

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/01950/LDCP	Insertion of ground floor window on the front and side elevation following removal of garage door to facilitate conversion of existing integral garage to reception room. Infill extension to form front entrance porch.	121 Benslow Lane Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RA

Submitted Plan Nos

P01 P02 P03

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 No relevant site history

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 No consultation required

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site is a detached dwelling on the east side of Benslow Lane. The site has a driveway, garage, and rear garden.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 A Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) is sought for the insertion of a ground floor window on the front and side elevation following the removal of the garage door to facilitate the conversion of the existing integral garage to a reception room and an infill extension to form a front entrance porch.

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 as amended.

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 G, M, MA, N, P, PA or Q of Part 3 of this Schedule (changes of use);

The proposal complies 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);

The proposal complies with this criterion.

(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;

The proposal complies with this criterion.

(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;

The proposal complies with this criterion.

(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;

The proposal complies with this criterion.

(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;

The proposal complies with this criterion.

(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;

The proposal complies with this criterion.

(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 being enlarged which is opposite the rear wall of that dwellinghouse;

The proposal complies with this criterion.

(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;

The proposal complies with this criterion.

(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**

The proposal complies with this criterion.

(ja)any total enlargement (being the enlarged part together with any existing enlargement of the original dwellinghouse to which it will be joined) exceeds or would exceed the limits set out in sub-paragraphs (e) to (j);

The proposal complies with the criterion.

(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; or.**

The proposal complies 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;

The application site is not situated within an article 2(3) area. The proposal complies with this criterion.

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

The application site is not situated within an article 2(3) area. The proposal complies with this criterion.

(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 application site is not situated within an article 2(3) area. The proposal complies with this criterion.

(d) any total enlargement (being the enlarged part together with any existing enlargement of the original dwellinghouse to which it will be joined) exceeds or would exceed the limits set out in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c).

The application site is not situated within an article 2(3) area. The proposal complies with this criterion.

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 proposal seeks to use matching materials for the new roof, walls and UPVC windows. As such, the proposal complies with this criterion.

(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

The proposal complies with this criterion.

(c) where the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse has more than a single storey, or forms an upper storey on an existing enlargement of the original dwellinghouse, the roof pitch of the enlarged part must, so far as practicable, be the same as the roof pitch of the original dwellinghouse.

The proposal complies with this criterion.

4.3.3 D. The erection or construction of a porch outside any external door of a dwellinghouse.

D.1 Development is not permitted by Class D 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 proposal complies with this criterion.

(b) the ground area (measured externally) of the structure would exceed 3 square metres;

The proposed ground area of the porch would measure approximately 1.4 sqm. As such, the proposal complies with this criterion.

(c) any part of the structure would be more than 3 metres above ground level; or

The proposed porch would measure 3m in height. As such, the proposal complies with this criterion.

(d) any part of the structure would be within 2 metres of any boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse with a highway.

The proposal complies with this criterion.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 A Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) can be issued on the basis that the proposal constitutes permitted development by virtue of Class A, Part 1 and Class D, 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: 24 September 2024	