Horsham District Council

DELEGATED APPLICATIONS - ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO./ADDRESS:

DC/24/0467
12 Amberley Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 4LN

DESCRIPTION:

Construction of single storey ground floor rear/side extension.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

NH/59/95	Entrance porches Site: 12 Amberley Road Horsham	Application Permitted on 12.07.1995.

RELEVANT PLANNING POLICIES

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Horsham District Planning Framework (2015):
Policy 31- Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity
Policy 32- Strategic Policy: The Quality of New Development
Policy 33- Development Principles

Neighbourhood Plan:
North Horsham Neighbourhood Plan area was designated, then the area voluntarily withdrew the designation.

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

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 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.

12 Amberley Road is a terraced dwelling located within the built-up area of Horsham. The application seeks to construct a single storey ground floor rear/side extension to increase habitable living space. The extension would be of a modest size and scale and would sit behind the rear building line of the neighbouring dwelling. The extension would have a flat roof, with a height of 3.12m. The extension would extend 2.19m from the rear elevation, wrapping around to the side elevation. Materials that match those on the existing dwellinghouse would be used to make the extension in keeping with the existing. It is considered that the proposed extension would be of a size and scale that would not appear overly dominant within the rear garden, it would be comfortably accommodated within the curtilage and would not be considered to have an unacceptable visual impact.

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.

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. It is noted that no representation letters were received in response to the application.

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/24/0467
(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		NONE	26.03.2024
Block plan	Existing and Proposed Site-Block Plans	PP-09-A REV R1	26.03.2024
Floor plan	Existing Ground Floor Plan	PP-01-A REV R1	26.03.2024
Floor plan	Existing First Floor Plan	PP-02-A REV R1	26.03.2024
Roof plan	Existing Roof Top Plan	PP-03-A REV R1	26.03.2024
Elevation plan	Existing Elevations and Section	PP-04-A REV R1	26.03.2024
Floor plan	Proposed Ground Floor Plan	PP-05-A REV R1	26.03.2024
Floor plan	Proposed First Floor Plan	PP-06-A REV R1	26.03.2024

Roof plan	Proposed Roof Top Plan	PP-07-A REV R1	26.03.2024
Elevation plan	Proposed Elevations and Section	PP-08-A REV R1	26.03.2024

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Case Officer sign/initial Bethan Tinning Date: 14.05.2024

Authorising Officer sign/initial Tamara Dale Date: 21.05.2024