



DELEGATED APPLICATIONS - ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO./ADDRESS:

DC/26/1268

24 Windmill Copse, Storrington, West Sussex, RH20 4HB

DESCRIPTION:

Erection of a rear conservatory.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

None.

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

Storrington, Sullington & Washington Neighbourhood Plan 2018-2031, September 2019

Policy 14- Design

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:

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

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 14 of the Storrington, Sullington & Washington NP similarly requires that the scale, density, massing, height, landscape design, layout and materials of all development proposals, including alterations to existing buildings, reflect the architectural and historic character and scale of the surrounding buildings and landscape.

The application site relates to a semi-detached residential dwelling within the Storrington and Sullington built-up boundary area. Its location is characterised by similar houses set within defined plots with private rear gardens. The surrounding area comprises predominantly residential development, much of which has been extended and altered over time.

The proposal seeks the erection of a single-storey rear conservatory to the host dwelling. The proposed materials are to match those of the existing with the installation of a large roof light and bi-fold doors. Given its rearward location, modest scale and domestic appearance, the proposal would integrate acceptably with the existing dwelling and would not harm the character or appearance of the host property or wider area.

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.

The proposed conservatory would be located wholly within the rear garden and would remain single storey in scale. Given its modest footprint, height and separation from neighbouring properties, it is not considered that the proposal would result in an unacceptable loss of light, outlook or privacy to adjoining occupiers.

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 N6 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.

Other Matters

Officers note that the proposed plans indicate that the manhole would be relocated as part of the proposal. This forms part of Southern Water's sewer networks- therefore, the applicant would need to obtain further consent would be required from Southern Water in order to undertake the works. This permission does not grant the applicant consent to alter the sewer network without Southern Water's consent. An informative is therefore attached to advise the applicant that further consent may be required.

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/26/1268

Schedule of plans/documents **approved**:

Plan Type	Description	Drawing Number	Received Date
Block plan		B.043.26.01	07.08.2026
Elevation plan	Existing	B.043.26.04	07.08.2026
Floor plan	Existing Ground	B.043.26.02	07.08.2026
Roof plan	Existing	B.043.26.03	07.08.2026
Location plan		NONE	07.08.2026
Elevation plan	Proposed	B.043.26.07	07.08.2026
Floor plan	Proposed Ground	B.043.26.05	07.08.2026
Roof plan	Proposed	B.043.26.06	07.08.2026

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Case Officer sign/initial Meg Bayliss Date: 21/09/2026

Authorising Officer sign/initial RHERMITAGE Date: 28.09.2026