Horsham District Council

DELEGATED APPLICATIONS - ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO./ADDRESS:

DC/24/1015
1 Roberts Close, Southwater, West Sussex, RH13 9BJ

DESCRIPTION:

Erection of a single storey rear extension.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

DC/18/0276	Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of new single storey detached residential outbuilding. Erection of a single storey rear extension to main existing house.	Application Permitted on 03.05.2018

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 31- Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity
Policy 32- Strategic Policy: The Quality of New Development
Policy 33- Development Principles

Neighbourhood Plan:
Southwater Neighbourhood Development Plan, (2019-2031), August 2020
SNP2 - Proposals for residential development
SNP9 - Home standards
SNP16 - Design

Parish Design Statement:
Southwater Parish Design Statement 2011

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: No objection

However, note the flat roof is contrary to the Parish Design Statement albeit not visible from neighbouring properties or the road.

Representations:

No comments 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 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. This is reflected by Policy SNP16 of the SNP which advocates for design to be of high quality.

SNP16 of the Southwater Parish Neighbourhood Plan states that all development must be of high quality design. This means facing buildings with locally sourced materials, or materials equivalent to those that would historically have been sourced locally wherever possible, and encouraging a variety of vernaculars to encourage contextually appropriate design and diversity in building stock.

1 Roberts Close is a detached dwelling in the built-up area of Southwater. Planning permission is sought to erect a single storey rear extension. The proposed extension would span most of the rear width of the main dwelling at 11.5m, projecting 3.4m hosting a flat roof with an overall height of 2.7m with a roof lantern. The Parish's concerns are noted. However, the proposed works would not be clearly visible from a public vantage point and would not therefore affect the key character of the street scene. The proposed development is considered 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 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.

SDNP16 of the Southwater Parish Neighbourhood Plan states that the design of new development should actively respond to other properties in the vicinity, ensuring no unacceptable impacts on residential amenity occur. Development should not result in unacceptable harm to the amenities of existing and proposed buildings, particularly with regard to privacy, outlook, daylight and sunlight.

The siting of new window openings would not create any views which would be unexpected in an established residential location such as this, and no unacceptable loss of privacy would result from the proposal.

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 186 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:

1 **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.

2 **Regulatory Condition:** The materials to be used in the development hereby permitted shall strictly accord with those indicated on the application form and approved plans.

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/24/1015
Schedule of plans/documents **approved**:

Plan Type	Description	Drawing Number	Received Date
Floor plan	Existing & Proposed Ground Floor Plan	1 RC 001	04.07.2024
Elevation plan	Existing Front and Rear Elevations	1 RC 002	04.07.2024
Elevation plan	Proposed Front and Rear Elevations	1 RC 003	04.07.2024
Location plan	Location Plan	1 RC 005	04.07.2024
Elevation plan	Proposed Side Elevations	1 RC 004	04.07.2024
Block plan	Existing and Proposed Block Plan	1 RC 006	04.07.2024

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Case Officer sign/initial Meg Bayliss Date: 01/08/2024

Authorising Officer sign/initial Tamara Dale Date: 29/08/2024