DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO./ ADDRESS: WB/11/0142/FULL 4/9 Shelley Road Worthing

DATE OF SITE VISIT: 4 May 2011

NEIGHBOURS CHECKED: Y

ADDITIONAL NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATIONS (LIST ADDRESSES): Y

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS:

The subject site comprises a first floor flat within a converted house. The area within the vicinity is characterised by a variety of dwelling types including houses and flats.

PROPOSAL:

The application seeks to replace the existing timber framed sash and casement windows with similarly styled white uPVC windows. The replacement windows utilise the existing window openings to the front elevation and total six (6) over the first floor of the building.

In this instance four (4) windows have already been replaced and as such the application is part retrospective.

Other units within the building have already had replacement windows of varying styles installed.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

None relevant.

RELEVANT PLANNING POLICIES:

Saved Worthing Local Plan policies BE1
Submission Core Strategy policy 16
PPS1: Delivering Sustainable Development

REPRESENTATIONS:

None relevant.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

None relevant.

PLANNING ASSESSMENT:

The application seeks approval for the replacement of the existing windows to the first floor flat. The proposal incorporates the re-use of existing window openings with similarly styled replacements of a general size and colour to match.

The replacement windows comprise the removal of existing timber sash and casement windows and their replacement with white uPVC windows however the site is not in a Conservation Area nor relates to a listed building. The building has already been subject to modification and the replacement windows are similar to those at other units in the locality.

The new windows are not considered ideal featuring very thick glazing bars, with a particularly heavy frame emphasising the top hung bottom sash which contrasts sharply with the original sliding sashes. Nevertheless, the existing building does not benefit from a consistent type or style of windows and given the minor nature of the works no objections are raised.

No new opening are proposed which could allow any material increase in overlooking towards neighbours.

In other regards the development is not considered to warrant objection and is recommended for approval.

HUMAN RIGHTS:

Article 8 (Right to Respect of a Private and Family Life) and Article 1 of the First Protocol (Protection of Property) of the Human Rights Act 1998 are relevant to this application. It is accepted that the proposal, if approved, would have some impact on the neighbouring properties. However, it is considered that the level of development proposed would not cause undue harm in terms of additional noise, disturbance and loss of privacy and that, on balance, existing residential quality of life would not be adversely affected as a result of the proposal. Accordingly it is considered that it is acceptable with regard to Article 8 and Article 1.

RECOMMENDATION:

Grant Planning permission subject to the following conditions:

- Standard time limit
- Plans

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed development would not detract from the local environment and can take place without resulting in unacceptable detriment to the amenities of neighbouring properties. It would consequently not conflict with the 'saved' policies of the Worthing Local Plan (BE1) and the Core Strategy (policy 16).

The proposal accords with the relevant policies of the Development Plan.

Saved Worthing Local Plan Polices

BE1

Core Strategy

Policy 16

IS RECOMMENDATION CONTRARY TO LETTER(S) OF REPRESENTATION? N

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Case Officer sign .....Date.....9/5/11.....

Authorising Officer sign.....Date.....10.5.....