

Development Management – Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: AWDM/0006/26

Recommendation – APPROVE

Site: 8 The Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN12 6HH

Proposal: Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed single storey rear extension, loft conversion with rear dormer and front rooflight

Site visit: N

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The proposal seeks confirmation, within an application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed use or development, that the proposed single storey rear extension, loft conversion with rear dormer and front rooflight, is permitted development as defined within the Town and County Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015.

The site is located within a residential area largely consisting of terraced housing. The site itself, 8 The Avenue, is an end-of-terrace dwelling containing a pitched roof.

The property is not a listed building or in a conservation area, nor does it have any protected trees on site.

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 A – Enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse

A.1 Development is not permitted by Class A 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) as a result of the works, the total area of ground covered by buildings within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse (other than the original dwellinghouse) would exceed 50% of the total area of the curtilage (excluding the ground area of the original dwellinghouse);

Analysis: The ground cover by the extension will not exceed 50% of the total area of curtilage.

c) the height of the part of the dwellinghouse enlarged, improved or altered would exceed the height of the highest part of the roof of the existing dwellinghouse;

Analysis: The height of the proposed extension would not exceed the height of the existing dwellinghouse.

d) the height of the eaves of the part of the dwellinghouse enlarged, improved or altered would exceed the height of the eaves of the existing dwellinghouse;

Analysis: The height of the eaves of the extension would not exceed the height of the eaves of the existing dwellinghouse.

e) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall which:
i) forms the principal elevation of the original dwellinghouse; or
ii) fronts a highway and forms a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse;

Analysis: The extension would not extend beyond a wall which forms the principal elevation of the original dwellinghouse, nor would it front a highway and form a side elevation.

f) subject to paragraph g) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have a single storey and-

i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 4m in the case of a detached dwellinghouse, or 3m in the case of any other dwellinghouse, or
ii) exceed 4m in height;

Analysis: The extension is single storey, does not extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 3 metres nor does it exceed 4m in height.

g) for a dwellinghouse not on article 2(3) land nor on a site of special scientific interest, the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have a single storey and-

i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 8 m in the case of a detached dwellinghouse, or 6m in the case of any other dwellinghouse, or

ii) exceed 4m in height;

Analysis: The extension is single storey, does not extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 6 metres nor does it exceed 4m in height.

ah) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have more than a single storey and-

i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 3m, or

ii) be within 7 m of any boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse being enlarged which is opposite the rear wall of that dwellinghouse;

Analysis: The proposed extension will not be more than a single storey, therefore i) and ii) do not need to be considered.

i) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would be within 2m of the boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse, and the height of the eaves of the enlarged part would exceed 3m;

Analysis: The height of the eaves of the extension would not exceed 3m.

j) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse, and would-

i) exceed 4m in height;

ii) have more than a single storey; or

iii) have a width greater than half the width of the original dwellinghouse; or

(ja) any total enlargement (being the enlarged part together with any existing enlargement of the original dwellinghouse to which it will be joined) exceeds or would exceed the limits set out in sub-paragraphs (e) to (j).

Analysis: The proposed extension is to the rear only and not on a side elevation.

k) it would consist of or include-

i) the construction or provision of a verandah, balcony or raised platform,

ii) the installation, alteration or replacement of a microwave antenna,

iii) the installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe, or

iv) an alteration to any part of the roof of the dwellinghouse.

Analysis: None of the above apply.

(l) 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.

A.2 In the case of a dwellinghouse on article 2(3) land:-

- a) it would consist of cladding of any part of the exterior of the dwelling house with stone, artificial stone, pebble dash, render, plastic or tiles.
- b) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse;
- c) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have more than a single storey and extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling house.
- d) any total enlargement (being the enlarged part together with any existing enlargement of the original dwellinghouse to which it will be joined) exceeds or would exceed the limits set out in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c).

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

A.3 Development is permitted subject to:-

- a) materials must be of a similar appearance to those used in the construction of the exterior of the existing dwelling;
- b) any upper-floor windows located in a wall or roof slope forming a side elevation must be:-
 - i) obscured-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.
- c) Where the enlarged part of the dwelling house has more than one storey or forms an upper storey on an existing enlargement of the original dwelling house the roof pitch of the enlarged part must so far as practicable be the same as the roof pitch of the original dwellinghouse.

Analysis: Materials are to match the existing. The extension is single storey only. No upper-floor windows proposed.

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 dormer 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 dormer 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: The cubic content of the enlargement does not exceed 40 cubic metres.

(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 dwelling house 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 dormer 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: The eaves of the original roof would be maintained and the proposed dormer would be set up no less than 0.2m from the outside edge of the eaves. No part of the dormer would extend beyond the outside face of any external wall of the original dwelling house.

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 windows are proposed.

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: The rooflights would not project more than 150mm beyond the plane of the roofslope.

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

Analysis: The rooflights would not exceed the highest part of the original roof;

(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 windows are proposed on a roof slope forming a side elevation.

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 Class A, B and C of Part 1 Schedule 2 of Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015.

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