Development Management - Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: AWDM/0994/23 Recommendation – APPROVED

Site: 24 Cheal Close, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5RQ

Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed conversion of the existing garage into a therapy room (not for commercial use), with replacement garage door with wall and window, all to match existing.

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:

No. 24 Cheal Close is positioned on the north side of the road, and is a linked attached bungalow on the Shoreham Beach Estate constructed in the mid 1960's. The link being the garages of no. 24 and its neighbour no. 26. The property has been extended to the rear and to the side.

The street comprises predominantly bungalows, however there are two storey properties further west along Cheal Close. There is a school opposite the site.

The property is not Listed Building, nor is it within a Conservation Area. There do not appear to be any restrictive conditions on the original permission for the property.

Proposal:

A Certificate of Lawfulness is sought to replace the garage door with a window; and to replace the window and door to north elevation.

The application also is enquiring about using the garage as a therapy room for the son of the household.

NB: There is no restrictive planning condition on the property precluding the use of the garage for living accommodation. Therefore the conversion of the garage will not require planning permission as it will still be within residential use. Its use as a non-commercial therapy room is an ancillary, lawful use.

Relevant Planning History:

AWDM/0086/21 Single storey outbuilding extension on rear (north) boundary with link to main dwellinghouse **Approved 17.03.2021**

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 A – enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse

Permitted Development

A.The enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse.

Development not permitted

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 G, M, MA, N, P, PA or Q of Part 3 of this Schedule (changes of use);

Analysis: The above does not apply

(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 above does not apply as there is no extension proposed.

(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 above does not apply as the alteration would not exceed the height of the highest pat of the roof.

(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 above does not apply as there will be no enlargement etc. of the 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: None of the above.

(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 4 metres in the case of a detached dwellinghouse, or 3 metres in the case of any other dwellinghouse, or
(ii) exceed 4 metres in height;

Analysis: The above does not apply.

(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 metres in the case of a detached dwellinghouse, or 6 metres in the case of any other dwellinghouse, or
(ii) exceed 4 metres in height;

Analysis: Does not apply

(h) 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 3 metres, or
(ii) be within 7 metres of any boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse being enlarged which is opposite the rear wall of that dwellinghouse;

Analysis: Does not apply.

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

Analysis: Does not apply.

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

(i) exceed 4 metres in height,
(ii) have more than a single storey, or
(iii) have a width greater than half the width of the original dwellinghouse; or

Analysis: Does not apply.

(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: Does not apply.

(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

A.2 In the case of a dwellinghouse on article 2(3) land, development is not permitted by Class A if—

(a) it would consist of or include the cladding of any part of the exterior of the dwellinghouse with stone, artificial stone, pebble dash, render, timber, plastic or tiles;

(b) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse; or

(c) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have more than a single storey and extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse.

(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 site is not on article 2(3) land

Conditions

A.3 Development is permitted by Class A subject to the following conditions—

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

Analysis: The plans state that the new window frames will match the existing, and the application form states that the garage door will be replaced by a wall and a window, all to match existing.

(b) any upper-floor window located in a wall or roof slope forming a side elevation of the dwellinghouse must be—

(i) obscure-glazed, and

(ii) 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; and

Analysis: Does not apply.

c) where the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse has more than a single storey, or forms an upper storey on an existing enlargement of the original dwellinghouse, the roof pitch of the enlarged part must, so far as practicable, be the same as the roof pitch of the original dwellinghouse.

Analysis: None of the above applies

Recommendation

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

Reason for Recommendation

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

Case Officer: Eve Hearsey Date: 07.09.2023

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