Horsham District Council

DELEGATED APPLICATIONS - ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO./ADDRESS:
DC/24/1995
Cherry Cottage, Worthing Road, Southwater, West Sussex, RH13 9BH

DESCRIPTION:
Erection of a pitched roof dormer at first floor level to create new bedroom space.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:
None
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

Southwater Neighbourhood Development Plan (2019-2031):
SNP14 – Adequate Provision of Car Parking
SNP16 – Design

Southwater Parish Design Statement 2011

Horsham District Local Plan (2023-40) (Regulation 19):
Policy 19: Development Quality
Policy 20: Development Principles

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:
1 representation have been received, supporting the application for the following reasons: -
We have no objection and support the planning application for the additional room. The design will not impact us.

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

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.

SNP16 – Design: "*All development must be of high-quality design. In Southwater this means:*

a. Facing buildings with locally sourced materials, or materials equivalent to those that would historically have been sourced locally wherever possible."

Cherry Cottage, Worthing Road, is a detached two storey dwelling within the built-up boundary of Southwater. Permission is sought for the erection of a pitched roof dormer at first floor level to create new bedroom space. This is to provide necessary additional space for the residents. The dwelling sits back from the main road and benefits from a large residential curtilage with sufficient space from neighbouring properties. The neighbours to the east of the application site is set significantly back from the main road and, therefore, from the application site. The proposal would be an addition to the east elevation and would extend on the side of the property. The dormer to the side has windows, however, due to the position of the neighbouring property these would not cause overlooking or create any unacceptable views within a built-up area.

This area of Worthing Road has several properties of similar description and most have been extended or modified in various ways. The applicants neighbour has a similar footprint, and the garage has been converted with a roof light to the front elevation. Several properties along from the application site have

also extended the roof in various ways similar to that of the proposal. The materials are proposed to match that of the existing property.

It is therefore not considered that the addition would cause harmful visual impact to the street scene. 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 shall begin before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

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

3 **Regulatory Condition**: The materials and finishes of all new external walls, windows and roofs of the development hereby permitted shall match in type, colour and texture those of the existing building.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and in accordance with Policy 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/24/1995
Schedule of plans/documents **approved**:

Plan Type	Description	Drawing Number	Received Date
Elevation plan	Existing	NONE REV A	23.12.2024
Elevation plan	Proposed	NONE REV A	23.12.2024
Floor plan	Proposed section	NONE REV A	23.12.2024
Floor plan	Existing section	NONE	23.12.2024
Location & Block plan		NONE	23.12.2024

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Case Officer sign/initial Meg Bayliss Date: 06/02/2025

Authorising Officer sign/initial RHERMITAGE Date: 17.02.2025