

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

REF NO: LU/221/21/HH

LOCATION: 14 Mariners Quay  
Littlehampton  
BN17 5DA

PROPOSAL: Conversion of roofspace to habitable use to include 4 x rooflight.

**SITE AND SURROUNDINGS**

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION This application seeks to convert the roof space to habitable use to include 4x rooflights.

The materials used will include 4x velux windows which will be to the front and rear of 14 Mariners Quay.

The 4x windows will have a height of 0.65m and length of 0.70m.

**REPRESENTATIONS**

No objection from Town Council.

One objection from nearby occupier stating - there are concerns over the bi-fold doors in respect to similar applications in the area. They do not want this area to be overdeveloped.

**CONSULTATIONS**

**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

Littlehampton Neighbourhood Plan 2014 Policy 2

A Spatial Plan for the Town

**PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE:**

|       |                                     |
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| NPPDG | National Design Guide               |
| NPPF  | National Planning Policy Framework  |
| NPPG  | National Planning Practice Guidance |

**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**

This proposal will be to the front and rear and due to its location it will be visible to the street scene. As a result this will mean there will be an impact to the street scene and character of the area. However, due to the proposal not adding any additional footprint to the dwelling, there will be no harmful impacts to the street scene or wider area around Mariners Quay.

The windows will differ to what is currently existing and will be velux windows due to them being proposed in the roof at the front and rear. The windows however will be well integrated with the host dwelling.

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. Also section M, referring to householder extensions states extensions should respond to and complement the existing character and appearance of the building and wider townscape in terms of scale, massing. It is considered this is achieved, with the addition appearing well integrated and sympathetic in design to the host dwelling and complies with policy and the guide.

**RESIDENTIAL AMENITY**

The proposal doesn't have a significant impact on neighbouring properties due to it's location and the fact

that there is no additional footprint added to the existing property, as a result not having a harmful impact.

With regard to potential for loss of privacy there are no openings proposed that provide any significant harmful overlooking into neighbouring properties. The windows will not provide any overbearing impacts to the neighbours at the front.

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:
  - Location and block plan WPD6721/A/01A
  - Proposed rear and side elevation WPD6721/A/15B

- Proposed front and side elevation WPD672/A/14B

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

Reason: In the interests of amenity in accordance with policies D DM1 of the Arun 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.