Horsham District Council

DELEGATED APPLICATIONS - ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO./ADDRESS:
DC/25/0498
Old Place, Hyde Street, Upper Beeding, West Sussex, BN44 3TG

DESCRIPTION:
Erection of a small outbuilding adjacent to the existing detached garage to provide accommodation ancillary to the existing dwelling (Householder Application).

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

DC/25/0499	Erection of a small outbuilding adjacent to the existing detached garage to provide accommodation ancillary to the existing dwelling (Listed Building Consent).	Pending Consideration

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 34 - Cultural and Heritage Assets

Upper Beeding Parish Neighbourhood Plan (2018-2031):
Policy 8 – Design standards for new development

Horsham District Local Plan (2023-40) (Regulation 19):
Policy 19: Development Quality
Policy 20: Development Principles
Policy 21: Heritage Assets and Managing Change within the Historic Environment

REPRESENTATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS RESPONSES
Where consultation responses have been summarised, it should be noted that Officers have had consideration of the full comments received, which are available to view on the public file at www.horsham.gov.uk.

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

HDC Conservation Officer:
Following the pre-application enquiry, I am satisfied the proposed building will not harm the setting of the listed building. I am satisfied no detailed conditions are required in this case.

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. A site visit was carried out to place the Site Notice.

Character and Appearance

Paragraph 212 of the NPPF (2024) states that "when considering the impact of proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset's conservation (and the more important the asset, the greater the weight should be)." Paragraph 213 continues to state that "any harm to, or loss of, the significance of a designated heritage asset (from its alterations or destruction, or for of development within its setting), should require clear and convincing justification."

Policy 34 of the HDPF seeks to conserve and sustain the heritage assets that are within the district. It ensures that development within conservation areas is consistent with the special character of buildings and areas of which they are located within.

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.

Policy 8 of the UBNP seeks to ensure that the scale, density, massing, height, landscape design, layout and materials of all development proposals, including alterations to existing buildings, will be required to reflect the architectural and historic character and scale of the surrounding buildings.

Old Place is a detached dwelling on Hyde Street. It is a Grade II Listed Building, listed in 1955. It is a two-storey dwelling timber framed with flint and brick walls, with exposed timber frame and masonry infill. It has a large curtilage with a detached garage.

The proposal would be sited next to the existing garage with consideration to the Listed Building. The proposed materials are to match that of the existing garage. The proposed use of this outbuilding is for the use as an office space or additional recreational space for the occupants. The roof height is lower than that of the existing garage and replaces the existing partially collapsed log store.

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 outbuilding and the resulting relationship with neighbouring 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 193 and the Council's obligations under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

Biodiversity Net Gain

In accordance with the Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Exemptions) Regulations 2024, all householder applications are current exempt from the statutory requirement to demonstrate a 10% net gain in biodiversity.

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 proposed plans and 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).

4 **Regulatory Condition**: The accommodation hereby permitted shall be occupied solely for purposes ancillary to the occupation and enjoyment of OId Place, Hyde Street, as a dwelling and shall not be used as a separate unit of accommodation.

Reason: The establishment of an additional independent unit of accommodation would give rise to an over-intensive use of the site and/or lead to an unsatisfactory relationship between independent units of living accommodation contrary to Policies 26 and 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/25/0498

Schedule of plans/documents **approved**:

Plan Type	Description	Drawing Number	Received Date
Design & Access Statement		NONE	27.03.2025
Supporting Statement	Heritage	NONE	27.03.2025
Floor plan	Existing and Proposed roof	22526 - 102 REV A	04.04.2025
Location & Block plan		22526 - 101	27.03.2025
Elevation plan	Existing	22526 - 103	27.03.2025
Elevation plan	Proposed	22526 - 104 REV A	04.04.2025
Supporting Statement	Water Neutrality	NONE	04.04.2025

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Case Officer sign/initial Meg Bayliss Date: 22/05/2025

Authorising Officer sign/initial RHERMITAGE Date: 30.05.2025