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Development Control – Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: AWDM/0755/25 Recommendation – Grant LDC

Site: 123 Southfield Road Worthing West Sussex BN14 9EG

Proposal: Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed loft conversion with rear dormer and front roof lights; and single storey outbuilding in rear garden

Site visit: N

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The site is located on the northern side of Southfield Road and contains a mid-terrace two-storey property in use as a dwellinghouse.

Confirmation is sought that the proposed loft conversion and outbuilding are permitted development.

Planning history

AWDM/0756/25: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing two storey rear extension (built pre 1984). Pending consideration

Planning Assessment

Principle

The proposal will be viewed against the criteria of permitted development, as laid out within The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015

Consideration

Schedule 2, Part 1, Development within the curtilage of a dwellinghouse Permitted Development

Class B _ The enlargement of a dwellinghouse consisting of an addition or alteration to its roof

B.1 Development is not permitted by Class B if:-

a) The dwellinghouse has been granted only by virtue of Class M, N, P, PA or Q.

Analysis: The dwellinghouse has not been created through change of use by virtue of Part 3.

b) The height of the roof extension would exceed the highest part of the existing roof;

Analysis: The height of the enlargement does not exceed the height of the highest part of the existing roof.

(c) the roof extension would extend beyond the plane of any existing roof slope which forms the principal elevation of the dwelling house and fronts a highway;

Analysis: the roof extension does not project beyond the plane of an existing roof slope which forms the principal elevation of the dwelling house and fronts a highway;

(d) the cubic content of the resulting roofspace would exceed the cubic content of the original roof by more than:-
i) 40 cubic metres in the case of a terrace house, or
ii) 50 cubic metres in any other case.

Analysis: No, cubic content: 3.54 x 2.54 x 3.84 / 2 = 17.3m3

(e) it would consist of or include:-
i) a verandah, balcony or raised platform or
ii) the installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe;

Analysis: The development does not include any elements in i) or ii) above.

(f) the dwellinghouse is on article 2(3) land

Analysis: The dwellinghouse is not on article 2(3) land.

(g) the dwellinghouse is built under Part 20 of this Schedule (construction of new dwellinghouses).

Analysis: The dwellinghouse has not been created by virtue of Part 20.

B.2 Development is permitted subject to:-

(a) the materials used in any exterior work must be of similar appearance to those used in the construction of the exterior of the existing house;

Analysis: The extension would be finished in materials to match the existing building.

(b) the enlargement must be constructed so that:-

i) other than in the case of a hip-to-gable enlargement which joins the original roof to the roof of a rear or side extension –

(aa) the eaves of the original roof are maintained or reinstated; and

(bb) the edge of the enlargement closest to the eaves of the original roof is so far as practicable not less than 0.2m from the eaves, measured along the roof slope from the outside edge of the eaves, and

ii) other than in the case of an enlargement which joins the original roof to the roof of a rear or side extension no part of the enlargement extends beyond the outside face of any external wall of the original dwelling house.

Analysis: Set up about 23cm from eaves

c) any window inserted on a wall or roof slope forming a side elevation of the dwelling house must be:-
i) obscure glazed and
ii) non-opening unless the parts of the window which can be opened are more than 1.7m above the floor of the room in which the window is installed.

Analysis: No side facing windows

Class C – Alterations to the roof of a dwelling house

C.1 Development is not permitted by Class C if:-

a) The dwellinghouse has been granted only by virtue of Class M, N, P, PA or Q.

Analysis: The dwellinghouse has not been created through change of use by virtue of Part 3.

b) The alteration would protrude more than 0.15m beyond the plane of the slope of the original roof when measured from the perpendicular with the external surface of the original roof;

Analysis: Elevations show they would protrude less than 15cm

c) The height of the highest part of the alteration would exceed the highest part of the original roof;

Analysis: Rooflights are set down from roof ridge

(d) it would consist of or include:-
i) the installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe; or
ii) the installation, alteration or replacement of solar photovoltaics or solar thermal equipment.

Analysis: The development does not include any elements in i) or ii).

(e) the dwellinghouse is built under Part 20 of this Schedule (construction of new dwellinghouses).

Analysis: The dwellinghouse has not been created by virtue of Part 20.

C.2 Development is permitted subject to the condition that any window located on a roof slope forming a side elevation of the dwelling house must be:-

a) obscure-glazed, and
b) non-opening unless the parts of the window which can be opened are more than 1.7m above the floor of the room in which the window is installed.

Analysis: No side facing rooflights or windows

Class E – buildings etc. INCIDENTAL to the enjoyment of a dwellinghouse.

E.1 Development is not permitted by Class E if-

a) permission to use the dwellinghouse as a dwellinghouse has been granted only by virtue of Class M, N, P, PA or Q of Part 3 of the Schedule (changes of use);

Analysis: The dwellinghouse has not been created through change of use by virtue of Part 3.

b) the total area of ground covered by buildings, enclosures and containers within the curtilage (other than the original dwellinghouse) would exceed 50% of the total area of the curtilage (excluding the ground area of the original dwellinghouse);

Analysis: Outbuilding = 12.3m2 and existing extension do not cover more than 50% of the curtilage.

c) any part of the building, enclosure, pool or container would be situated on land forward of a wall forming the principal elevation of the original dwellinghouse;

Analysis: The development would not be situated on land forward of a wall forming the principal elevation of the original dwellinghouse.

d) the building would have more than a single storey.

Analysis: Single storey outbuilding

e) the height of the building, enclosure or container would exceed
   i) 4 metres in the case of a building with a dual-pitched roof,
   ii) 2.5 metres in the case of a building, enclosure or container within 2 metres of the boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse, or
   iii) 3 metres in any other case;

Analysis: The outbuilding is 2.5 metres tall due to location within 2 metres of boundary

g) the building, enclosure, pool or container would be situated within the curtilage of a listed building

Analysis: The site does not contain a listed building

h) it would include the construction or provision of a verandah, balcony or raised platform;

Analysis: Does not include these

i) it relates to a dwelling or a microwave antenna; or

Analysis: It does not relate to a dwelling or a microwave antenna

j) the capacity of the container would exceed 3,500 litres.

Analysis: N/A

(k) the dwellinghouse is built under Part 20 of this Schedule (construction of new dwellinghouses).

Analysis: The dwellinghouse has not been created by virtue of Part 20.

E2 in the case of any land within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse which is within-
   a) an area of outstanding natural beauty;
   b) the Broads;
   c) a National Park; or
   d) a World Heritage Site

development is not permitted by Class E if the total area of ground covered by buildings, enclosures, pools and containers situated more than 20metres from any wall of the dwellinghouse would exceed 10 square metres.

Analysis: The site is not within any of the above

E3 In the case of any land within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse which is article 2(3) land, development is not permitted by Class E if any part of the building, enclosure, pool or container would be situated on land between a wall forming a side elevation of the dwellinghouse and the boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse.

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Analysis: The site is not within a conservation area

Recommendation

Issue a Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Development, the submission of a planning application for the works will not be required.

Reasons for Recommendation

The proposal constitutes 'development' as defined by Section 55 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 but is permitted by Classes B, C and E of Part 1 Schedule 2 of Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015.

Informatives

This certificate of lawfulness relates to the proposed extensions only. The lawfulness of the existing extension will be considered within application AWDM/0756/25 only.

Case Officer:	Louise Prew	Date: 10/07/2025
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