PLANNING POLICY COMMENTS

Location: Flat 1 1 Market Street

Proposal: Conversion of existing 3 bedroom self contained flat to three x 1 bedroom self-contained flats.

App no.: WB/11/0244/FULL

Officer dealing: Jo Morin

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Main policies (Core Strategy):

Policy 7 Meeting Housing Need
Policy 8 Getting the right mix of homes
Policy 16 Built Environment and Design

Housing

The application is for a conversion of a 3-bedroom flat to three 1-bedroom flats. Policy 8 in the Worthing Core Strategy addresses the mix of houses. The main objective of the policy is to redress the imbalance in the housing mix that has dominated recent new development, namely smaller flats and the need for more family accommodation.

Given the town centre location and the lack of private outdoor space the existing dwelling is not seen as an ideal family dwelling and the conversion is supported.

The proposal supports Policy 7 of the Core Strategy adding two dwellings to the housing stock as a result of the conversion.

The scale and massing of the application will need to be addressed at Development Management level.

Conclusion

There is no policy objection to this proposal.

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