Horsham District Council

# DELEGATED APPLICATIONS - ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO./ADDRESS:

DC/23/2315
Goodwin Cottage, Billingshurst Road, Coolham, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 8QN

DESCRIPTION:

Erection of a single storey side extension (Retrospective)

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

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| DC/22/2208 | Erection of a single storey side extension. | Application Permitted on 13.02.2023 |
| DC/21/2484 | Application to confirm the use of the building as a single dwelling house for a period of more than four continuous years before the date of this permission. | Permitted on 18.01.2022 |

RELEVANT PLANNING POLICIES

**The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**

**Horsham District Planning Framework (2015)**:

Policy 26- Strategic Policy: Countryside Protection
Policy 28- Replacement Dwellings and House Extensions in the Countryside
Policy 31- Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity
Policy 32- Strategic Policy: The Quality of New Development
Policy 33- Development Principles

**Shipley Parish Neighbourhood Plan (2019-2031)**:
Policy Ship HD3: High Quality Design

**Planning Advice Notes**:
Facilitating Appropriate Development
Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure

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:

Neutral comment

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 seeks to ensure that outside the defined built-up areas, house extensions, replacement dwellings and ancillary accommodation will be supported if the development can be accommodated appropriately within the curtilage of the existing dwelling. In addition, extensions should not be disproportionate to the size of the existing dwelling and should be in keeping with the scale and character of the existing dwelling. The policy states that the cumulative impact of existing extensions will also be taken into account.

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 Ship HD3 states "*All proposals for new development in Shipley Parish are expected to respond positively to local design characteristics and features as set out in the Shipley Parish Design Guidance (in Appendix 2 of this Neighbourhood Plan). New development should be of a size and scale which respects and, where possible, enhances the character of the area or locality, using materials typical of the area."*

It is noted that a lawful development certificate to regularise and confirm the use of the building as a residential dwelling was permitted in 2022, under planning reference (DC/21/2484). An application for a single storey side extension was granted permission under DC/22/2208. This application was of a

similar scale and design to the current application under consideration, albeit that there have been some alterations to the siting and fenestration.

As with the previous application, the proposal would be a 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 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 to be used in the development hereby permitted shall match those of the existing building.

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).

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/23/2315**
(The approved plans will form Condition 1 on the Decision Notice of all Permitted applications)

Schedule of plans/documents **approved**:

| Plan Type | Description | Drawing Number | Received Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| Location plan | Location Plan | KP3 | 07.03.2024 |
| Block plan | Block Plan | KP2 | 21.12.2023 |
| Block plan | Block Plan | KP2B | 21.12.2023 |
| Elevation & Floor plan | Proposed Floor Plan and Elevations | KP1 | 21.12.2023 |
| Elevation & Floor plan | Existing Plans | KP4 | 07.03.2024 |

**DELEGATED**

Case Officer sign/initial Hannah Darley Date: 02/05/2024

Authorising Officer sign/initial Tamara Dale Date: 02/05/2024