Development Control – Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: AWDM/1890/21 Recommendation – APPROVE

Site: 71 Halewick Lane, Sompting, Lancing, BN15 0ND

Proposal: Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed loft conversion, incorporating hip to gable, rear dormer and front rooflights.

Site visit: N

Site and Surroundings:

The application site is located on the west side of Halewick Lane, and is on rising land. The property is a two storey semi-detached dwelling, and has a side and a rear extension together with an outbuilding within the rear garden.

The street scene comprises predominantly two storey semi-detached dwellings and there is a mix of hipped roof and gable end dwellings. Many of the dwellings have been extended in some form with rear ground floor extension, and dormers to front and to rear.

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

Proposal

A Certificate of Lawfulness is sought for a proposed loft conversion, including hip to gable roof extension; dormer to rear (east); 3no. rooflights to front (west).

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 M, 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 height of the hip to gable and the rear dormer do not exceed the height of the highest part of the existing roof.

(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 hip to gable does not extend beyond the plane of the existing roof and the rear dormer does not project beyond the plane of an existing roof slope which forms the principal elevation of the dwellinghouse and 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 plans show that the cubic content of the enlargement does not exceed 50 cubic metres ($12.9m^3$ for the hip to gable + $31.69m^3$ for the rear dormer. Total = $44.59m^3$).

(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: None of the above are shown on the plans

(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).

Analysis: The dwellinghouse has not been created by virtue of Part 20.

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 application forms state that the materials will match the host building.

(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: There are no new windows being inserted within the side wall or elevation of the dwellinghouse

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 M, 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 slope of the original roof when measured from the perpendicular with the external surface of the original roof;

Analysis: The application states that the proposed roof lights will not protrude more than 150mm above the plane of the roof slope.

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

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

(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 plans

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 are no new windows shown to be located on a roof slope forming a side elevation etc.

Recommendation

A Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Development, can be issued as the proposed development is deemed permitted development

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 B and Class C of Schedule 2 Part 1 of Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended.

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