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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02818/LDCP	Rear box dormer and 3 no. front rooflights to facilitate loft conversion to habitable space. Removal of garage door and insertion of front ground floor window to facilitate part garage conversion. Changes to rear fenestration.	54 Ryders Hill Great Ashby Stevenage Hertfordshire SG1 6BJ

Submitted Plan Nos

ELA/21-A ELA/14-A ELA/1-A ELA/2-A ELA/3-A ELA/6-A ELA/13-A

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 No history.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 No consultation required.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 No. 54 comprises a detached two storey dwelling off Ryders Hill, Great Ashby. The permitted development rights for the house are retained.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 A Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) is sought for the conversion of the roof space into habitable accommodation following the erection of a box dormer to the rear roof slope and the insertion of roof lights to the front roof slope. The garage is proposed to be converted into habitable accommodation following the removal of the garage door and its replacement with brickwork and a window.

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 **Garage Conversion - 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);

The proposed development is compliant 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 proposed development is compliant 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 proposed development is compliant 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 proposed development is compliant 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;

N/A

- (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

- (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;

The proposed development is compliant 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

N/A

- (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.

N/A

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.

N/A The application site is not set 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 is compliant with this condition.

(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

(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

4.3.3 Dormer Window - B. The enlargement of a dwellinghouse consisting of an addition or alteration to its roof.

B.1 Development is not permitted by Class B 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) any part of the dwellinghouse would, as a result of the works, exceed the height of the highest part of the existing roof;

The proposed development is compliant with this criterion.

(c) any part of the dwellinghouse would, as a result of the works, extend beyond the plane of any existing roof slope which forms the principal elevation of the dwellinghouse and

fronts a highway;

The proposed development is compliant with this criterion given that it is not on the principal roof slope.

- (d) the cubic content of the resulting roof space would exceed the cubic content of the original roof space by more than—
 - (i) 40 cubic metres in the case of a terrace house, or
 - (ii) 50 cubic metres in any other case;

The proposed dormer would be approximately 29 cubic metres. It therefore complies with this criterion.

- (e) it would consist of or include—
 - (i) the construction or provision of a verandah, balcony or raised platform, or
 - (ii) the installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe; or

The proposed development is compliant with this criterion.

- (f) the dwellinghouse is on article 2(3) land.

The application site is not set within article 2(3) land and therefore the proposed development is compliant with this criterion.

Conditions

B.2 Development is permitted by Class B subject to the following conditions—

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

The plans indicate the materials of construction would be similar in appearance to the existing dwellinghouse.

- (b) the enlargement must be constructed so that—
 - (i) other than in the case of a hip-to-gable enlargement or an enlargement which joins the original roof to the roof of a rear or side extension—
 - (aa) the eaves of the original roof are maintained or reinstated; and
 - (bb) the edge of the enlargement closest to the eaves of the original roof is, so far as practicable, not less than 0.2 metres from the eaves, measured along the roof slope from the outside edge of the eaves; and
 - (ii) other than in the case of an enlargement which joins the original roof to the roof of a rear or side extension, no part of the enlargement extends beyond the outside face of any external wall of the original dwellinghouse; and

The proposed development is compliant with this criterion.

- (c) any window inserted on 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.

The proposed development complies with this criterion.

4.3.3 Proposed Rooflights to Front Roof - C. Any other alteration to the roof of a dwellinghouse.

- C.1 Development is not permitted by Class C 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) of the the alteration would protrude more than 0.15 metres beyond the plane of the slope original roof when measured from the perpendicular with the external surface of the original roof;

The proposed development is compliant with this criterion.

- (c) it would result in the highest part of the alteration being higher than the highest part of the original roof; or

The proposed development is compliant with this criterion.

- (d) it would consist of or include—
(i) the installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe, or
(ii) the installation, alteration or replacement of solar photovoltaics or solar thermal equipment.

The proposed development is compliant with this criterion.

Conditions

- C.2 Development is permitted by Class C subject to the condition that any window located on a roof slope forming a side elevation of the dwellinghouse must be—

- (a) obscure-glazed; and
(b) 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.

N/A

4.4 Conclusion

- 4.4.1 A Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) can be issued on the basis that the proposed garage conversion, rear dormer window and front roof lights constitute permitted development by virtue of Classes A, B & C, Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended.

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