Development Management - Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: AWDM/0663/25 Recommendation – APPROVE

Site: 4 Oakapple Road, Southwick, BN42 4YL

Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed rooms in roof consisting of new rear dormer window and rooflight at the front. Removal of chimney, and vertical extension of soil vent pipe.

Date of site visit: Assessment has also been assisted using the Applicants plan; Earthlight mapping; and Google 3D of the site

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Site and Surroundings:

The application site is a two storey middle of terrace dwelling situated on the north east side of Oakapple Road, and is on rising land plus access to the property is via a set of steps which lead to the front door. The front amenity area has been laid over to a hardsurface for the parking of cars. The property has been extended to the rear.

The properties in Oakapple Road comprise blocks of two storey terraces of generally 4no. dwellings in each block. Many have extended to the rear and some have undertaken rear dormer extensions, and there are rooflights on the front roofslopes of some of the properties.

The site is not a Listed Building or within a Conservation Area.

Relevant Planning History: None

Proposal:

A Certificate of Lawfulness is sought for proposed rooms in the roof consisting of:-

- a rear dormer and front roof lights,
- removal of the chimney, and
- vertical extension of the soil vent pipe.

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 as amended

Consideration

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

Class B – additions etc. to the roof of a dwellinghouse

Permitted Development

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

Development not permitted

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

a) The dwellinghouse has been granted only by virtue of Class G, M, MA, 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 rear dormer will be lower than the ridge of the house which is 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 dwellinghouse and fronts a highway;

Analysis: The rear dormer will be to the rear roofslope which is not the principal elevation etc.

(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: The submitted plan has been notated and states that the cubic capacity of the rear dormer would be 23.04^3
The 40 m^3 is thereby not exceeded.

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

Analysis: The chimney will be removed, and the existing soil and vent pipe is shown to be extended vertically. These will be covered under Class G below.

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

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

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

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

(h) the existing dwellinghouse has been enlarged in reliance on the permission granted by Class AA (enlargement of a dwellinghouse by construction of additional storeys).

Analysis: The above does not apply.

B.2 Development is permitted subject to the following conditions:-

(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 submitted plans are notated and say that the materials will be of similar appearance to the existing property.

(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: The proposal complies with the above.

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: There are no new windows shown to be included within the side elevations of the dormer.

Class C – other alterations to the roof of a dwellinghouse

Permitted development

C. Any other alteration to the roof of a dwellinghouse.

Development not permitted

C.1 Development is not permitted by Class C if—

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

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

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

Analysis: The submitted plans have been notated to state that the rooflights will not protrude more than 150mm above the roof surface.

(c) It would result in the highest part of the alteration being higher than the highest part of the original roof;

Analysis: The rooflights etc., will not be higher than the highest part of the original roof, namely the 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 chimney will be removed, and the existing soil and vent pipe is shown to be extended vertically. These will be covered under Class G below.

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

Analysis: The above does not apply

Conditions

C.2 Development is permitted by Class C subject to the condition that any window located on a roof slope forming a side elevation of the dwellinghouse must be— (a)

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

Analysis: There are no new windows shown to be installed on the side elevations of the dormer.

Class G – chimneys, flues etc on a dwellinghouse

Permitted development

G. The installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe on a dwellinghouse.

Development not permitted

G.1 Development is not permitted by Class G if—

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

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

(b) the height of the chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe would exceed the highest part of the roof by 1 metre or more;

Analysis: The chimney will be removed and the soil vent pipe will not be higher than 1m above the ridge, therefore the above does not apply.

(c) in the case of a dwellinghouse on article 2(3) land, the chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe would be installed on a wall or roof slope which—

(i) fronts a highway, and
(ii) forms either the principal elevation or a side elevation of the dwellinghouse

Analysis: Not article 2(3) land

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

Analysis: The above does not apply.

<u>Recommendation</u>

Issue a Certificate of Lawfulness as the proposal is permitted development by Class B, Class C, and Class G within Schedule 2 Part 1 of Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended.

Reasons for Recommendation

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

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