



DELEGATED APPLICATIONS - ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO./ADDRESS:

DC/26/0818

1 Maple Close, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9NJ

DESCRIPTION:

Erection of a single storey rear extension and installation of window and door to the ground floor side elevation.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

BL/23/79

Extension
(From old Planning History)

Application Permitted on
13.06.1979

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

Billingshurst Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2019 – 2031

Bill 1 - Billingshurst Built-Up Area Boundary

Bill 2 - Housing Design and Character

Billingshurst Parish Design Statement

Horsham District Local Plan (2023-40) (Regulation 19):

Policy 9: Water Neutrality

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:

Southern Water: No objection.

Parish Comments:

NEUTRAL response to this application, in that they saw no cause for objection to the plans as submitted

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:

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 2 of the Billingshurst Neighbourhood Plan states that development should be guided by the Billingshurst Parish Design Statement and, where practicable, should among other things, reflect the scale and local vernacular of the surrounding buildings and use materials that are in keeping with those used in existing buildings in the immediate locality.

The proposal would be a clearly subservient addition and, together with the new window opening, 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 single storey rear extension and revised fenestration would have a siting and layout that the resulting relationship with adjoining properties would be sufficient to avoid any unacceptable harm to neighbouring amenity, in accordance with the above policy.

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

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 Considerations

The representation from Southern Water is noted. The proposal would not be expected to result in increased surface water flows, and given the requirements of Building Regulations no further informatives / conditions are considered necessary in this regard.

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 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/26/0818

(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	Local biodiversity checklist	NONE	20.05.2026
Elevation & Floor plan	Existing	01MCB01 REV 01	20.05.2026
Location plan		NONE	20.05.2026
Elevation & Floor plan	Proposed	01MCB02 REV 01	20.05.2026
Site plan		NONE	20.05.2026

DELEGATED

Case Officer sign/initial Steve Astles Date: 08.07.2026

Authorising Officer sign/initial Guy Everest Date: 15.07.2026