



DELEGATED APPLICATIONS - ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO./ADDRESS:

DC/26/0438

Roosthole , Hammerpond Road, Mannings Heath, West Sussex, RH13 6PG

DESCRIPTION:

Variation of Condition 1 of previously approved application reference DC/25/1832 (Demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey side extensions. Erection of a garage with studio above) to update block plan.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

DC/23/1028	Demolition of existing side extensions and erection of a two-storey side extensions with associated alterations.	Application 11.01.2024	Permitted	on
DC/25/1832	Demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey side extensions. Erection of a garage with studio above.	Application 21.01.2026	Permitted	on

RELEVANT PLANNING POLICIES

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Horsham District Planning Framework (2015):

Policy 28 - Replacement Dwellings and House Extensions in the Countryside

Policy 32 - Strategic Policy: The Quality of New Development

Policy 33 - Development Principles

Policy 41 - Parking

Nuthurst Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2015-2031:

Policy 10: Housing Design

Horsham District Local Plan (2023-40) (Regulation 19):

Policy 19: Development Quality

Policy 20: Development Principles

Policy 25: Parking

Policy 45: Replacement Dwellings and House Extensions in the Countryside

Nuthurst Parish Design Statement

REPRESENTATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS RESPONSES

Where consultation responses have been summarised, it should be noted that Officers have had consideration of the full comments received, which are available to view on the public file at www.horsham.gov.uk.

Consultations:

Natural England: Standing Advice:-

It cannot be concluded that existing abstraction within the Sussex North Water Supply Zone is not having an adverse effect on the integrity of the Arun Valley SAC/SPA/Ramsar sites. Developments within Sussex North must therefore must not add to this impact and one way of achieving this is to

demonstrate water neutrality. The definition of water neutrality is the use of water in the supply area before the development is the same or lower after the development is in place.

To achieve this Natural England is working in partnership with all the relevant authorities to secure water neutrality collectively through a water neutrality strategy. Whilst the strategy is evolving, Natural England advises that decisions on planning applications should await its completion. However, if there are applications which a planning authority deems critical to proceed in the absence of the strategy, then Natural England advises that any application needs to demonstrate water neutrality.

Parish Comments:

None received

Representations:

None received

HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITY:

The application has been considered having regard to Article 1 of the First Protocol of the Human Rights Act 1998, which sets out a person's rights to the peaceful enjoyment of property and Article 8 of the same Act, which sets out their rights in respect to private and family life and for the home. Officers consider that the proposal would not be contrary to the provisions of the above Articles.

The application has also been considered in accordance with Horsham District Council's public sector equality duty, which seeks to prevent unlawful discrimination, to promote equality of opportunity and to foster good relations between people in a diverse community, in accordance with Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. In this case, the proposal is not anticipated to have any potential impact from an equality perspective.

PLANNING ASSESSMENT:

The application has been assessed on the basis of the submitted details, together with the planning history of the site and adjoining properties, available images and photographs supplied by the agent. These details were considered sufficient to allow the application to be properly considered and determined.

Character and Appearance

Policy 28 of the HDPF relates to house extensions and outbuildings in the countryside, stating that ancillary accommodation and garaging must demonstrate that the need for additional space cannot be met from an existing dwelling or buildings suitable of conversion on the site, with new outbuildings sited to have regard to the dwelling they serve and be grouped with the house. The policy also states that the use of ancillary accommodation as a separate dwelling will not be supported.

Policies 32 and 33 of the HDPF seek to ensure that development promotes a high standard and quality of design in order to enhance and protect locally distinctive characters. The policies also seek to ensure that the scale, massing and appearance of development relates sympathetically with the built surroundings, landscape, open spaces and routes within and adjoining the site, including any impact on the skyline and important views.

Policy 10 of the NP states that the scale, density, massing, height, landscape design, layout and materials of all development proposals, including alterations to existing buildings, will be required to reflect the architectural and historic character and scale of the surrounding buildings.

This application seeks a minor material amendment, through a variation of the approved plans list, to update the block plan. The amendment would maintain the overall form and proportions of the original permission with the relocation of the garage of no particular consequence to the host building or wider surrounding area. It is considered that the proposal would not adversely impact on the appearance of

the building or visual amenities of the locality, and the proposal is considered acceptable in accordance with the above policies.

The proposal would be a clearly subservient addition and is considered to be of a design, form and scale which is appropriate to the character and appearance of the existing dwelling, and which would not harm the character or appearance of the wider area. It is therefore considered that the visual impact of the proposal is acceptable and would accord with the above policies.

Impact on Neighbouring Amenity

Policy 33 of the HDPF states that permission will be granted for development that does not cause unacceptable harm to the amenity of the occupiers/users of nearby properties and land.

It is considered that the siting and layout of the proposed extension and the resulting relationship with adjoining properties would be sufficient to prevent any unacceptable harm to neighbouring amenity.

Water Neutrality

There is no clear or compelling evidence to suggest the nature and scale of the proposed development would result in a more intensive occupation of the dwelling necessitating an increased consumption of water that would result in a significant impact on the Arun Valley SAC, SPA and Ramsar sites, either alone or in combination with other plans and projects. The grant of planning permission would not therefore adversely affect the integrity of these sites or otherwise conflict with policy 31 of the HDPF, NPPF paragraph 193 and the Council's obligations under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

Biodiversity Net Gain

In accordance with the Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Exemptions) Regulations 2024, all householder applications are current exempt from the statutory requirement to demonstrate a 10% net gain in biodiversity.

Conclusion

The proposal is considered to comply with relevant local and national planning policies and is therefore recommended for approval.

Recommendation: Application Permitted

Conditions:

- 2 **Standard Time Condition:** The development hereby permitted must be commenced by the 21/01/2029.

Reason: To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

- 3 **Pre-Commencement Condition:** Any works which will impact the breeding / resting place of bats, shall not in in any circumstances commence unless the local planning authority has been provided with either:
- a) a licence issued by Natural England pursuant to Regulation 55 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) authorizing the specified activity/development to go ahead; or
 - b) evidence of site registration supplied by an individual registered to use a Bat Mitigation Class Licence; or
 - c) a statement in writing from the Natural England to the effect that it does not consider that the specified activity/development will require a licence.

Reason: As these matters are fundamental to safeguard the ecology and biodiversity of the area in accordance with Policy 31 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015), and to conserve protected species and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and s17 Crime & Disorder Act 1998.

- 4 **Pre-Commencement (Slab Level) Condition:** No development above ground floor slab level shall commence until a lighting design scheme for biodiversity has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall identify those features on site that are particularly sensitive for bats and that are likely to cause disturbance along important routes used for foraging; and show how and where external lighting will be installed (through the provision of appropriate lighting contour plans and technical specifications) so that it can be clearly demonstrated that areas to be lit will not disturb or prevent bats using their territory.

All external lighting shall be installed in accordance with the specifications and locations set out in the scheme and maintained thereafter in accordance with the scheme. Under no circumstances should any other external lighting be installed without prior consent from the local planning authority.

Reason: As these matters are fundamental to safeguard the ecology and biodiversity of the area in accordance with Policy 31 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015), and to enhance Protected and Priority Species/habitats and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

- 5 **Pre-Commencement (Slab Level) Condition:** No development above ground floor slab level shall commence until a Biodiversity Enhancement Layout, providing the finalised details and locations of the enhancement measures contained within the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (David Archer Associates, February 2023), has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The enhancement measures shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details prior to occupation and all features shall be retained in that manner thereafter.

Reason: As these matters are fundamental to safeguard the ecology and biodiversity of the area in accordance with Policy 31 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015), and to enhance Protected and Priority Species/habitats and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

- 6 **Regulatory Condition:** The materials to be used in the development hereby permitted shall strictly accord with those indicated on the email from Inside Out Architectural Consultants Ltd received 28.04.2026.

Reason: To enable the Local Planning Authority to control the development in detail in the interests of visual amenity and in accordance with Policy 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

- 7 **Regulatory Condition:** The development hereby permitted shall be undertaken in strict accordance with the ecological mitigation and enhancement measures set out in the Ecological Review (Fellgrove Ecological Consultancy, November 2023), Bat Activity Assessment Report (Fellgrove Ecological Consultancy, September 2023) and Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (David Archer Associates, February 2023).

Reason: As these matters are fundamental to safeguard the ecology and biodiversity of the area in accordance with Policy 31 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015), and to enhance Protected and Priority Species/habitats and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

- 8 **Regulatory Condition:** The garage with studio above hereby permitted shall be used solely for purposes incidental to the occupation and enjoyment of the residential property at Roosthole, Hammerpond Road, Mannings Heath (as identified on the approved plans), and shall not be used as a separate unit of accommodation, as habitable living accommodation, for any commercial purposes or for any other purposes(s)/use(s), without express planning consent from the Local Planning Authority first being obtained.

Reason: In the interests of amenity, to enable the Local Planning Authority to regulate and control the development and in accordance with Policies 26 and 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE STATEMENT

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, in order to be able to, where possible, grant permission.

Plans list for: DC/26/0438

Schedule of plans/documents **approved:**

Plan Type	Description	Drawing Number	Received Date
Block plan	PROPOSED	A.03	10.03.2026

Plans list for: DC/25/1832

Schedule of plans/documents **approved:**

Plan Type	Description	Drawing Number	Received Date
Supporting Statement	Bat Activity Assessment Report	NONE	10.11.2025
Roof plan	Existing	A.05	10.11.2025
Elevation plan	Existing	A.07	10.11.2025
Elevation plan	Proposed	A.11	10.11.2025
Roof plan	Proposed	A.10	10.11.2025
Elevation plan	Proposed	A.14	10.11.2025
Floor plan	Proposed roof	A.13	10.11.2025
Elevation plan	Proposed	A.12	10.11.2025
Floor plan	Existing	A.04	10.11.2025
Location plan		A.01	10.11.2025
Floor plan	Proposed First	A.09	10.11.2025
Floor plan	Proposed Ground	A.08	10.11.2025
Elevation plan	Existing	A.06	10.11.2025
Block plan	Existing	A.02	10.11.2025
Supporting Statement	Preliminary Ecological Appraisal	NONE	21.01.2026
Supporting Statement	Ecological Review	NONE	21.01.2026

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Case Officer sign/initial Marie Riggs Date: 28.04.2026

Authorising Officer sign/initial RHERMITAGE Date: 05.05.2026