

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

REF NO: M/22/14/HH

LOCATION: 17 The Layne
Bognor Regis

PROPOSAL: Proposed rear glass room.

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION

As above. The proposed extension will project 2.56 metres back from the rear elevation of the existing dwelling at a width of 6 metres. Height to roof top will be 2.742 metres.

SITE AREA

Approximately 830 square metres.

TOPOGRAPHY

Predominantly flat.

TREES

None affected by the proposed development.

BOUNDARY TREATMENT

Timber fencing varying from approximately 1.5 to 1.8 metres in height.

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

The site is occupied by a detached chalet style dwelling that has painted render elevation walls and a red tiled roof that contains dormers in the front and rear slopes.

CHARACTER OF LOCALITY

The site is located on a residential road that is bordered by fairly linear development consisting of detached bungalow and chalet style dwellings that occupy close to the full width of their respective plots. A number of these dwellings have been extended to the rear.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

M/7/10/	Ground floor and roof extension.	ApproveConditionally 31-03-2010
M/59/10/	Variation of condition 3 of planning permission M/7/10/ to amend wording to include 'a top fanlight' in place of 'permanently non-opening'	ApproveConditionally 08-10-2010

REPRESENTATIONS

Representations received:

Middleton Parish Council

No objection.

Comments on Representations received:

Noted.

CONSULTATIONS

Southern Water Planning

Consultations responses received:

No objection. The developer should look to protect the public sewerage system from inundation and infiltration.

Comments on Consultation responses:

Noted.

POLICY CONTEXT

Within Built-Up Area

Permitted Development Restriction: Relates to first floor windows, not relevant to this application.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

Arun District Local Plan 2003:

[GEN2](#)

[GEN7](#)

[DEV19](#)

Built-up Area Boundary

The Form of New Development

Extensions to existing residential buildings

Publication Version of the Local Plan -
Excluding the Spatial Portrait, Employment,
Housing Allocations, Transport, Monitoring and
Implementation sections (February 2014):

D DM1 Aspects of Form and Quality

D DM4 Extensions & Alterations to Existing
Buildings

D SP1 Design

SD SP2 Built -Up Area Boundary

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

NPPF

National Planning Policy Framework

SUPPLEMENTARY POLICY GUIDANCE

MDS

Middleton-on-Sea Village Design Statement by
Middleton PC

POLICY COMMENTARY

The above policies combine to describe the criteria against which the application will be assessed particularly with regard to visual and residential amenity.

The Development Plan consists of the Arun District Local Plan 2003.

Paragraph 215 of the NPPF ensures that specific policies in Arun District Local Plan 2003 can carry weight. The weight afforded to the policies with Local Plan policies can be assessed according to their level of consistency of the various policies with the National Planning Policy Framework. It should be noted that the NPPF states that weight is given to individual policies and not to the plan as a whole.

NPPF Paragraph 216 confirms that weight can be given to policies in emerging plans following publication. The Council agreed the majority of the Arun Local Plan in February 2014 (Publication

Version) and this is a material consideration in the determination of this planning application. The remaining chapters of the Local Plan namely: the Spatial Portrait, Employment & Enterprise, Housing Allocations, Transport, Monitoring and Implementation will be considered for publication at a later meeting of Full Council. Following 'publication' of the Local Plan a formal public consultation, examination and adoption process takes place. The chapters that have been published will undergo public consultation alongside the remaining chapters when they have been agreed. The weight given to the current published policies can be significant depending:

- the stage of preparation of the emerging plan (the more advanced the preparation, the greater the weight that may be given);
- the extent to which there are unresolved objections to relevant policies (the less significant the unresolved objections, the greater the weight that may be given);
- the degree of consistency of the relevant policies in the emerging plan to the policies in the NPPF (the closer the policies in the emerging plan to the policies in the Framework, the greater the weight that may be given).

The policies within this published version of the plan are at an advanced stage as they have been agreed by Full Council for regulation 19 consultation, they have been subject to independent audit and are considered to meet the NPPF and there are no known significant unresolved issues arising from regulation 18 consultation for the published policies.

The policies are published under Regulations 19 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The statement of representations procedure and statement of fact produced by the Council under regulation 19 explains that the consultation will take place once the remaining chapters / policies have been published.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

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 proposed extension is a single-storey structure that will be positioned entirely to the rear of the existing dwelling. It will therefore have a negligible visual presence within the street scene. It is noted that a number of nearby properties have had rear extensions of a similar scale to the proposal erected and it is therefore considered that the proposal is in keeping with the degree of surrounding development.

The modest scale of the proposed extension will ensure that it maintains visual subservience towards the host dwelling.

The moderate height of the structure will prevent it from appearing overbearing or from causing undue levels of overshadowing towards neighbouring properties. Direct views from ground floor windows towards neighbouring properties will be interrupted by site boundary treatment and will therefore not be invasive.

It is therefore recommended that the application is approved 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 for 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 it has been determined that its approval would result in a neutral impact 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).

As such, there is no requirement for any mitigation measures to be implemented.

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:-

1:1250 Location Plan;
P/001;
P/002;

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

- 3 **INFORMATIVE:** Due to surface water inundation issues in the Lidsey Catchment, the applicant is advised to adopt, where appropriate, the measures in the table 'Practical measures to reduce the potential impacts of development.'

Should any sewer be discovered during construction works, an investigation of the sewer will be required to ascertain its condition, the number of properties served and potential means of access before any further works commence on site.

The applicant is advised to discuss these matters further with Southern Water, Southern House, Sparrowgrove, Otterbourne, Hampshire, SO21 2SW (Tel: 0330 303 0119).

- 4 **INFORMATIVE:** Statement pursuant to Article 31 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2012. 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.