

Development Management – Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: AWDM/1546/25

Recommendation – APPROVE

Site: 11 Colne Close Worthing West Sussex BN13 3LP

Proposal: Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed conversion of garage to home office/store with a new front door and a window and removing the rear door.

Site visit: N

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The site is located within a residential area largely consisting of link-attached two-storey dwellings. The site itself, 11 Colne Close, is a link-attached two-storey dwelling containing a pitched roof. A private garden is located to the rear of the property. An integral garage (to which this application relates) is located at the front of the property at the end of the driveway.

The proposal seeks confirmation, within an application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed use or development, that the proposed conversion of the existing integral garage to a home office/store, with new front door and a window replacing the garage door, and removal of the existing rear door, is permitted development as defined within the Town and County Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015.

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 will not exceed 50% of the total area of curtilage. No new floorspace is proposed as part of this application.

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 dwellinghouse or garage is not to change as a result of the proposed works.

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: No change in height is proposed. The eaves height will remain as existing.

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: No enlargement is proposed as part of the works.

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: No enlargements/enlargements are proposed.

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: No enlargements/enlargements are proposed.

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: No extensions are proposed and 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: No enlargements/extensions are proposed. The height of the eaves will remain as existing.

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: No enlargements/extensions are proposed.

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: The proposed new ground floor openings are to be similar in appearance to those on the existing property. No upper floor windows or enlargement/extensions are proposed.

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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