

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/01755/LDCP	Replacement of rear west elevation fenestrations and insertion of 2no roof lights to existing single storey roof slope	27 Bessemer Close Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1AG

Submitted Plan Nos

HET-1803-01-A HET-1803-02-A

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

None relevant

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 No consultation required.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 Detached dwelling in Bessemer Close, north Hitchin.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 A Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) is sought for the replacement of existing windows and doors to the rear elevation of the dwelling and insertion of rooflights.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues for consideration are whether the proposed development would require a specific planning permission or be considered 'permitted development' in line with the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, Schedule 2, Part 1

4.3.2 A. The enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse.

A.1 Development is not permitted by Class A if—

(a) permission to use the dwellinghouse as a dwellinghouse has been granted only by virtue of Class M, N, P or Q of Part 3 of this Schedule (changes of use);

The proposed development is compliant with this criterion.

(b) as a result of the works, the total area of ground covered by buildings within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse (other than the original dwellinghouse) would exceed 50% of the total area of the curtilage (excluding the ground area of the original dwellinghouse);

N/A – The works do not relate to the enlargement of the dwelling.

(c) the height of the part of the dwellinghouse enlarged, improved or altered would exceed the height of the highest part of the roof of the existing dwellinghouse;

N/A – The works do not relate to the enlargement of the dwelling.

(d) the height of the eaves of the part of the dwellinghouse enlarged, improved or altered would exceed the height of the eaves of the existing dwellinghouse;

N/A – The works do not relate to the enlargement of the dwelling.

(e) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall which—

(i) forms the principal elevation of the original dwellinghouse; or

(ii) fronts a highway and forms a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse;

N/A – The works do not relate to the enlargement of the dwelling. They do relate to extended parts of the dwelling though this is to the rear.

(f) subject to paragraph (g), the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have a single storey and—

- (i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse **by more than 4 metres in the case of a detached dwellinghouse**, or 3 metres in the case of any other dwellinghouse, or
- (ii) exceed 4 metres in height;

N/A – The works do not relate to the enlargement of the dwelling.

(g) for a dwellinghouse not on article 2(3) land nor on a site of special scientific interest, the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have a single storey and—

- (i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 8 metres in the case of a detached dwellinghouse, or 6 metres in the case of any other dwellinghouse, or
- (ii) exceed 4 metres in height;

N/A – The works do not relate to the enlargement of the dwelling.

(h) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have more than a single storey and—

- (i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 3 metres, or
- (ii) be within 7 metres of any boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse opposite the rear wall of the dwellinghouse;

N/A – The development does not comprise more than a single storey.

(i) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would be within 2 metres of the boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse, and the height of the eaves of the enlarged part would exceed 3 metres;

N/A – The works do not relate to the enlargement of the dwelling.

(j) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse, and would—

- (i) exceed 4 metres in height,
- (ii) have more than a single storey, or
- (iii) have a width greater than half the width of the original dwellinghouse; or

N/A – The works do not relate to the enlargement of the dwelling.

(k) it would consist of or include—

- (i) the construction or provision of a verandah, balcony or raised platform,
- (ii) the installation, alteration or replacement of a microwave antenna,
- (iii) the installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe, or
- (iv) an alteration to any part of the roof of the dwellinghouse.

None of these works are proposed. Therefore the works comply with this criterion.

A.2 In the case of a dwellinghouse on article 2(3) land, development is not permitted by Class A if—

(a) it would consist of or include the cladding of any part of the exterior of the dwellinghouse with stone, artificial stone, pebble dash, render, timber, plastic or tiles;

(b) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse; or

(c) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have more than a single storey and extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse.

The site is not on article 2(3) land

Conditions

A.3 Development is permitted by Class A subject to the following conditions—

(a) the materials used in any exterior work (other than materials used in the construction of a conservatory) must be of a similar appearance to those used in the construction of the exterior of the existing dwellinghouse;

The proposed development seeks to replace Georgian style windows and doors with taupe aluminium windows and doors and rooflights . The windows and doors would be of a similar appearance in material terms.

(b) any upper-floor window located in a wall or roof slope forming a side elevation of the dwellinghouse must be—

(i) obscure-glazed, and

(ii) non-opening unless the parts of the window which can be opened are more than 1.7 metres above the floor of the room in which the window is installed; and

N/A – the development does not seek to introduce or alter windows to the side elevation.

(c) where the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse has more than a single storey, the roof pitch of the enlarged part must, so far as practicable, be the same as the roof pitch of the original dwellinghouse.

N/A – The works do not relate to the enlargement of the dwelling.

4.4 Conclusion

4.4.1 A Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) can be issued on the basis that the proposed replacement windows and doors and insertion of rooflights constitutes permitted development by virtue of Class A, Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended.

4.4.2 This application is exempt from the BNG Regulations

1. A Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) can be issued on the basis that the proposed replacement windows and doors and insertion of rooflights constitutes permitted development by virtue of Class A, Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended.

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Determining Officer Date: 19 September 2024	