

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT



WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Application Number:	250358
Site Address:	10 Oak Drive, Arborfield, Wokingham, RG2 9GJ
Expiry Date:	9 May 2025
Site Visit Date:	6 May 2025
Proposal: Householder application for the proposed single storey rear extension and part side wrap-around extension, including pitched roof and the installation of roof lights.	

PLANNING CONSTRAINTS/STATUS

Bat Roost Habitat Suitability
Scale and Location of Development Proposals – Modest Development Location (Arborfield Garrison)
Strategic Development Location
Landscape Character Assessment Area
SSSI Impact Risk Zones
Thames Basin Heaths SPA Mitigation Zones
Great Crested Newt Consultation Zone Householder

PLANNING POLICY

National Policy	National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG)
Core Strategy (CS)	CP1 – Sustainable Development CP3 – General Principles for Development CP7 – Biodiversity CP8 – Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area CP9 – Scale and Location of Development Proposals
MDD Local Plan (MDD)	CC01 – Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development CC03 – Green Infrastructure, Trees and Landscaping CC04 – Sustainable Design and Construction TB23 – Biodiversity and Development
Other	Borough Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document Sustainable Design and Construction Supplementary Planning Document Arborfield Garrison SDL SPD Arborfield and Newland Village Design Statement Arborfield and Barkham Neighbourhood Plan

PLANNING HISTORY

Application No.	Description	Decision & Date
N/A	N/A	N/A

CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Internal

WBC Ecology Newts – No objection subject to informative

External

Non

REPRESENTATIONS

Parish/Town Council	No comment
Ward Member(s)	No comments received
Neighbours	No comments received

APPRAISAL

Description of Development:

This application seeks permission to erect a single storey side/rear extension to the dwelling to provide a dining room and a home office.

Principle of Development:

The National Planning Policy Framework has an underlying presumption in favour of sustainable development which is carried through to the local Development Plan. The Managing Development Delivery Local Plan Policy CC01 states that planning applications that accord with the policies in the Development Plan for Wokingham Borough will be approved without delay, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The site is located within settlement limits and as such the development should be acceptable providing that it complies with the principles stated in the Core Strategy. Policy CP3 of the Core Strategy states that development must be appropriate in terms of its scale of activity, mass, layout, built form, height, materials and character to the area in which it is located and must be of high quality design without detriment to the amenities of adjoining land uses and occupiers.

Character of the Area:

The proposed single storey side/rear extension does not adhere to R16 design principle within the Borough Design Guide (BDG) in relation to separation distances as the proposal is set right on the boundary with the neighbouring property. However, the proportionate scale and unimposing design ensures that the extension would have an acceptable impact on the appearance of the dwelling and wider area. Additionally, the proposed extension is set significantly back (8m) from the front of the dwelling, and this ensures that the extension appears as a subservient addition.

Neighbouring Amenity:

The proposed single storey side/rear extension would extend 2.5 metres from the rear of the property, and 2.4 metres from the side of the property. The extension is single storey in nature and does not have windows on the side elevations, and therefore there are no concerns on neighbouring amenity grounds relating to overlooking or loss of light. To avoid being overbearing, guidance in the BDG states that the eaves height of

single storey extensions should not exceed 3 metres within 2 metres of a side boundary. In this instance, the proposal is set right on the boundary with the neighbouring property, but an eaves height of 2.1 metres shows compliance with this guidance relating to overbearing.

Residential Amenity Space:

Section 4 of the BDG provides guidance on the provision of amenity space and recommends that 11 metres is a generally accepted depth for private garden space. On this occasion, the implementation of a rear extension measuring 2.5 metres in depth would result in a conflict with this guidance as the remaining garden length would be reduced to 8.7 metres. However, considering that the plot is approximately 8.9 metres wide, there would still be an appropriate amount of garden space to facilitate the development, and it will not be detrimental to the enjoyment of the current and future occupiers.

Conclusion:

For the reasons stated above, the proposal is acceptable in local plan policy terms and therefore is recommended for approval.

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.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL):

When planning permission is granted for a development that is CIL liable, the Council will issue a liability notice as soon as practicable after the day on which the planning permission first permits development. Completing the assumption of liability notice is a statutory requirement to be completed for all CIL liable applications.

RECOMMENDATION	
Conditions agreed:	Not required
Recommendation:	Approve
Date:	9 May 2025
Earliest date for decision:	4 April 2025

Recommendation agreed by: (Authorised Officer)	
Date:	09/05/25