Development Management - Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: AWDM/1569/23 Recommendation – APPROVE

Site: 1 The Downs, Steepdown Road, Sompting, BN15 0LJ

Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed conversion of conservatory into rear extension and new rooflight to rear.

Date of site visit: N/A

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Site and Surroundings:

No. 1 The Downs is a detached chalet style dwelling, with pitched roofed dormers, positioned on the east side of Steepdown Road. The Downs is a group of 4no. detached dwellings constructed in the late 1990's. No. 1 is the fourth dwelling of the group of 4no. and is positioned at the north of the group. The dwelling is on rising land and a slope leads up to the property with a long flight of steps, approx. 9.5m long, leads from the pavement to the house. There is an additional flight of steps leading from the flat area directly to the front of the house, to the front door. There is an existing conservatory extension to the rear, and the other 3no. dwellings in the group also have rear extensions.

Each of the 4no. properties within The Downs have a long run of steps to the house also, plus an additional flight of steps to the front door. All 4no. of the group were constructed with an integral garage, and all have 2no. front dormers and 2no. rear dormers.

The property is not Listed Building, nor is it within a Conservation Area.

Proposal:

A Certificate of Lawfulness is sought regarding the conversion of the existing glazed conservatory into a brick faced lounge extension with a rooflight in its flat roof. Plus a new rooflight within the rear roofslope.

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 proposal is to convert the existing glazed conservatory into a brick faced lounge of the same footprint.

(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 proposed false pitched roof of the brick extension will not exceed the height of the highest part of the roof of the existing dwellinghouse.

(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 eaves of the proposed are the same height as the existing dwelling and thereby will be no higher.

(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 replacement brick extension is not on a principal elevation or fronts a highway etc.

(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 extension will not be 4m deep nor will it exceed 4m in height.

(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, as single storey.

(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: The eaves do not exceed 3m in height.

(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, as the proposal involves the conversion of an existing conservatory to the rear.

(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 are notated to state materials will match the 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

Class C – other alterations to the roof of a dwellinghouse

Permitted development

C. Any other alteration to the roof of a dwellinghouse.

Development not permitted

C.1 Development is not permitted by Class C 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 alteration would protrude more than 0.15 metres beyond the plane of the original roof when measured from the perpendicular with the external surface of the original roof;

Analysis: The plans are notated to state that the rooflight will not extend above the roofslope by more than 150mm.

(c) It would result in the highest part of the alteration being higher than the highest part of the original roof;

Analysis: The rooflights will not be higher than the highest part of the original roof, namely the ridge.

(d) It would consist of or include—

(i) the installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe, or

(ii) the installation, alteration or replacement of solar photovoltaics or solar thermal equipment.

Analysis: None of the above are shown on the submitted plans

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

Analysis: The above does not apply

Conditions

C.2 Development is permitted by Class C subject to the condition that any window located on a roof slope forming a side elevation of the dwellinghouse must be— (a) obscure-glazed; and (b) 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.

Analysis: There will be no new window in the side elevation of the gable.

Recommendation

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

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