# Development Management – Delegated Officer Report

**Application Number: AWDM/0684/26 Recommendation: APPROVE**

**Site: 16 Thirlmere Crescent, Sompting, West Sussex**

**Proposal: Front porch**

**Date of Site Visit: 6th October 2026**

**Neighbours Checked: Y**

**Additional neighbour notification: N**

**Proposal, Site and Surroundings**

The application site is a semi detached chalet bungalow with integral side garage, three front dormers and a recessed front door. There is a driveway to the frontage enclosed by a boundary wall.

Consent is sought for a porch to the front of the property, 1.2 metre in depth with a hipped roof.

**Representations: -** none received

**Relevant Planning Policies**

Adur Local Plan 2017 Policy 15
'Supplementary Planning Guidance' comprising: Development Management Standard No.2 'Extensions and Alterations to Dwellings''
National Planning Policy Framework (August 2026)
WSCC Guidance on Parking at New Developments (Sept 2020).

**Planning Assessment**

**Principle**

The relevant issues are the effects on the amenities of neighbouring residential occupiers and the effect on the character and appearance of the area.

**Visual amenity**

The porch will be visible within the street scene. It is a feature which is considered to be in keeping in design and scale with the existing bungalow. There were some examples of other porches within the street scene visible at the time of the site visit. There are flat and hipped roof additions visible within the vicinity of the site. There would be no harm in terms of visual amenity as a result of the proposal.

**Residential amenity**

The porch is set in from either side boundary. There are no side windows, there will therefore be no loss of light, privacy or overbearing impact in this case to the properties on either side.

**Recommendation**

APPROVE

**Subject to Conditions:**-

1. Approved Plans
2. Standard 3 year time limit
3. Materials to match existing

**Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation N**

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received and subsequently determining to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

Case Officer: Hannah Barker Date: 8th October 2026

Authorised by: Peter Barnett Date: 8 October 2026