Horsham District Council

DELEGATED APPLICATIONS - ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO./ADDRESS:

DC/24/0522
5 Roberts Close, Southwater, West Sussex, RH13 9BJ

DESCRIPTION:

Erection of a single storey rear extension.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

None relevant

RELEVANT PLANNING POLICIES

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Horsham District Planning Framework (2015):
Policy 32- Strategic Policy: The Quality of New Development
Policy 33- Development Principles

Neighbourhood Plan:
Southwater Neighbourhood Development Plan (2019-2031)
Policy SNP16 - Design

REPRESENTATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS RESPONSES

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: Objection

In accordance with para 8.4 of the Southwater Neighbourhood Plan, contrary to the Southwater Parish Design Statement 2011, and thus contrary to SNP Policy 16

Representations:

1 letter of representation received in support of the application which considered the proposal a nice addition

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

Character and Appearance

Policy 32 and 33 of the HDPF seeks 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 SNP 16 of the Southwater Neighbourhood Plan states that all development must be of high quality design, including facing buildings with locally sourced materials or equivalent, encouraging a variety of complementary vernaculars to encourage contextually appropriate design and diversity, and making sure that the design of new development actively responds to other properties in the vicinity.

It is considered that the proposed single storey rear extension would be seen as a coherent and sympathetic addition, which would reflect the form and detailing when viewed against the host dwelling and would be sited appropriately within the curtilage of the site. The proposed works would not be particularly visible from a public vantage point and would not therefore affect the key character of the street scene. In view from the adjoining neighbouring properties, the extension is considered to be of an appropriate design, form and scale appropriate to the character and appearance of the existing dwelling and would not harm the character or appearance of the wider area.

Whilst it is acknowledged that the Parish Council have objected to the development on the basis that part of the proposed single storey extension would have a flat roof, given that the proposed extension would be to the rear and would not be visible from a vantage point, the impact of this design approach is considered to be minimal and is not considered to warrant refusal of this application

On the balance of these considerations, it is therefore considered that the proposal would be a clearly subservient addition and would 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.

Policy SNP16 of the Southwater Neighbourhood Plan states that all development should not result in unacceptable harm to the amenities of existing and proposed buildings, particularly with regard to privacy, outlook, daylight and sunlight.

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 180 and the Council's obligations under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

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/24/0522
Schedule of plans/documents **approved**:

Plan Type	Description	Drawing Number	Received Date
Floor plan	Proposed Floor Plans	A110 REV A	04.04.2024
Elevation plan	Existing Elevations	A200	04.04.2024
Elevation plan	Proposed Elevations	A210	04.04.2024

Location & Block plan	Site Location & Block Plan	A000	04.04.2024
Floor plan	Existing Floor Plans	A100 REV A	04.04.2024

DELEGATED

Case Officer sign/initial Marie Riggs Date: 23.05.2024

Authorising Officer sign/initial Tamara Dale Date: 30.05.2024