Horsham District Council

DELEGATED APPLICATIONS - ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO./ADDRESS:
DC/24/1184
Builders Yard East of Mead Farm , Stane Street, Slinfold, RH13 0RE,

DESCRIPTION:
Variation of Condition 1 of previously approved application DC/22/0370 (Redevelopment of existing builder's yard and erection of 1no detached dwelling and a detached carport/garage) Relating to the removal of remove south facing first floor balcony to be replaced with two smaller east facing balconies. Removal of third floor window, replaced with 2nd floor window. Addition of ground floor family room.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

DC/22/0370	Redevelopment of existing builder's yard and erection of 1no detached dwelling and a detached carport/garage.	Application Permitted on 10.01.2024
DISC/24/0054	Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 3 to approved application DC/22/0370	Application Permitted on 03.06.2024
DISC/24/0074	Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 4 to approved application DC/22/0370	Application Permitted on 03.06.2024
DC/24/0444	Non Material Amendment to previously approved application DC/22/0370 (Redevelopment of existing builder's yard and erection of 1no detached dwelling and a detached carport/garage) Regulatory condition 15 of planning permission be removed in place of this Nature Space District Licence.	Application Permitted on 18.04.2024
DC/24/0739	Variation of Condition 1 of previously approved application DC/22/0370 (Redevelopment of existing builder's yard and erection of 1no detached dwelling and a detached carport/garage) Removal of existing south facing dormers, installation of solar panels and replace north facing sloping roof with flat roof to accommodate tilting south facing solar panels.	Application Permitted on 08.07.2024

RELEVANT PLANNING POLICIES
The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Horsham District Planning Framework (2015):
Policy 25 - Strategic Policy: The Natural Environment and Landscape Character
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
Policy 40 - Sustainable Transport
Policy 41 - Parking

Slinfold Neighbourhood Plan 2014-2031
Policy 3 – Green Infrastructure

Policy 4 – Conserve and Enhance Biodiversity
Policy 5 – Development Principle

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

Consulations:
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:
No objection

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 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.

Planning permission was granted in January 2024 for the redevelopment of existing builder's yard and erection of 1no detached dwelling and a detached carport/garage. The application seeks to vary the approved plans to facilitate the removal of south facing first floor balcony to be replaced with two smaller east facing balconies. Removal of third floor window, replaced with 2nd floor window. Addition of ground floor family room.

The proposed amendments to the approved design would maintain the overall form and proportions of the original permission. The increase in scale is considered to be modest and the resulting dwelling would continue to be well contained within the curtilage and in relation to the pattern of surrounding development and the countryside location. It is considered that the proposal would not adversely impact on the appearance of the building or visual amenities of locality, and the proposal is considered acceptable in accordance with policies 32 and 33 of the HDPF.

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 amendments 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.

Biodiversity Net Gain

Paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states that planning permission is deemed to have been granted subject to the "biodiversity gain condition" which means development granted by this notice must not begin unless:

(a) a Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority, and
(b) the planning authority has approved the plan.

Under Regulation 4 of The Environment Act 2021 (Commencement No. 8 and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2024 the statutory biodiversity gain condition does not apply in relation a section 73 planning permission where:

(a) the original planning permission (a planning permission which is the first in a sequence of two or more planning permissions, where the second and any subsequent planning permissions are section 73 planning permissions) to which the section 73 planning permission relates was granted before 12th February 2024; or
(b) the application for the original planning permission to which the section 73 planning permission relates was made before 12th February 2024.

Based on the information on the date of the original planning permission to which this section 73 planning permission relates, the Planning Authority considers that biodiversity net gain does not apply.

Conclusions

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

Recommendation: Application Permitted

Conditions:

2 **Regulatory (Time) Condition**: The development hereby permitted must be commenced by the 10.01.2027.

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

3 **Regulatory Condition**: The development shall be carried out in strict accordance with the Construction Management Plan as approved under planning application reference DISC/24/0054.

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).

4 **Regulatory Condition**: The development shall be carried out in strict accordance with the Arboricultural Method Statement as approved under planning application reference DISC/24/0074.

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).

5 **Pre-Commencement (Slab Level) Condition**: Prior to the commencement of development above slab level, a scheme of noise and vibration attenuation and ventilation sufficient to prevent overheating and maintain thermal comfort of occupiers shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme including performance details and a glazing plan shall achieve the habitable room standards as detailed in BS8233:2014 with no relaxation for exceptional circumstances and appropriate consideration of LAmax including details of post construction validation. All work must be carried out by suitably qualified person and the approved noise, vibration attenuation and ventilation measures shall thereafter be retained and maintained in working order for the duration of the use in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: As this matter is fundamental in the interests of residential amenities by ensuring an acceptable noise level for the occupants of the development in accordance with Policy 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

6 **Pre-Commencement (Slab Level) Condition**: No development above ground floor slab level of any part of the development hereby permitted shall take place until a schedule of materials and finishes and colours to be used for external walls, windows and roofs of the approved building(s) has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority in writing and all materials used in the construction of the development hereby permitted shall conform to those approved.

Reason: As this matter is fundamental to enable the Local Planning Authority to control the development in detail in the interests of amenity by endeavouring to achieve a building of visual quality in accordance with Policy 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

7 **Pre-Commencement (Slab Level) Condition**: No development above ground floor slab level of any part of the development hereby permitted shall take place until a Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy for Protected and Priority species shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The content of the Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy shall include the following:

a) Purpose and conservation objectives for the proposed enhancement measures;
b) detailed designs to achieve stated objectives;
c) locations of proposed enhancement measures by appropriate maps and plans;
d) persons responsible for implementing the enhancement measures;
e) details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance (where relevant).

The works shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details prior to occupation and shall be retained in that manner thereafter.

Reason: To enhance protected and Priority species & habitats and allow the Local Planning Authority to discharge its duties under the s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species) under the s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

8 **Pre-Occupation Condition**: The development hereby permitted shall not be first occupied 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: To allow the Local Planning Authority to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 as amended and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species) and Policy 31 of the Horsham Development Framework.

9 **Pre-Occupation Condition**: No part of the development hereby permitted shall be occupied until a scheme for the provision of electrical vehicle charging points has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved scheme shall be installed prior to first occupation of the development and shall thereafter remain as such.

Reason: To provide electric vehicle car charging space for the use in accordance with Policies 35 and 41 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015) and the WSCC Parking Standards (2019).

10 **Pre-Occupation Condition**: No part of the development hereby permitted shall be first occupied until full details of all hard and soft landscaping works shall have been submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority. The details shall include plans and measures addressing the following:

- Details of all existing trees and planting to be retained
- Details of all proposed trees and planting, including schedules specifying species, planting size, densities and plant numbers and tree pit details

- o Details of all hard surfacing materials and finishes
- o Details of all boundary treatments

The approved landscaping scheme shall be fully implemented in accordance with the approved details within the first planting season following the first occupation of any part of the development. Unless otherwise agreed as part of the approved landscaping, no trees or hedges on the site shall be wilfully damaged or uprooted, felled/removed, topped or lopped without the previous written consent of the Local Planning Authority until 5 years after completion of the development. Any proposed or retained planting, which within a period of 5 years, dies, is removed, or becomes seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species unless the Local Planning Authority gives written consent to any variation.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory development that is sympathetic to the landscape and townscape character and built form of the surroundings, and in the interests of visual amenity in accordance with Policy 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015)

11 **Pre-Occupation Condition**: No part of the development hereby permitted shall be occupied until provision for the storage of refuse and recycling has been made in the garage or side garden of the dwelling. These facilities shall thereafter be retained for use at all times.

Reason: To ensure the adequate provision of recycling facilities in accordance with Policy 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

12 **Pre-Occupation Condition**: No part of the development hereby permitted shall be occupied until the car parking spaces (including garages where applicable) necessary to serve it have been constructed and made available for use in accordance with the approved plans. The car parking spaces permitted shall thereafter be retained as such for their designated use.

Reason: To provide car-parking space for the use in accordance with Policy 40 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

13 **Pre-Occupation Condition**: No part of the development hereby permitted shall be occupied until the cycle parking facilities serving it have been constructed and made available for use in accordance with approved drawing number 2616/5. The cycle parking facilities shall thereafter be retained as such for their designated use.

Reason: To ensure that there is adequate provision for the parking of cycles in accordance with Policy 40 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

14 **Pre-Occupation Condition**: No part of the development hereby permitted shall be occupied until the necessary in-building physical infrastructure and external site-wide infrastructure to enable superfast broadband speeds of 30 megabits per second through full fibre broadband connection has been provided to the premises.

Reason: To ensure a sustainable development that meets the needs of future occupiers in accordance with Policy 37 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

15 **Regulatory Condition**: All mitigation and enhancement measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the details contained in the Great Crested Newt and Reptile Mitigation Strategy (AEWC Ltd., September 2023), Reptile Survey Report (AEWC Ltd., September 2023), Update Walkover and GCN Survey (May 2023) and Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey (AEWC Ltd, October 2021), as already submitted with the planning application and agreed in principle with the local planning authority prior to determination.

This will include the appointment of an appropriately competent person e.g. an ecological clerk of works (ECoW) to provide on-site ecological expertise during construction. The appointed person shall undertake all activities, and works shall be carried out, in accordance with the approved details.

Alternatively, the development hereby permitted shall take place in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Council's Organisational Licence (WML-OR112, or a 'Further Licence') and with the proposals detailed as approved.

Reason: To conserve and enhance protected and Priority species and allow the Local Planning Authority to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 as amended and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species) and Policy 31 of the Horsham Development Framework.

16 **Regulatory Condition**: No development hereby permitted shall take place except in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Council's Organisational Licence (WMLOR134, or a 'Further Licence') and with the proposals detailed on plan "Builders Yard, Mead Farm: Impact plan for great crested newt District Licensing (Version 1)" dated 20th March 2024.

Reason: In order to ensure that adverse impacts on great crested newts are adequately mitigated and to ensure that site works are delivered in full compliance with the organisational licence (WML-OR134, or a 'Further Licence'), section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Circular 06/2005 and the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

17 **Regulatory Condition**: No development hereby permitted shall take place except in accordance with Part 1 of the Great Crested Newt Mitigation Principles, as set out in the District Licence (WML-OR134, or a 'Further Licence'), and in addition in compliance with the following:

- Works which will affect likely newt hibernacula may only be undertaken during the active period for amphibians.

Reason: In order to ensure that adverse impacts on great crested newts are adequately mitigated and to ensure that site works are delivered in full compliance with the Organisational Licence (WML-OR134, or a 'Further Licence'), section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Circular 06/2005 and the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

18 **Regulatory Condition**: The accommodation to the first floor of the garage / carport hereby permitted shall be occupied solely for purposes ancillary to the occupation and enjoyment of the new dwelling as a dwelling and shall not be used as a separate unit of accommodation.

Reason: The establishment of an additional independent unit of accommodation would give rise to an over-intensive use of the site and/or lead to an unsatisfactory relationship between independent units of living accommodation contrary to Policies 26 and 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

19 **Regulatory Condition**: No works for the implementation of the development hereby approved shall take place outside of 08:00 hours to 18:00 hours Mondays to Fridays and 08:00 hours to 13:00 hours on Saturdays nor at any time on Sundays, Bank or public Holidays

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of adjacent occupiers in accordance with Policy 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

20 **Regulatory Condition**: If, during development, contamination not previously identified is found to be present at the site then no further development shall be carried out until a remediation strategy has been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority detailing how this unsuspected contamination shall be dealt with. The remediation strategy shall be implemented as approved.

Reason: To ensure that no unacceptable risks are caused to humans, controlled waters or the wider environment during and following the development works and to ensure that any pollution is dealt with in accordance with Policies 24 and 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

21 **Regulatory Condition**: The dwelling hereby permitted shall meet the optional requirement of building regulation G2 to limit the water usage of each dwelling to no more than 110 litres per person per day. The subsequently installed water limiting measures shall thereafter be retained.

Reason: To limit water use in order to improve the sustainability of the development in accordance with Policy 37 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

22 **Regulatory Condition**: No trees or shrubs on the site other than those the Local Planning Authority has agreed to be felled as part of this permission shall be wilfully damaged or uprooted, felled/removed, toped or loped without written consent of the Local Planning Authority until 5 years after the completion of the development hereby permitted.

Reason: To ensure the retention of the trees and vegetation important to the amenity and environment of the development.

23 **Regulatory Condition**: Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (and/or any Order revoking and/or re-enacting that Order) no development falling within Classes AA, B, C and F of Part 1 or Class AD of Part 20 of Schedule 2 of the order shall be erected, constructed or placed within the curtilage of the development hereby permitted without express planning consent from the Local Planning Authority first being obtained.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and to protect the amenities of the adjoining neighbours in accordance with Policy 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

NOTE TO APPLICANT
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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/24/1184

(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
Supporting Statement	Acknowledgement letter	NONE	05.08.2024
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Elevation & Floor plan	Proposed	PC/SW/01	14.08.2024
Photos		PC/SW/03	05.08.2024
Materials		PC/SW/04	05.08.2024
Block plan	Proposed	PC/SW/02	05.08.2024
Elevation plan		PC/SW/02/R1	15.08.2024

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Case Officer sign/initial Marie Riggs Date: 02.10.2024

Authorising Officer sign/initial Guy Everest Date: 09.10.2024