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

REF NO: LU/274/19/HH

LOCATION: 7 Mariners Quay
Littlehampton
BN17 5DA

PROPOSAL: Conversion of roofspace to habitable use to include 2 front and 2 rear rooflights

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION

The application seeks to convert the roofspace to habitable use, by way of the installation of two front, and two rear rooflights.

REPRESENTATIONS

REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED:

Littlehampton Town Council

Parish Council - No objection.

No representations received from occupiers of nearby dwellings.

CONSULTATIONS

Natural England

CONSULTATION RESPONSES RECEIVED:

None.

POLICY CONTEXT

Designation applicable to site:
Within built up area boundary

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

Arun Local Plan 2011 - 2031:

DDM1	D DM1 Aspects of form and design quality
SDSP2	SD SP2 Built-up Area Boundary
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

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE:

NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NPPG	National Planning Practice Guidance

CONCLUSIONS

PRINCIPLE

The application site is located within the built up area boundary, where the principle of development is acceptable subject to accordance with the relevant development plan policies, as stated in SD SP2 of the Arun Local Plan. In this case, the key policies are deemed to be D DM1 and D DM4 of the Arun Local Plan. Additionally, Policy 1 and Policy 2 of the Littlehampton Neighbourhood Development 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.

DESIGN AND VISUAL AMENITY

The proposed development, due to its modest scale and appearance is not considered to have any significantly harmful impact upon the character of the host dwelling, or its locality. There are examples of similar windows within the area, for example, at #10 Mariners Quay. Therefore, the proposed development is considered to be in accordance with D DM1, D DM4(a) and (b) of the Arun Local Plan.

NEIGHBOURING RESIDENTIAL AMENITY

The proposed development is not considered to result in any significant overshadowing or overbearing impact on occupiers of neighbouring dwellings, as a result of its minor built form. With regard to loss of privacy, the proposal is not considered to provide any views that are currently unavailable from the host dwelling at current. Therefore, the proposed development is considered to be in accordance with D DM1(3) and D DM4(c) of the Arun Local Plan.

SUMMARY

The proposed 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

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:

- Block Plan
- Loft Conversion - Proposed Floor and Section - 05B/19/725/2 - Aug 19
- Loft Conversion - Proposed Elevation - B5B/19/725/3 - Aug 19

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.