

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

REF NO: M/4/26/CLP

LOCATION: 24 Lane End Road
Middleton-on-sea
PO22 6LT

PROPOSAL: Lawful development certificate for the proposed conversion of existing attached garage to habitable space.

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION

As above.

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

- Class A, which pertains to the enlargement, improvement, or other alterations to a dwellinghouse.

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.

The internal works to facilitate the garage conversion will also be assessed against Section 55(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) regarding the meaning of development. This legislation states that:

- (2) The following operations or uses of land shall not be taken for the purposes of this Act to involve development of the land-
- (a) the carrying out for the maintenance, improvement or other alteration of any building of works which-
 - (i) affect only the interior of the building, or
 - (ii) do not materially affect the external appearance of the building.

CONCLUSION

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

Permitted Development

A. The enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse.

Development not permitted

A.1 Development is not permitted by Class A if -

(a) permission to use the dwellinghouse as a dwellinghouse has been granted only by virtue of Class G, M, MA, N, P, PA or Q of Part 3 of this Schedule (changes of use);

(b) as a result of the works, the total area of ground covered by buildings within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse (other than the original dwellinghouse) would exceed 50% of the total area of the curtilage (excluding the ground area of the original dwellinghouse);

(c) the height of the part of the dwellinghouse enlarged, improved or altered would exceed the height of the highest part of the roof of the existing dwellinghouse;

(d) the height of the eaves of the part of the dwellinghouse enlarged, improved or altered would exceed the height of the eaves of the existing dwellinghouse;

(e) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall which -

- (i) forms the principal elevation of the original dwellinghouse; or
- (ii) fronts a highway and forms a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse;

(f) subject to paragraph (g), the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have a single storey and -

- (i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 4 metres in the case of a detached dwellinghouse, or 3 metres in the case of any other dwellinghouse, or
- (ii) exceed 4 metres in height;

(g) for a dwellinghouse not on article 2(3) land nor on a site of special scientific interest, the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have a single storey and -

(i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 8 metres in the case of a detached dwellinghouse, or 6 metres in the case of any other dwellinghouse, or
(ii) exceed 4 metres in height;

(h) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have more than a single storey and -
(i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 3 metres, or (ii) be within 7 metres of any boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse being enlarged which is opposite the rear wall of that dwellinghouse;
(ii) be within 7 metres of any boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse being enlarged which is opposite the rear wall of that dwellinghouse;

(i) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would be within 2 metres of the boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse, and the height of the eaves of the enlarged part would exceed 3 metres;

(j) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse, and would -
(i) exceed 4 metres in height,
(ii) have more than a single storey, or
(iii) have a width greater than half the width of the original dwellinghouse;

(ja) any total enlargement (being the enlarged part together with any existing enlargement of the original dwellinghouse to which it will be joined) exceeds or would exceed the limits set out in sub-paragraphs (e) to (j);

(k) it would consist of or include -
(i) the construction or provision of a verandah, balcony or raised platform,
(ii) the installation, alteration or replacement of a microwave antenna,
(iii) the installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe, or
(iv) an alteration to any part of the roof of the dwellinghouse.; or

(l) the dwellinghouse is built under Part 20 of this Schedule (construction of new dwellinghouses).

The property known as 24 Lane End Road, Middleton-on-sea is a semi-detached dwelling and is neither listed nor located within a Conservation Area. The external materials and finishes of the garage conversion would match the existing dwelling. The internal alterations would not constitute development as set out at Section 55(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and as such, do not require planning permission.

There are no permitted development restrictions upon this property.

The proposed garage conversion complies with relevant sections of Schedule 2, Part 1, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 and Section 55(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). It is considered to be permitted development as 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 5 February 2026 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, would have been 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 A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 and Section 55(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

FIRST SCHEDULE

The proposed garage conversion as shown on the following plans:

- Location Plan
- Proposed Floor Plan, North and South Elevations, Roof Plan PL01

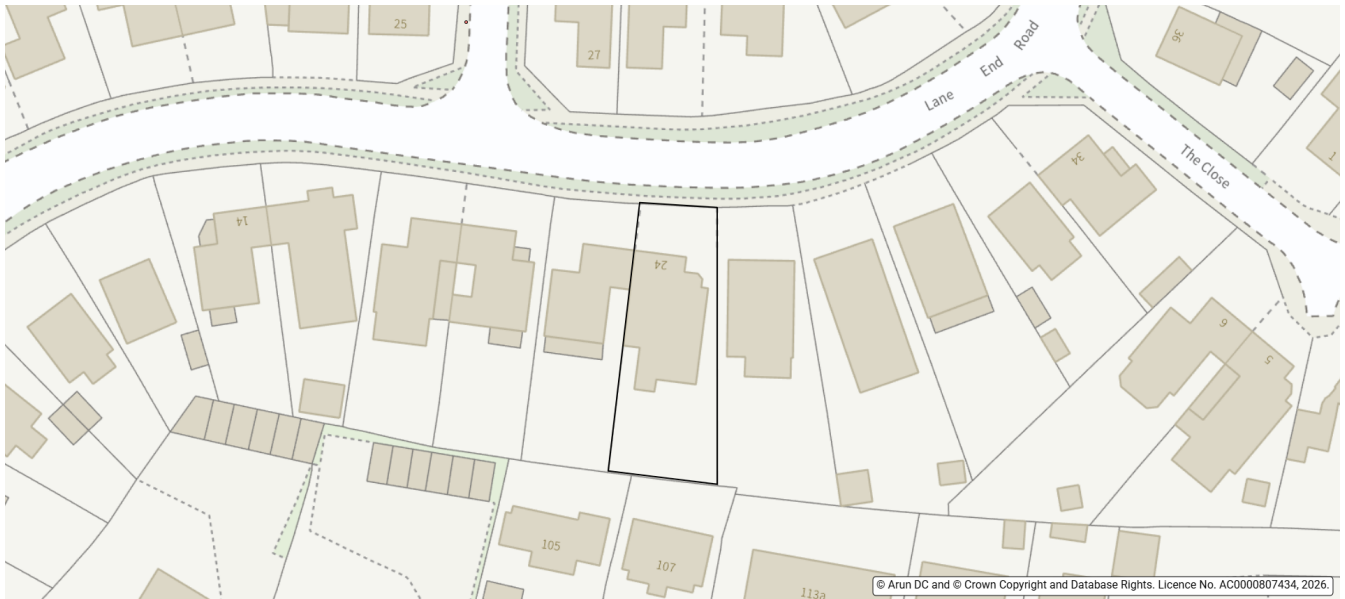
SECOND SCHEDULE

24 Lane End Road, Middleton-on-sea, West Sussex, PO22 6LT

EXTENT OF USE

Conversion of garage to a habitable space.

M/4/26/CLP - Indicative Location Plan (Do not Scale or Copy)
(All plans face north unless otherwise indicated with a north point)



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