

Recommendation Report for Planning Permission

REF NO: R/123/17/PL

LOCATION: 45 Harsfold Road
Rustington

PROPOSAL: Removal of condition number 10 imposed under planning approval R/115/97 to allow conversion of existing garage to bedroom & storage.

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION

The application seeks permission for the removal of condition 10 imposed under planning approval R/115/97.

Condition 10 stated;

"The integral garages shall be used as private domestic garages in relation to the dwellings hereby approved and for no other purpose.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the neighbouring properties and to ensure the provision of adequate off street parking space."

SITE AREA

N/A

TOPOGRAPHY

Predominantly flat.

TREES

None affected by the proposed development.

BOUNDARY TREATMENT

The front boundary of the site is open with 2m high hedging on the side boundaries forward of the primary elevation.

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

The site is occupied by a terraced town house with brick at ground floor level, rendered elevations at first floor level and a tiled roof. The property features 2 no. dormer windows on the primary elevation.

CHARACTER OF LOCALITY

The character of the locality is predominantly residential featuring a mixture of houses and flats.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

None.

REPRESENTATIONS

Representations received:

Rustington Parish Council

My Council has noted the above application and wishes to raise no objection to it.

Comments on Representations received:

Comments noted.

CONSULTATIONS

Consultations responses received:

None.

Comments on Consultation responses:

N/A

POLICY CONTEXT

Designation applicable to site:

Within built area boundary.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

Arun District Local Plan 2003:	DEV19 GEN2 GEN7	Extensions to existing residential buildings Built-up Area Boundary The Form of New Development
Publication Version of the Local Plan (October 2014):		D DM1 Aspects of Form and Design Quality D DM4 Extensions and Alterations to Existing Buildings (residential and non-residential) SD SP2 Built-Up Area Boundary
Rustington Neighbourhood Plan 2014 Policy 2		Housing Design

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NPPG	National Planning Practice Guidance

POLICY COMMENTARY

The Development Plan consists of the Arun District Local Plan 2003, West Sussex County Council's Waste and Minerals Plans and Made Neighbourhood Development Plans.

A new local plan is in preparation may be a material consideration when determining Planning Applications. At this stage the Arun District Local Plan 2011-2031 (Publication Version) October 2014 and supporting documents were submitted for independent examination on 30 January 2015. The Examination into the submitted plan was commenced but is currently suspended whilst Arun District Council addresses matters raised by the Inspector.

A number of Main Modifications to the Arun District Local Plan 2011-2031 (Publication Version) October 2014 were approved by the Council on 22nd March 2017 and consultation on these has taking place. The Main Modifications should be read alongside the Arun District Local Plan 2011-2031 (Publication Version) October 2014 and where there are changes the Main Modification may also be material consideration to take into account. The examination is due to re-commence in Autumn 2017 following publication of modifications to the Plan.

The policies are published under Regulations 19 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan

Where applicable, Neighbourhood Development Plan's (more commonly known as a neighbourhood plan or NDP), once made by Arun District Council, will form part of the statutory local development plan for the relevant designated neighbourhood area and policies within them will be considered in determining planning applications. Made NDP policies will be considered alongside other development plan documents including Arun District Council's Local Plan. Whilst an NDP is under preparation it will afford little weight in the determination of planning applications. Its status will however gain more weight as a material consideration the closer it is towards it being made. Arun District Council will make reference to an NDP when it has, by the close of planning application consultation, been publicised for pre-submission consultation(Reg.14).

Made Plans in Arun District Council's Local Planning Authority Area are: Aldingbourne; Angmering; Arundel; Barnham & Eastergate; Bersted; Bognor Regis; Clymping; East Preston; Felpham; Ferring; Kingston; Littlehampton; Rustington; Walberton; Yapton. The written Ministerial Statement of 13 December 2016 confirms that relevant policies for the supply of housing in Neighbourhood Plans should not be deemed to be out of date where all of the following circumstances arise;

- The NDP has been part of the development plan for 2 years or less or the ministerial statement is less than 2 years old
- The NDP allocates sites for housing
- The Council can demonstrate a three-year supply of deliverable housing sites

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The Rustington Neighbourhood plan has been made and policy 2 is considered relevant to the determination of this application.

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 application seeks permission for the removal of condition 10 imposed under planning approval R/115/97. Condition 10 sought to restrict the use of the integrated garages for the dwellings as personal garages and for no other purpose in order to safeguard the amenities of the neighbouring properties and to ensure the provision of adequate off street parking space.

The original garage has already been converted to provide an additional ground floor bedroom and an outdoor storage room. 2 No. parking spaces have been retained forward of the primary elevation and as such it is considered that the loss of the garage does not give rise to unacceptable harm to the residential amenity of neighbours nor does it result in an unacceptable provision of parking at the site.

It is also considered that the proposed alterations to the fenestration of the dwelling does not have an unacceptably adverse impact upon the character of the host dwelling or the wider locality in accordance with policy GEN7(ii) of the Arun District Local Plan and Policy 2 of the Rustington Neighbourhood Plan.

Therefore, it is recommended that the application is approved subject to the below 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 no impacts have been identified upon any protected characteristics.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE

- 1 The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: Block Plan, proposed ground floor plan, proposed front elevation.

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

- 2 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.