

HOUSEHOLDER **DRAFT DECISION NOTICE**



WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Expiry Date: 28 January 2026

Application Number: 252834

Location: 3 Woodward Close, Winnersh, Wokingham, RG41 5NW

Proposal: Householder application for the proposed erection of a two storey and first floor side extension, partial garage conversion along with changes to fenestration.

Recommendation: Approve

Conditions and/or Reasons

1. Timescale

The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: In pursuance of s.91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by s.51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004).

2. Approved details

This permission is in respect of the submitted application plans and drawings numbered B101, B102 and B103 received by the local planning authority on 25th November 2025 and B100 received by the local planning authority on 27th January 2026. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the application form and associated details hereby approved.

3. External materials

Except where stated otherwise on the approved drawings, the materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the extension hereby permitted shall be of similar appearance to those used in the existing building, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority.

Reason: To ensure that the external appearance of the building is satisfactory.
Relevant policy: Core Strategy policies CP1 and CP3.

4. Ecology

Works are to be carried out in full accordance with the recommendations and biodiversity enhancements given in pages 22–24 of the submitted Bat Emergence and Re-Entry Surveys Report (Arbtech, 10 October 2025). Works affecting the roof and loft shall be undertaken under the supervision of an appropriately qualified ecologist or a Natural England Bat licence holder with experience of supervising where there is a risk of bats being present. Works are to follow a method statement agreed between the ecologist and the contractor detailing techniques, including the

careful removal of tiles by hand, and the procedure to follow should bats or signs of bats be found. The new roof lining is to be bitumen 1F type roofing felt, or a breathable membrane that has a Natural England certificate demonstrating it has passed a snagging propensity test. Within one month of substantial completion a short closing-out report demonstrating that the bat mitigation and enhancement measures have been implemented to the satisfaction of the Owner's Ecologist is to be issued to the council.

Reason: To ensure that biodiversity, protected and priority species are not adversely affected by the proposals. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policies CP3 and CP7 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policy TB23.

5. External lighting

At no time shall any forms of external lighting be installed on the site or affixed to any buildings on the site without the prior written approval of the local planning and unless it is in accordance with the recommendation Guidance Note 08/23 Bats and Lighting at Night (BCT/ILP).

Reason: To ensure that biodiversity, protected and priority species are not adversely affected by the proposals. Relevant policy: NPPF 2024 paragraph 198 Section 15 (Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment), Core Strategy policies CP3 and CP7 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policy TB23.

Informatives

1. Bats are a protected species under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). Should any bats or evidence of bats be found prior to or during the development, all works must stop immediately and an ecological consultant contacted for further advice before works can proceed. All contractors working on site should be made aware of the advice and provided with the contact details of a relevant ecological consultant.

2. Whilst it would appear from the application that the proposed development is to be entirely within the curtilage of the application site, the granting of planning permission does not authorise you to gain access or carry out any works on, over or under your neighbour's land or property without first obtaining their consent, and does not obviate the need for compliance with the requirements of the Party Wall etc. Act 1996.

Recommendation and conditions/reasons agreed:



Date: 27/01/26

REMEMBER - The earliest date for a decision on this application is: **17 December 2025**