

**Recommendation Report for Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Use or Development**

**REF NO:** BR/104/21/CLP

**LOCATION:** St Anthony  
Town Cross Avenue  
Bognor Regis  
PO21 2DR

**PROPOSAL:** Lawful development certificate for a proposed loft conversion and 3 No. rooflights

**DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION**

The application seeks a lawful development certificate for a loft conversion and rooflights.

**RELEVANT SITE HISTORY**

**REPRESENTATIONS**

**Representations Received:**

**CONSULTATIONS**

**Consultations Responses Received:**

**LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND**

Section 192(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:-

If, on an application under this section, the local planning authority are provided with information satisfying them that the use or operations described in the application would be lawful if instituted or begun at the time of the application, they shall issue a certificate to that effect; and in any other case they shall refuse the application.

In this instance the proposed works will be assessed against the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).

- Class B - additions etc. to the roof of a dwellinghouse
- Class C - other alterations to the roof.

Provided the proposed works satisfy the relevant criteria, and that no restrictive conditions to development have been imposed on the site, the proposed works will constitute Permitted Development and would not require planning permission. If the works fail to accord with the criteria then planning permission will be required for them to take place.

## **CONCLUSION**

The proposed loft conversion is considered to fall under Schedule 2 Part 1 Class B of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015.

Class 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) permission to use the dwellinghouse as a dwellinghouse has been granted only by virtue of Class M, N, P or Q of Part 3 of this Schedule (changes of use);
- (b) any part of the dwellinghouse would, as a result of the works, exceed the height of the highest part of the existing roof;
- (c) any part of the dwellinghouse would, as a result of the works, extend beyond the plane of any existing roof slope which forms the principal elevation of the dwellinghouse and fronts a highway;
- (d) the cubic content of the resulting roof space would exceed the cubic content of the original roof space by more than
  - (i) 40 cubic metres in the case of a terrace house, or
  - (ii) 50 cubic metres in any other case;
- (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; or
- (f) the dwellinghouse is on article 2(3) land.  
land.; or
- (g) the dwellinghouse is built under Part 20 of this Schedule (construction of new dwellinghouses).

Conditions

B.2 Development is permitted by Class B subject to the following conditions

- (a) the materials used in any exterior work must be of a similar appearance to those used in the construction of the exterior of the existing dwellinghouse;
- (b) the enlargement must be constructed so that
  - (i) other than in the case of a hip-to-gable enlargement or an 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 0.2 metres 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 dwellinghouse; and
- (c) any window inserted on 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.

The proposed roof lights are considered to fall under Schedule 2, Part 1, Class C of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015.

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 M, N, P, PA or Q of Part 3 of this Schedule (changes of use);
- (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;
- (c) it would result in the highest part of the alteration being higher than the highest part of the original roof;
- (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 or
- (e) the dwellinghouse is built under Part 20 of this Schedule (construction of new dwellinghouses).

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.

The property known as St Anthony and is an attached property and is not listed or within a conservation area.

Examination of the site history has revealed no restrictions for permitted development.

The proposed loft conversion and roof lights complies with relevant sections of Class B and C and is considered permitted development and as such does not require the submission of an application for full planning permission.

## RECOMMENDATION

### PP NOT REQUIRED

**The Arun District Council hereby certify that on 7th April 2021 the development described in the First Schedule to this certificate in respect of the land specified in the Second Schedule to this certificate and edged in black on the plan attached to this certificate, was lawful within the meaning of section 192 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 by reason of compliance with the relevant criteria within Schedule 2 Part 1 Class B and C of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015.**

### FIRST SCHEDULE

**The proposed loft conversion and rooflights are considered to fall under Schedule 2 Part 1 of the GDPO.**

**The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans**

- Location and Block Plan - 1000**
- Proposed Elevations and Sections - 1006**
- Proposed Floor Plan - 1005**
- Proposed Site Plan - 1002**

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

**St Anthony, Town Cross Avenue, Bognor Regis, PO21 2DR**

**EXTENT OF USE**

**Conversion of the loft for habitable accommodation and the installation of 3 rooflights.**

**BR/104/21/CLP - Indicative Location Plan (Do not Scale or Copy)**  
**(All plans face north unless otherwise indicated with a north point)**



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