

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00100/LDCP	Front porch extension including canopy and insertion of ground floor front window following removal of existing garage door to facilitate garage conversion into habitable accomodation.	115 Chaucer Way Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0PF

Submitted Plan Nos

LD750-E02 LD750-E01 LD750-P01A

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 No site history.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 No consultation required.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 No. 115 comprises a mid-terrace three-storey dwelling off Chaucer Way, Hitchin.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 A Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) is sought for the erection of a porch to the principal elevation and for the replacement of the front garage door with a window to facilitate its conversion into habitable accommodation.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues for consideration are whether the proposed development is Permitted Development or whether the development requires Planning Permission if it is not Permitted Development.

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

- (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. It is evident that the garage is an original feature of the property, and its principal elevation comprises an original principal elevation of the dwellinghouse. The replacement window would not extend forward of this elevation, and is therefore compliant.

- (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;

N/A

- (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 Class 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 proposed development is compliant 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 2.9 sqm. The development is therefore compliant with this criterion.

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

The proposed porch would measure 2.4m in height. The development is therefore compliant 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 proposed development is compliant with this criterion.

4.4 Conclusion

- 4.4.1 A Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) can be issued on the basis that the proposed garage conversion following the replacement of the garage door with a window, and the erection of a porch constitute permitted development by virtue of Classes A and D, Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended.

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