Horsham District Council

DELEGATED APPLICATIONS - ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO./ADDRESS:
DC/24/0123
11 Thistle Way, Southwater, West Sussex, RH13 9GX

DESCRIPTION:
Erection of a single storey rear extension

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

SQ/19/00	First-floor side extension Site: 11 Thistle Way Southwater	Application Permitted on 03.05.2000

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 34- Cultural and Heritage Assets
Policy 40- Sustainable Transport
Policy 41- Parking

Southwater Neighbourhood Development Plan (SNDP) 2019 - 2031:
SNP9 – Home Standards
SNP16 – 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:
None received

Representations:
1 Representation was received during the course of the application. The comment neither objected nor supported the application, raising concerns with regard to the height of the extension and commenting that the pitched roof will affect light into the rear of the property.

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

This application is for the erection of a single storey rear extension at 11 Thistle Way, Southwater, West Sussex. Thistle Way is a modern contemporary development with detached and semi detached dwellings built in a consistent uniform style.

The application has been assessed on the basis of the submitted details, together with the planning history of the site, available images and photographs. 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.

SNP16 advocates for design to be of high quality. Though there is no specific architectural style to Southwater, design should be appropriate and respectful of the neighbouring amenity in terms of privacy, outlook, daylight and sunlight.

The proposed development is for erection of a single storey rear extension. The extension is 4m in depth, 3.15m in width and 3.5m in height with a pitched roof. The proposal features a window to the rear elevation and sliding doors to the righthand elevation. Two skylights are also proposed on the pitch of the righthand elevation.

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.

Neighbouring concerns regarding loss of light are noted. However, Officers note that the rear elevations of the dwelling face north, thus already experience a natural loss of direct sunlight. The dwellings are detached, in which the gap between the properties would be retained, and the pitched roof (which slopes away from the neighbour) would reduce any perceived harm by way of overbearing. Given the above, it is not considered that the erection of the extension in this location would result in significant loss of natural light that would extensively diminish the amenity of the neighbouring occupant.

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 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/24/0123
Schedule of plans/documents **approved**:

Plan Type	Description	Drawing Number	Received Date
Location plan		11TW 001	22.01.2024
Block plan	As existing and proposed	11TW 002	22.01.2024
Floor plan	As existing and proposed	11TW 005	22.01.2024
Elevation plan	Side, as existing and proposed	11TW 004 REV B	22.01.2024
Elevation plan	Front and Rear, as existing and proposed	11TW 003	22.01.2024
Tree plan		11TW 006	31.01.2024

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Case Officer sign/initial J.Burrowes Date: 26/03/2024

Authorising Officer sign/initial RHERMITAGE Date: 26.03.2024