Horsham District Council

DELEGATED APPLICATIONS - ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO./ADDRESS:
DC/24/0728
Sonning Dene , Nyetimber Copse, West Chiltington, West Sussex, RH20 2NE

DESCRIPTION:
Erection of a front porch, first floor side and single storey rear extensions, material alterations to include replacement composite roof tiles, timber cladding panels, smooth white render, replacement grey windows and doors, and installation of 8No. roof lights.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

WC/23/81	4 bed house and integral garage (From old Planning History)	Application Permitted on 10.06.1981

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

Supplementary Planning Document:
West Chiltington Parish submitted their Submission draft plan to Horsham District Council on 19 November 2018. In accordance with legislation, the Council is in the process of considering whether the plan meets the Basic Conditions and can progress to Regulation 16 consultation and formal examination.

West Chiltington Village Design Statement

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

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.

The front porch and rear extension are subordinate in nature and set well within the site and would be of an appropriate design and form in respect of the existing building. The flat-roofed rear extension would not of modest proportions and given its siting would not have any demonstrable impact on the character or appearance of the wider area. The proposed side extension would reflect the form and proportions of the host building and would create a coherent appearance with no harmful loss of openness between the site and neighbour. The alterations to dormers and fenestration is considered acceptable, with the materials reflecting the eclectic design of properties on the locality.

The proposal is therefore 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 extensions and their resulting relationship with adjoining properties, with appreciable separation retained between the extensions and shared boundaries, would be sufficient to prevent any unacceptable harm to neighbouring amenity.

The proposal would not create any views of adjoining properties or land which would be unusual or unexpected in a residential location such as this, and no unacceptable loss of privacy would arise from the scheme.

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 to be used in the development hereby permitted shall strictly accord with those indicated on the approved plans. The timber boards are to be red cedar cladding board, with a clear varnish finish. The windows and doors are to be anthracite in colour.

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/24/0728
(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
Block plan		WPD02524/A/02 REV B	14.05.2024
Location plan		WPD02524/A/01 REV A	14.05.2024
Floor plan	Ground, as proposed	WPD02524/A/13 REV D	09.05.2024
Floor plan	First, as proposed	WPD02524/A/14 REV E	09.05.2024
Elevation plan	Front, and Side, as proposed	WPD02524/A/16 REV D	09.05.2024

Elevation plan	Rear, and Side, as proposed	WPD02524/A/17 REV E	09.05.2024
Roof plan	As proposed	WPD02524/A/15 REV D	09.05.2024
Section plan	As proposed	WPD02524/A/18 REV E	09.05.2024

DELEGATED

Case Officer sign/initial Alice Johnson Date: 05.07.2024

Authorising Officer sign/initial Guy Everest Date: 09.07.2024