access to the site via sustainable methods can be provided for future users of the site, which it is assumed would include young people given that the proposals relate to higher education. It is appreciated that the overall scale and intensity of the proposals are unlikely to be of an extent as to require a full travel plan, however a framework of sorts would assist in demonstrating the principle of development at the site.

Conclusion

Based upon the submitted information it is not possible to conclude whether the proposed use would be supported, however the guidance provided within this letter provides a sufficient starting point for any application, and outlines the relevant policy and how an acceptable case may be demonstrated."

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/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**

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Ownership Certificates and Agricultural Land Declaration

Certificates under Article 14 - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

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

Is the applicant the sole owner of all the land to which this application relates; and has the applicant been the sole owner for more than 21 days?
E.g. All the land is owned by a single individual

☐ Yes

☒ No

Is the land owned by multiple individuals, or has agricultural tenants where the details of all individuals are known by the Applicant?
E.g. The land is owned by 2 people and the applicant can provide details of those owners.

☒ Yes

☐ No

Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate B

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* and/or agricultural tenant** of any part of the land or building to which this application relates; or

☐ The applicant is the sole owner of all the land or buildings to which this application relates and there are no other owners* and/or agricultural tenants**.

* "owner" is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run.

** "agricultural tenant" has the meaning given in section 65(8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Owner/Agricultural Tenant

Person Role

☐ The Applicant

☒ The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Mark

Surname

Jones

Declaration Date

27/06/2026

☒ Declaration made

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Full planning permission as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the 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 opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published 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

Mark Jones

Date

13/07/2026

Amendments Summary

Amended description of proposal. Update Accessibility Statement and Planning Statement. Site plans - as existing and proposed.