

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Development Department

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Town and Country Planning Act 1990

REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION

APPLICATION NO: 3/2026/0062

DECISION DATE: 09 April 2026

DATE RECEIVED: 02/02/2026

APPLICANT:

Per4m Health Ltd
45 Mitton Business Park
Mitton Road
Whalley
BB7 9YE

AGENT:

Mr Graeme Thorpe
PWA Planning
2 Lockside Office Park
Lockside Road
Preston
PR2 2YS

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Regularisation of change of use from Class B2/B8 (general industrial) to Class E(d) (indoor sport, recreation or fitness) and Class E (e) (medical or health services), provision of mezzanine floor and extension of opening hours to 6.30am to 9.00 pm Monday to Friday, 7.00 am to 2.00 pm on Saturdays and 7.00 am to 1.00 pm on Sundays

AT: Unit 45 Mitton Business Park Mitton Road Whalley BB7 9YE

Ribble Valley Borough Council hereby give notice in pursuance of the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that permission **has been refused** for the carrying out of the above development for the following reason(s):

- 1 The proposal would result in the loss of employment generating floorspace through the introduction of a use falling within the definition of a 'Main Town Centre Use'. There are no material considerations in this case to justify or warrant the harm resulting from the loss of employment generating floorspace use or allowing a 'Main Town Centre Use' in an out-of-town centre location. As such the proposal would result in direct conflict with Policies EC1 and DMB1 of the Ribble Valley Core Strategy and the aims and objectives of Paragraph 91 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Note(s)

1. Applications for planning permission are assessed against the National Planning Policy Framework and the policies within the Core Strategy for the Ribble Valley. The Local Planning Authority adopts a positive and proactive manner and will consider representations, liaise with consultees, and seek amendments to proposals where appropriate within statutory timescales.

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2. The proposal does not comprise sustainable development and there were no amendments to the scheme, or conditions that could reasonably have been imposed, which could have made the development acceptable. It was therefore not possible to approve the application.
 3. This Decision Notice should be read in conjunction with the officer's report which is available to view on the website.

Nicola Hopkins

NICOLA HOPKINS
DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Notes

Right of Appeal

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.

If you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision, then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice unless the following apply:

- If this is a decision to refuse planning permission for a householder application or 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.
- If this is a decision on a planning application relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice [reference], if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice.
- If an enforcement notice is served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within: 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or within 6 months [12 weeks in the case of a householder appeal] of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.

Appeals should be made online via <https://appeal-planning-decision.service.gov.uk/before-you-start>. If someone does not have access to the internet and needs help completing the appeal digitally, they should contact the Planning Inspectorate customer service team on 0303 444 5000 who will provide details of support options available.

Before making an appeal, you may find it helpful to review guidance and watch a video explaining the appeals process at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/make-an-appeal-to-the-planning-inspectorate-and-associated-guidance>.

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.

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