

Application for Planning Permission; Consent to Display an Advertisement(s)

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended); Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisement) (England) Regulations 2007 (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

Pavement outside 89 Hermitage Road, Hitchin, SG5 1DG

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Matthew

Surname

Woods

Company Name

BT Group PLC

Address

Address line 1

One Braham St

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

London

County

Country

Postcode

E1 8EE

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

0

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Brett

Surname

Lord

Company Name

Libre Solutions

Address

Address line 1

Lawley House

Address line 2

Butt Road

Address line 3

Town/City

Colchester

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

CO3 3DG

Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

Section of footpath

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

Installation of a proposed new global street hub, including the associated display of advertisements on both sides of the unit

Has the work or change of use already started?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Site Area

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

53.20

Unit

Sq. metres

Is the site currently vacant?



Yes No

If Yes, please describe the last use of the site

N/A - Section of Footpath

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

Please provide a description of existing and proposed materials and finishes to be used externally (including type, colour and name for each material)

Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

BT Hub

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:

Please see the submitted Street Hub Product Statement for details on materials and finishes.

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plans, drawings or a design and access statement?



Yes



No

If Yes, please state references for the plans, drawings and/or design and access statement

Please see submitted plans and documents

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?

- ☐
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- ☐
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- ☐
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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

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)?

- ☐
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- ☐
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Yes
No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?

- 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

Vehicle Parking

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

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

How will surface water be disposed of?

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

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)

Do you confirm that the development falls below the impact threshold and that no onsite priority habitats are impacted?:

Please justify the reason why biodiversity net gain does not apply:
Proposed Street Hub will occur on an existing paved footway, whereby; (a) there are no priority habitats that will be impacted by the development, (b) the existing footway is classified as developed land (sealed surface which has a biodiversity value of zero under the statutory biodiversity metric, and (C) there are no other onsite habitats

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

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.

Trade Effluent

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

- ☐
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Yes
No

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?

- ☐
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- ☐
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Yes
No

Have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?

- Yes
No

Residential/Dwelling Units

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

- ☐
- ☒ Yes
- No

Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Hazardous Substances

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

- ☐
- ☒ 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

Employment

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

- ☐
- ☒ 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

Type of Proposed Advertisement(s)

Please describe the proposed advertisement(s)

Installation of 1No. BT Street Hub Unit and associated illuminated advertisement panels on either side of the unit

Please specify the type(s) and details of each proposed advertisement

Advertisement Type:

Other type

Height:

2.99 metres

Width:

1.24 metres

Depth:

0.35 metres

What is the height from the ground to the base of the advertisement?:

0 metres

What is the maximum projection of the advertisement from the face of the building?:

0 metres

What is the maximum height of any of the individual letters and symbols?:

299 centimetres

What materials will the advertisement be made of?:

Digital LCD Screen

The colour of text and background:

Various colours, please see supporting statement

Will the advertisement be illuminated?:

Yes

Will the advertisement be illuminated internally or externally?:

Internally

Illuminance levels:

600 cd/m²

Will the illumination be static or intermittent?:

Static

Please describe each of the 'Other type(s)' of advertising proposed

Installation of 1No. BT Street Hub Unit and associated illuminated advertisement panels on either side of the unit

Location of Advertisement(s)

Is the advertisement(s) you are applying for already in place?

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Yes

No

Is an existing advertisement(s) to be removed and replaced by the advertisement(s) in this proposal?

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Yes



No

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Not Applicable

Will the proposed advertisement(s) project over a footpath or other public highway?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Advertisement(s) Period

Please state the period of time for which consent is sought for the advertisement

From Date

29/06/2026

To Date

29/06/2031

Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

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

Interest In the Land

Site Visit

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

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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

Does the applicant own the land or buildings where the adverts are to be placed?

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Yes
No

If No, has the permission of the owner or any other person entitled to give permission for the display of an advertisement been obtained?

Yes
No

If No, why has permission not been obtained?

BT are a statutory undertaker on adopted public highways land

Interest In the Land

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

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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.

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Yes

No

Is the land owned by multiple individuals, or has agricultural tenants where the details of any individuals are known by the Applicant?

E.g. The land is owned by 2 people and the applicant can provide details of 1 of those owners.

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Yes

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No

Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate B

I certify/ The applicant certifies that:

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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

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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

Name of Owner/Agricultural Tenant:

[REDACTED]

House name:

Farnham House

Number:

Suffix:

Address line 1:

Six Hills Way

Address Line 2:

Town/City:

Stevenage

Postcode:

SG1 2ST

Date notice served (DD/MM/YYYY):

18/09/2026

Person Family Name:

Person Role

- ☐ The
- ☒ Applicant

The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Brett

Surname

Lord

Declaration Date

18/09/2026

☒ Declaration made

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Full planning & display of advertisements 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

Brett Lord

Date

05/08/2026