Expiry Date - 21/05/2025

Development Control – Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: AWDM/0399/25 Recommendation – APPROVE

Site: 11 Gorse Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN14 9PG

Proposal: Single storey rear extension

Date of site visit: 21/05/2025

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Site and Surroundings
The site is located to the west side of Gorse Avenue, within a residential area of Worthing. The property comprises of a detached, two storey house with brick render and hung tile elevations and a hipped roof with front projecting gable. The property is set back from the road behind a low brick wall and driveway. There is a garage attached to the north side of the house with first floor dormers. Further extensions have been added to the rear. There is a large mature garden to the rear.

The property is not within a conservation area and is not a listed building.

Proposal
Planning permission is sought for a ground floor rear extension connecting to the existing rear extension.

The extension seeks to extend the width of the existing extension by 4.04m at the same depth of 2.8m. Within the rear elevation there is proposed to be one large window facing the rear garden. The roof on the proposed extension would be mono pitch connecting to the existing pitch of the host dwelling.

The proposed extension would be finished in materials to match the existing building.

Relevant Planning History:
None

Consultations:
None

Representations:
None received

Relevant Planning Policies
National Planning Policy Framework (2024)
National; Planning Practice Guidance

SPG ‘Extending or Altering Your Home’ (WBC)
Worthing Local Plan (2023) 2020-2036
SP1 (Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development)
DM5 (Quality of the Built Environment)

Planning Assessment
There is no objection in principle to extensions and alterations to residential dwellings within the built-up area. The key considerations are the effects on the visual and residential amenities of the locality.

Visual Amenity
Due to the location of the proposed works to the rear there are not considered to be views available from within the public realm. The materials are proposed to match which complement the existing building and the scale is subordinate.

There would be no significant adverse impact on the character of the property or the visual amenities of the locality as a result of this application.

Residential Amenity
The most affected properties are the neighbours to the sides at No.9 and No.13.

No.9 is located to the south of the application site and won’t be affected by the proposal due to the existing extension and relationship.

The property to the north, no. 13, would be the most affected by the proposal. There are no windows proposed in the side wall of the extension, which ensures that there is no overlooking to the neighbouring property that would not already be available from within the site. The extension is stepped in from the side elevation of the property by approximately 1m reducing the potential for an overbearing impact. This paired with the separation distance to the boundary allows for the overbearing to be mitigated to an extent that would not be demonstrable to the application.

The windows to the rear of the site overlook the applicants rear garden, with mature boundary screening there is not considered to be any unacceptable level of overlooking achieved. With significant depth to the site there is not considered to be any overlooking to the rear with the properties on Offington Drive.

There would be no significant detrimental impact on the residential amenities of adjacent occupiers as a result of this proposal.

Recommendation

APPROVE subject to Conditions:-

1. Drawing Numbers
2. Standard time limit
3. Matching materials

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1. Approved without discussion

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

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