



DELEGATED APPLICATIONS - ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO./ADDRESS:

DC/26/0415

Orvello, Southwater Street, Southwater, West Sussex, RH13 9BN

DESCRIPTION:

Erection of a front porch with gabled roof and new pitched roofs across existing bay windows.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

DC/24/0931	Erection of a two storey rear extension, single storey side garage extension and internal alterations.	Application Permitted on 19.08.2024
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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

Southwater Neighbourhood Development Plan (2019-2031):

SNP16 - Design

Horsham District Local Plan (2023-40) (Regulation 19):

Policy 19: Development Quality

Policy 20: Development Principles

Southwater Parish Design Statement 2011

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:

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.

SNP16 – Design: *“All development must be of high-quality design. In Southwater this means:*

a. Facing buildings with locally sourced materials, or materials equivalent to those that would historically have been sourced locally wherever possible.”

The application site relates to a detached residential dwelling located along Southwater Street, Horsham, within an established residential area characterised by detached dwellings set within generous plots and falls within the Southwater built up boundary area.

The proposal comprises alterations to the existing dwelling, including the provision of an oak-framed open porch to the front elevation and the introduction of new pitched roofs over the existing bay windows. The scale, design and form of the proposed works are modest and subordinate to the host dwelling, respecting its overall proportions and architectural composition.

The proposed porch would not be visually dominant within the street scene. The new pitched roofs over the existing bay windows would replace the existing roof forms and would align with the dwelling's established roof design, reflecting the adjacent garage roof and contributing to a cohesive and balanced appearance. It is noted that the materials used would match those of the existing dwelling, ensuring visual continuity. Overall, the proposal would preserve the character and appearance of the host property and would not harm the visual amenities of the surrounding area.

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.

The proposed development is limited in scale and is confined primarily to the front elevation of the dwelling, with roof alterations over existing built forms. Given the modest nature of the works, their positioning and design, the proposal would not result in any unacceptable impact on neighbouring occupiers in terms of loss of light, overlooking, loss of privacy, or an overbearing impact.

The introduction of pitched roofs over the existing bay windows would not materially alter the relationship with adjacent properties, nor would it give rise to any additional amenity impacts.

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 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 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/26/0415

Schedule of plans/documents **approved**:

Plan Type	Description	Drawing Number	Received Date
Location & Block plan		100P	06.03.2026
Floor plan	EXISTING AND ROOF	101P	06.03.2026
Elevation plan	EXISTING	102P	06.03.2026
Floor plan	PROPOSED AND ROOF PLANS	110P	06.03.2026
Elevation plan	PROPOSED	120P	06.03.2026

DELEGATED

Case Officer sign/initial Meg Bayliss Date: 16/04/2026

Authorising Officer sign/initial RHERMITAGE Date: 01.05.2026