Horsham District Council

DELEGATED APPLICATIONS - ASSESSMENT SHEET

OFFICER CHECKLIST	
WEEK ONE (Date Valid)	**2nd September 2024**
Check Neighbours	☒
Check Consultations (including newts) / Press List	☒
Check Description, Plans and Supporting Documents	☒
Print and Display Site Notice (if required)	☒
WEEK TWO (+7)	**9th September 2024**
Visit Site or request site visit photos (in accordance with Site Visit Guidance Note)	☒
Draft HRA / AA if necessary. If the water statement is insufficient discuss with TL / PPO whether to discuss / accept amendments to the strategy.	☐
Instruct Legal if s106 required (with prior TL / PPO agreement)	☐
WEEK THREE (+14)	**16th September 2024**
If amendments are likely to be needed discuss with TL / PPO (N.B. Only minor amendments will be accepted in accordance with the Amendment Guidance). When requesting amendments give clear deadline (i.e. start of week 5).	☐
WEEK FOUR (+21)	**23rd September 2024**
If no amendments required, contact agent / applicant with update on progress.	☐
Confirm whether delegated or committee decision (re: parish and neighbour representations)	☒
WEEK FIVE (+28)	**30th September 2024**
14-day re-consultation letters to be sent on any amended plans	☐
Prepare draft report	☐
WEEK SIX (+35)	**7th October 2024**
Check 35-day Cllr call-in for Committee	☒
If decision based on original plans, report to be drafted and submitted for sign off	☒
WEEK SEVEN (+42)	**14th October 2024**
If decision based on amended plans, report to be drafted and submitted for sign off	☐
Reason for EOT	☐

APPLICATION NO./ADDRESS:

DC/24/1200
2 The Forge , Byfleets Lane, Warnham, West Sussex, RH12 3UA

DESCRIPTION:

Replacement of all existing windows.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

DC/24/0562	Replacement of existing windows, front entrance and fence to the rear.	Application Permitted on 24.07.2024

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
Policy 31 - Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity

Warnham Neighbourhood Development Plan 2017-2031
Policy W5- Design of Residential Development

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.

HDC Design and Conservation: No objection. However the Conservation Officer has suggested a condition to install casements flush fitted with their frames if manufactured in timber or plastic

Parish Comments:

The Parish Council has no objection in principle to the replacement of windows, provided that the new windows are in keeping with the character of the property and the surrounding area. As the property is within a conservation area, we request that any changes respect the historical aesthetic of the building and that materials used are of high quality and compatible with local heritage guidelines

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.

Policy W5 of the NP states that development will be supported where they demonstrate high quality design that is in keeping with the scale and existing character of buildings and layout in the area.

Planning permission has previously been granted in 2024 (under reference DC/24/0562) for the replacement of existing windows, front entrance and fence to the rear. The current application matches that subject of this existing permission.

As with the existing planning permission, it is considered that the proposed replacement of all existing windows would not adversely impact on the structure and appearance of the building, with the glazing pattern of the windows shown to match those of the existing windows. The proposed windows will improve weather proofing and thermal efficiency of the building without adversely affecting the character and appearance of the existing property and wider.

While it is noted HDC's Design and Conservation officer suggested a Regulatory Condition regarding casements flush fitted with their frames, the dwelling is of a modern day construction, built around 1990, the window frames are unable to accommodate casements flush fitted with the frames.

The proposal is considered to be an appropriate design, from and scale appropriate to the character and appearance of the existing building and it is not considered that the proposal would result in any adverse impacts on the setting of the grade II listed building Newmans Cottage or the wider Warnham Conservation Area. While the comments of the Design and Conservation Officer is noted, it is considered sufficient justification has been provided to demonstrate that specific casement details are not achievable in the dwelling. It is not therefore considered reasonable to impose the suggested condition. 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.

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 application form.

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/24/1200
(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	Existing rear	NONE	22.08.2024
Supporting Statement	Window details	NONE	08.08.2024
Elevation plan	Existing front	NONE	02.09.2024
Supporting Statement	Heritage	NONE	08.08.2024
Photos		NONE	08.08.2024
Photos		NONE	08.08.2024
Photos		NONE	08.08.2024
Location plan		NONE	08.08.2024
Elevation plan	Existing rear		02.09.2024
Elevation plan	Proposed		02.09.2024
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DELEGATED

Case Officer sign/initial Marie Riggs Date: 20.11.2024

Authorising Officer sign/initial Tamara Dale Date: 25.11.2024