

<b>Received Date</b>	30 January 2025
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<b>Application Number:</b>	250225
<b>Site:</b>	42 South Lake Crescent, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 3QJ
<b>Application:</b>	Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of an outbuilding, and demolition of the existing outbuilding.

## 1. Relevant Planning History

Application Number	Proposal	Decision Date	Decision	Relevant Conditions
01560	Garage	21/10/1974	Approved	N/A

## 2. Site Description

The application site features a two storey property located within a predominantly residential area of Woodley.

## 3. Land/ Property Designations

- There are no listed buildings at the site and the property is not within 'Article 2(3) land' (Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015).
- The site is not subject to any wildlife or habitat designations.

## 4. Legislation

### Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

s.55 Provides that '*development*' includes the carrying out of building operations on land, and '*building operations*' includes structural alterations or additions to buildings.

s.57 Planning permission is needed for all development of land.

s.187a Enforcement for breach of conditions

s.192 Applications for Certificates of Lawfulness of proposed use or development.

s.191 Defines operations as 'lawful' if:
 

- (a) No enforcement action may be taken in respect of them (whether because they did not involve development or require planning permission or because the time for enforcement action has expired or for any other reason); and
- (b) They do not constitute a contravention of any of the requirements of any enforcement notice then in force.

### Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (GPDO)

Article 3 In conjunction with Schedule 2 (Part 1) (Class E) grants planning permission for the erection of certain outbuildings, pools and fuel storage containers within the curtilage of a dwellinghouse.

Article 4 Provides that the planning authority may give direction to restrict the effect of Article 3.

## 5. The Public Sector Equality Duty (Equality Act 2010):

In determining this application the Council is required to have due regard to its obligations under the Equality Act 2010. The key equalities protected characteristics include age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief. There is no indication or evidence (including from consultation on the application) that persons with protected

characteristics as identified by the Act have or will have different needs, experiences, issues and priorities in relation to this particular planning application and there would be no significant adverse impacts as a result of the development.

## 6. Relevant details of the proposal:

The proposed erection of an outbuilding at the bottom of the rear garden. The outbuilding would have a garage/store, an office, a gym/games room, and a shower room. The erection of the outbuilding would follow the demolition of the existing outbuilding.

## 7. Assessment against legislation:

			Yes	No
s.55	1	Does it constitute development?	✓	
s.191	2	Would it be contrary to an enforcement notice?		✓
s.187a Art.3	3	Would it be contrary to any condition imposed by any planning permission granted or deemed to be granted?		✓
Art.3 (b)	4	Are the building operations involved in the construction of the dwellinghouse lawful?	✓	
Art.4	5	Is there an 'Article 4 Direction' in effect for the site?		✓
Art.4	6	Is it within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse?	✓	

### Fuel storage

Sch.2 Pt. 1 E.b	7	Does the development consist of a container used for the storage of oil or liquid petroleum gas?	N/A	N/A
Sch.2 Pt. 1 E.b	8	Is the storage for domestic heating purposes?	N/A	N/A
E.1(i)	9	Would the capacity of the container exceed 3,500 litres?	N/A	N/A

### Outbuildings and pools

Sch.2 Pt. 1 E.a	10	Does the development comprise a building or enclosure, swimming or other pool, or the maintenance, improvement or other alteration of such a building or enclosure?	N/A	N/A
Sch.2 Pt. 1 E.a	11	Is the building, enclosure, swimming or other pool required for a purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse as such?	N/A	N/A

### Fuel storage and outbuildings

E.1(a)	12	Has permission to use the dwellinghouse as a dwellinghouse been granted only by virtue of Class M, N, P or Q of Part 3 of this Schedule (changes of use)?		✓
E.1(b)	13	Would the total area of ground covered by buildings, enclosures and containers within the curtilage (other than the original dwellinghouse) exceed 50% of the total area of the original curtilage (excluding the original dwelling)?		✓
E.1(c)	14	Would any part of the building, enclosure, pool or container be situated on land forward of a wall forming the principal elevation of the original dwellinghouse?		✓
E.1(d)	15	If it is a building would it have more than one storey?		✓
E.1(e)	16	Would the height of the building, enclosure or container exceed: (i) Four metres in the case of a building with a dual-pitched roof		✓

			Yes	No
		(ii) 2.5 metres in the case of a building, enclosure or container within two metres of the boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse? <b>*This is explained below</b>		✓
		(iii) Three metres in any other case?		✓
E.1(f)	17	Would the height of the eaves of the building exceed 2.5 metres?		✓
E.1(g)	18	Would the building, enclosure, pool or container be situated within the curtilage of a <b>listed building</b> ?		✓
E.1(h)	19	Would the development include the construction or provision of a veranda, balcony or raised platform?		✓
E.1(i)	20	Would it relate to a dwelling?		✓
E.1(j)	21	Would it relate to a microwave antenna?		✓
E.3	22	<b>Article 2(3) land</b> (World Heritage Sites, National Parks, AONBs & Conservation Areas): Would any part of the building, enclosure, pool or container be situated on land between a wall forming a side elevation of the dwellinghouse and the boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse?		✓
	23	Would it affect or be within the Root Protection Area of a TPO'd tree? <i>* Does not affect Article 3 permission but separate TPO approval may be needed</i>		✓

\*Point 16 (ii) in the table is checking whether the outbuilding exceeds 2.5 metres within two metres of the boundary. It is recognised that parts of the proposed outbuilding exceed a height of 2.5 metres. However, the 'Permitted development rights for householders: technical guidance' states that "*the height of the building, enclosure or container should be measured from the highest ground level immediately adjacent to the building, enclosure, or container to its highest point.*" When measured from the highest ground level adjacent to the outbuilding, the outbuilding does not exceed 2.5 metres, hence it complies with this point.

## 8. Conclusion

The proposed erection of an outbuilding to form a garage/store, an office, a gym/games room, and a shower room constitutes development requiring planning permission. Permission is available under Article 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, the proposed being in accordance with Schedule 2 (Part 1) (Class E) of the Order.

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