

Development Management - Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: AWDM/1527/25

Recommendation – APPROVE

Site: 23 Oxen Avenue, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5AF

Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed loft conversion including hip to gable roof extension, rear dormer with Juliet balcony, side window and front rooflights. Chimney removed.

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. 23 Oxen Avenue, Shoreham Road lies on the west side of the road and is a two storey, semi-detached dwellinghouse with an existing single storey rear extension and a side attached garage. The rear garden backs onto Northbourne Close, a residential development. The front amenity area is hardsurfaced for parking purposes.

The street is on a slight slope, therefore no. 23 is on higher land than its neighbour to the south.

The street scene is characterised by residential properties, mainly two storey dwellings.

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

Relevant Planning History:

AWDM/0444/12 Single storey rear extension with extended raised terrace to increase depth of extension. **Approve 16.05.2012**

Proposal:

A Certificate of Lawfulness is sought for a:-

❖ Loft extension comprising:-

- Side (west), hip to gable;
- Rear (south), flat roof dormer with windows and a Juliet balcony;
- 2no. front (north) rooflights;
- Enlarge existing stairwell window in south elevation;

- Rooflight within flat roof of rear dormer; 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

Schedule 2 - Permitted development rights

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: 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: Does not apply

(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 part being altered is an enlargement to an existing window which is an integral part of the existing dwellinghouse, and thereby not higher than 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: Does not apply as enlargement to an existing window only.

(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: Does not apply

(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: 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 as 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;

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: The chimney works are covered by Class G below.

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

Analysis: Does not apply

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: 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 alteration is an enlargement to an existing window.

(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: The plans show that the window will be obscure glazed and non-opening.

(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: Does not apply.

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 flat roof dormer extension and the new gable end will be positioned lower than the existing ridge of the roof and the gable extension will follow the

existing ridge. Therefore the height of the roof extensions would not exceed 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 roof extensions will not be on the principal elevation but on the sides and rear and will not front 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 informs that the total volume of the dormer will be 24.51m³ The gable will be 15.31m³ thereby the 50m³ will not be exceeded.

(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 rear gable will have a Juliette balcony, which does not contain an external platform, and thereby is not a balcony. The application will also see the removal of the chimney this will be covered by Class G below.

(f) the dwellinghouse is on article 2(3) land

Analysis: The dwellinghouse 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 storey).

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 informs that the materials will be similar in appearance to the existing house.

(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 submitted plan informs that there will be at least 20cm from the original eaves.

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 shown to be included within the side elevations of the dormer or gable.

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

Analysis: The submitted plan is notated to inform that the rooflights will not project 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 etc., 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: The application will see the removal of the chimney, this will be covered by Class G below.

(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 are no new windows shown to be included within the side elevations of the dormer or the gable end.

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;

Analysis: The chimney is being demolished therefore 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

Analysis: Not article 2(3) land

(d)The dwelling is built under Part 20 of this Schedule (construction of dwellinghouses.

Analysis: The above does not apply.

Recommendation

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

Case Officer: Eve Hearsey Date: 23.01.2026

Authorised by: Peter Barnett Date: 23 January 2026