

Recommendation Report for Planning Permission

REF NO: R/137/19/PL

LOCATION: Beach Court
Harsfold Road/Cove Road
Rustington
BN16 2RQ

PROPOSAL: Replacement of balconies

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	The application seeks to replace the existing balconies on site, with balconies of a similar appearance. The glass screens will remain unaltered.
SITE AREA	N/A.
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat.
TREES	None of any significance affected by the proposed development.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	The site is open plan.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	The site is populated by a large building, forming flats.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	The area is host to a mixture of building styles.
Noted.	

REPRESENTATIONS**REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED:**

Rustington Parish Council
Parish Council - No objection.

No representations received from occupiers of nearby occupiers.

COMMENTS ON REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED:

Noted.

CONSULTATION RESPONSES RECEIVED:

None.

COMMENTS ON CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

N/A.

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
DDM4	D DM4 Extensions&alter to exist builds(res and non-res)
DSP1	D SP1 Design
SDSP2	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 Local Plan 2011 - 2031, West Sussex County Council's Waste and Minerals Plans and Made Neighbourhood Development Plans.

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

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).

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 the proposed development is not considered to result in any significantly harmful impact upon the character of the host building, or its locality, nor is it considered to give rise to any significantly harmful impact upon the occupiers of nearby dwellings.

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

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 2 of the Rustington 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 is not considered to result in any significantly harmful impact upon the character of the host building or its locality. This is due to the modest scale of the proposed works, and the proposed materials. In addition it will be finished to a uniform appearance throughout all balconies. 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 have any significant impact upon the residential amenities of nearby dwellings. This is as a result of its minor built form, and the fact that there would not be any significant in available views from the proposed balconies. Therefore, it is considered that the proposed development is 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:

- Location Plan - 19/4636/1
- Proposed Floor Plans - 19/4636/5 - June 2019
- Proposed Elevations - 19/4636/6 - June 2019

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.