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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/02870/LDCP

Partial conversion of garage space to
habitable room

6 Peppercorn Walk
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG4 0EU

Submitted Plan Nos

1189-01

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

- 2.1 95/00511/1 - Residential development comprising of 260 dwellings, (32 studio flats, 34 one bed flats, 32 two bed flats, 12 x 2 bed houses, 90 three bed houses, 60 4 bed houses) garages and parking areas, together with new roundabout, access road, public open spaces and play areas, landscaping and ancillary works. 02/05/95.
- 2.2 95/00512/1 - DUPLICATE Residential Development comprising 260 dwellings (32 studio flats, 34 one bed flats, 32 two bed flats, 12 two bed houses, 90 three bed houses, 60 four bed houses) garages and parking areas, together with new roundabout, access road, public opens spaces and play areas, landscaping and ancillary works. 02/05/95.
- 2.3 Permitted development rights do not appear to have been removed.

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 Neighbour notification is not a statutory requirement as part of the Lawful Development Certificate process.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 No 6 is a two storey, semi detached dwelling of brick and tile construction.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 A certificate of lawfulness (proposed) is sought for:

"Partial conversion of garage space to habitable room".

- 4.2.2 The submitted plan shows internal alterations to convert part of the existing garage into habitable space. There are no proposed alterations to the external elevations.

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 Class A.

Class 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);

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

N/a.

(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;

N/a.

(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);

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.; or

N/a.

(l) the dwellinghouse is built under Part 20 of this Schedule (construction of new dwellinghouses).

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.

(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 proposal 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;

No works to the exterior are proposed. This condition is therefore met.

(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, 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.

N/a.

4.4 Conclusion

4.4.1 A Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) can be issued on the basis that the proposed development 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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