

Development Management – Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: AWDM/0517/26

Recommendation – APPROVE

Site: 24 Ashurst Drive Worthing West Sussex BN12 4SW

Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed garage conversion to a habitable room including new front window and side access door.

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Proposal, Site and Surroundings

Mid-C20, semi-detached, 2-storey house on the north side of Ashurst Drive with an integral garage.

The building is not a Listed Building or located in Conservation Area.

A Certificate of Lawfulness is sought for the proposed conversion of the garage into a habitable room, blocking up the existing garage door opening with a new window and inserting a new external door in the west side wall.

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 proposal does not involve enlargement to the dwellinghouse, hence there will be no extra ground cover by the extension(s).

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 proposal does not involve enlargement to the dwellinghouse, therefore the height of the original roof would be maintained.

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 proposal does not involve enlargement to the dwellinghouse, therefore the height of the eaves of the original roof would be maintained.

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 proposal does not involve changes extending beyond a wall which forms the principal elevation or a side elevation by fronting the highway, of the original dwellinghouse.

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 proposal does not involve enlargement of the dwellinghouse, therefore the existing rear wall will be kept.

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 proposal does not involve enlargement of the dwellinghouse, therefore the existing rear wall will be kept.

- 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 proposal does not involve enlargement to the dwellinghouse, 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 proposal does not involve enlargement to the dwellinghouse, therefore the existing height of the eaves will be kept.

- 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 proposal does not involve enlargement of the dwellinghouse extending beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse, therefore i), ii) and iii) need not to be considered.

- 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: The proposal does not involve the above elements.

- (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: It is stated on the plan that materials with similar appearance will be used in construction of the exterior of the existing dwellinghouse.

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 of Part 1 Schedule 2 of Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015.

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