Recommendation Report for Planning Permission for Works or Extension to a Dwelling

REF NO: **AW/189/17/HH**

LOCATION: 69 Hewarts Lane
Aldwick

PROPOSAL: Removal of existing conservatory to rear elevation & erection of new.

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above The proposed conservatory measures approximately 5.2m wide, 4.3m deep and 3.4m high. Materials would be render to match existing house and double glazed roof tinted blue. The proposal involves the demolition of the existing conservatory.
SITE AREA	N/A
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DENSITY (NET)	N/A
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat
TREES	None of any significance affected by the proposed development.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	The rear boundary comprises a timber fence approximately 1.5 - 1.8m high.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	The application site comprises a two storey detached property constructed of render beneath a tile roof. The property has a lean to rear addition and a rear conservatory. The property benefits form a large rear garden.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	Residential comprising detached properties of varying design and character.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

AW/251/08/	Two storey side extension to existing house	ApproveConditionally 21-01-2009

There is no relevant planning history.

REPRESENTATIONS

Representations received:

Aldwick Parish Council no response received to date.

No response to public consultation.

Comments on Representations received:

None

CONSULTATIONS

Consultations responses received:

None

Comments on Consultation responses:

None

POLICY CONTEXT

Designation applicable to site:
Within the built up area

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

Arun District Local Plan 2003:	GEN2	Built-up Area Boundary
	GEN7	The Form of New Development
	DEV19	Extensions to existing residential buildings
Publication Version of the Local Plan (October 2014):		D DM1 Aspects of Form and Design Quality
		D DM4 Extensions and Alterations to Existing Buildings (residential and non-residential)
		D SP1 Design
		SD SP2 Built-Up Area Boundary

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NPPG	National Planning Practice Guidance

SUPPLEMENTARY POLICY GUIDANCE

SPD10	Aldwick Parish Design Statement

POLICY COMMENTARY

The Development Plan consists of the Arun District Local Plan 2003, West Sussex County Council's Waste and Minerals Plans and Made Neighbourhood Development Plans.

A new local plan is in preparation may be a material consideration when determining Planning Applications. At this stage the Arun District Local Plan 2011-2031 (Publication Version) October 2014 and supporting documents were submitted for independent examination on 30 January 2015. The Examination into the submitted plan was commenced but is currently suspended whilst Arun District Council addresses matters raised by the Inspector.

A number of Main Modifications to the Arun District Local Plan 2011-2031 (Publication Version) October 2014 were approved by the Council on 22nd March 2017 and consultation on these has

taking place. The Main Modifications should be read alongside the Arun District Local Plan 2011-2031 (Publication Version) October 2014 and where there are changes the Main Modification may also be material consideration to take into account. The examination is due to re-commence in Autumn 2017 following publication of modifications to the Plan.

The policies are published under Regulations 19 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan

Where applicable, Neighbourhood Development Plan's (more commonly known as a neighbourhood plan or NDP), once made by Arun District Council, will form part of the statutory local development plan for the relevant designated neighbourhood area and policies within them will be considered in determining planning applications. Made NDP policies will be considered alongside other development plan documents including Arun District Council's Local Plan. Whilst an NDP is under preparation it will afford little weight in the determination of planning applications. Its status will however gain more weight as a material consideration the closer it is towards it being made. Arun District Council will make reference to an NDP when it has, by the close of planning application consultation, been publicised for pre-submission consultation(Reg.14).

Made Plans in Arun District Council's Local Planning Authority Area are: Aldingbourne; Angmering; Arundel; Barnham & Eastergate; Bersted; Bognor Regis; Clymping; East Preston; Felpham; Ferring; Kingston; Littlehampton; Rustington; Walberton; Yapton. The written Ministerial Statement of 13 December 2016 confirms that relevant policies for the supply of housing in Neighbourhood Plans should not be deemed to be out of date where all of the following circumstances arise;

- The NDP has been part of the development plan for 2 years or less or the ministerial statement is less than 2 years old
- The NDP allocates sites for housing
- The Council can demonstrate a three-year supply of deliverable housing sites

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DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

PLANNING
Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states:-

"If regard is to be had to the development plan for the purpose of any determination to be made under the planning Acts the determination must be made in accordance with the plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise."

The proposal is considered to comply with relevant Development Plan policies in that it would have no materially adverse effect on the visual amenities of the locality or the residential amenities of the adjoining properties, nor would it have an adverse impact upon the established character of the surrounding area.

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that there are no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

CONCLUSIONS

The application site is situated within the built up area and within established residential area where the principle of development is acceptable subject to compliance with relevant development plan policy and also guidance in the Aldwick Village Design Statement.

The proposed conservatory would be sited to the rear of the property and not visible from the road. The proposal will replace an existing conservatory. Although the proposed will be wider and deeper, than the existing conservatory it will still appear as subordinate to the main house and retains an adequate amount of rear garden. It is considered that the proposed extension is in keeping with the character and appearance of the host property and is not considered unduly dominant on the property and as such is not considered harmful to character of the wider area.

The existing addition is set in 4.5m from the boundary with No. 67 and 1m off the boundary with No.71 given these distances to the boundary and also having regard to the existing boundary treatment and it is not considered that the proposal will be harmful to the amenity of the adjoining occupiers in No.67 and No.71.

There are no parking implications arising from the proposed development.

In summary, the proposed development is not considered to be visually obtrusive or prominent and
would not have an adverse impact on the character and appearance of the host property and the amenity of adjoining occupiers at No.67 and No.71. The proposal therefore complies with adopted planning policies in the Arun Local Plan 2003 and the guidance in the Aldwick Village Design Statement. As such, the proposed development is therefore recommended for approval subject to the following conditions.

HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

Human Rights Act:
The Council in making a decision should be aware of and take into account any implications that may arise from the Human Rights Act 1998. Under the Act, it is unlawful for a public authority such as Arun District Council to act in a manner, which is incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights.

Consideration has been specifically given to Article 8 (right to respect private and family life) and Article 1 of the First Protocol (protection of property). It is not considered that the recommendation for approval of the grant of permission in this case interferes unreasonably with any local residents' right to respect for their private and family life and home, except insofar as it is necessary to protect the rights and freedoms of others (in this case, the rights of the applicant). The Council is also permitted to control the use of property in accordance with the general interest and the recommendation for approval is considered to be a proportionate response to the submitted application based on the considerations set out in this report.

DUTY UNDER THE EQUALITIES ACT 2010

Duty under the Equalities Act 2010

In assessing this proposal the following impacts have been identified upon those people with the following protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation).

The proposal would have a neutral impact on the protected characteristics.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE CONDITIONALLY

1 The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 3 years from the date of this permission.

Reason: To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

2 The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans site plan, block plan, T/17/001, T/17/002, T/17/003, T/17/004 & T/17/005.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of amenity and the environment in accordance with policy GEN7 of the Arun District Local Plan.

3 The materials and finishes of the external walls of the conservatory hereby permitted shall match in colour and texture those of the existing building.

Reason: In the interests of amenity in accordance with policies GEN7 and DEV19 of the Arun District Local Plan.

4 INFORMATIVE: Statement pursuant to Article 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) Order 2015. 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.