Development Management - Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: AWDM/1162/24 Recommendation – APPROVE

Site: 32 The Drive, Southwick, BN42 4RR

Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed enlarged rear dormer and removal of chimney.

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. 32 The Drive Southwick, is located on the east side of the road, close to the junction with Wilby Avenue, and is a gable end, 1 ½ storey semi-detached dwelling, with a high steep roof. There is a cluster of semi-detached properties which have high steeped roofs. Both of the semi-detached dwellings have an existing flat roof dormers to the front and rear roofslopes, as do the other semi-detached dwellings of the same design in The Drive, Wilby Avenue, and Queens Road. It would seem that these dormers are original to the dwellings.

The topography is rising land and some dwellings in the area have rear gardens which are higher than the front, and others the reverse.

The street is characterised by a mix of bungalows and 1 ½ storey dwellings and a mix of terrace semi-detached and detached.

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

Relevant Planning History: None

Proposal:

A Certificate of Lawfulness is sought to:-

- Enlarge the existing flat roof dormer on the rear elevation;
- Create a second floor; and
- Removal of chimney.

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 extended flat roof rear dormer will not exceed the highest part of the existing roof, namely the ridge.

(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 proposed extended rear dormer will not extend beyond the plane of the principal elevation which 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 submitted plan is notated and states that the volume of the extended dormer will be 40.83m^3 which will be lower that the allowed 50m^3

(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 is shown as being removed, this is covered below under Class G.

(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 plan is notated and states that all materials to match existing.

(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: No new windows are shown in any side elevation of the roof extension proposed.

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; or

Analysis: 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.; or

Analysis: Not on article 2(3) land

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

Analysis: Does not apply

Recommendation

Issue a Certificate of Lawfulness as the proposal is permitted development by Class B, 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, 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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