

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

REF NO: LU/110/21/HH

LOCATION: 18 The Winter Knoll
Littlehampton
BN17 6ND

PROPOSAL: Installation of new fence, gravel boards and concrete posts following the removal of existing brick wall

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	This application seeks to install a new fence, gravel boards and concrete posts following the removal of an existing brick wall at 18 The Winter Knoll. The fence will have a length of 13.37m and height of 1.85m. The materials will consist of concrete gravel boards and posts, wood panel fence which is finished with a wood preserving paint.
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REPRESENTATIONS

No objection from Town Council.
No representations from nearby occupiers.

CONSULTATION RESPONSES RECEIVED:

None.

POLICY CONTEXT

Built up area boundary.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

[Arun Local Plan 2011 - 2031:](#)

DDM1	D DM1 Aspects of form and design quality
DDM4	D DM4 Extensions&alter to exist builds(res and non-res)
DSP1	D SP1 Design

Littlehampton Neighbourhood Plan 2014 Policy 1	The Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development
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Littlehampton Neighbourhood Plan 2014 Policy 2	A Spatial Plan for the Town
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PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE:

NPPDG	National Design Guide
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CONCLUSIONS

PRINCIPLE

In this case, the key policies are D DM1 and D DM4 of the Arun Local Plan and Policy 1 of 2 of the Littlehampton Neighbourhood Plan.

Policy D DM1 sets out 13 design aspects of which applications should be assessed against. These include: Character, Appearance, Impact, Innovation, Adaptability, Crime Prevention, Trees, Public realm, Layout, Public Art, Density and Scale.

Policy D DM4 sets out criteria for which applications relating to extensions and alterations of existing buildings must be assessed against. They generally seek to minimise the impact of the proposal on the character of the host dwelling, its neighbours and the locality.

Policy 1 of the Littlehampton Neighbourhood Development Plan states that permission should be granted where applications accord with the relevant policies in the Neighbourhood Plan. It goes on to set out circumstances where an applications conflict with Policy 1 would be acceptable.

Policy 2 of the Littlehampton Neighbourhood Development Plan seeks to focus development within the built up area boundary.

Further guidance from the Arun Design Guide is relevant and referred to below.

DESIGN AND VISUAL AMENITY

The proposal seeks to construct fencing, gravel boards and concrete posts to the side of the property. The boundary currently consists of a brick wall which will be replaced by the fencing. The fence is modest in height of 1.85m with a total length of 13.37m.

Although the materials used to construct this proposal do not match the existing, the fence is not deemed to be out of character with the area due to other properties having fencing which surrounds their property. As a result, this proposal will be integrated with the area and will not have an adverse impact on the street scene.

The boundary treatment is not considered to adversely impact the appearance of the area and accord with D DM1 of the Arun Local Plan.

The proposal does not result in an adverse appearance on the street scene, or result in a harmful impact upon the host dwelling, and as such, is deemed to be in accordance with D DM1, D DM4(a), (b) and (e) of the Arun Local Plan and J.01 of the Arun Design Guide which outlines that built form and character varies considerably throughout the Arun District as a whole and within the settlement character areas identified in section C.06 of the design guide.

RESIDENTIAL AMENITY

Due to the type of development proposed, with the fencing surrounding the side of the property, the proposal is not considered to result in harm upon neighbouring amenity by way of overbearing, overshadowing or overlooking and accord with D DM1 of the Arun Local Plan.

The development is considered to be in accordance with D DM1(3) and D DM4(c) of the Arun Local Plan.

SUMMARY

The development is deemed to accord with relevant development plan policies and as such is recommended for approval subject to the following conditions.

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

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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:

- Proposed block plan
- Fence elevations

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of amenity and the environment in accordance with policy D DM1 of the Arun Local Plan.

- 3 **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.