

Planning Track Record

Waitrose, Dorking



Nature of instruction: Applications for planning permission/listed building consent/conservation area consent

Client: Waitrose

- Waitrose currently operates a foodstore in Dorking, but has a requirement for a larger store that will allow it to sell a wider range of goods.
- CBRE Planning was instructed to prepare and submit a planning application for a new store of 4,400sqm gross with additional parking.
- The proposal involved the demolition of the existing Waitrose store, together with a Waterstones bookstore, offices and a community centre.
- The location of the site within a conservation area and next to a listed building, together with the possibility of Mesolithic remains on site, made the application particularly complex.
- Despite these challenges, CBRE Planning secured unanimous approval for the proposed store, with Members praising CBRE's response to the issues raised before and following the submission of the application.