

HOUSEHOLDER **DRAFT DECISION NOTICE**



Expiry Date: 21 November 2025

Application Number: 242712

Location: Little Gables, Sindlesham Road, Arborfield, Wokingham, RG2 9QE

Proposal: Householder application for the proposed erection of a single front extension to form a porch, a single storey front/side extension and two first floor rear extensions, plus 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 labelled/numbered Location Plan, 240611-001, 240611-002 Rev C, 240611-003 Rev D, 240611-004 Rev B, 240611-005 Rev A, 240611-006 & 240611-008 Rev A received by the local planning authority on 25/10/24, 29/09/25 & 05/11/25. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details unless other minor variations are agreed in writing after the date of this permission and before implementation with 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. Obscure glazing - The first floor bathroom and en-suite 1 windows in the side and rear elevation of the development hereby permitted shall be fitted with obscured glass and shall be permanently so-retained. The window shall be non-opening unless the parts of the window which can be opened are more than 1.7 metres above the finished floor level of the room in which the window is installed and shall be permanently so-retained.

Reason: To safeguard the residential amenities of neighbouring properties. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policy CP3.

4. Notwithstanding information shown on the approved drawings, no relevant works, or those above slab level, shall commence on site until details of materials and finishes have been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority in writing. The submitted details should include physical samples as applicable. The works shall then proceed in strict accordance with the approved details. These

requirements include provision of information relating to: 1. the material, size, texture, colour, profile, and source of facing brickwork and jointing mortar;
2. the material, size, texture, colour, profile, and source of roofing materials;
3. materials and finishes to be used in the detailing of valleys, hips, ridges, gables, parapets, eaves and verges;
4. the proposed rainwater goods

Reason: In order to safeguard the special architectural or historic interest of the building. Relevant policy: National Planning Policy Framework Section 16 (Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment) and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan Policy TB24.

5. Notwithstanding, and in addition to, the information shown on the approved drawings, no relevant works shall commence on site until full working details of all windows and doors and related joinery, hereby approved, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Details shall include annotated elevations, sections and plans which are referenced to the approved plans. These details shall illustrate the nature of materials and finishes, framing elements, glazing, glazing units, glazing bars, and methods of opening. Drawings shall be at a minimum scale of 1:10 and with details at 1:5. The works shall then proceed in strict accordance with the approved details.

Reason: In order to safeguard the special architectural or historic interest of the building. Relevant policy: National Planning Policy Framework Section 16 (Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment) and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan Policy TB24.

6. Works are to be carried out in full accordance with the Non-Licensed Method Statement given in section 4.6 of the submitted Bat Survey (GS Ecology, Ref ECO3668b, 26 August 2025). Within one month of substantial completion a short closing-out report demonstrating that the ecological 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.

7. No removal of hedgerows, trees or shrubs, brambles, ivy and other climbing plants shall take place between 15 February and 15 September inclusive, unless a competent ecologist has undertaken a careful, detailed check of vegetation for active birds' nests immediately before the vegetation is cleared and provided written confirmation that no birds will be harmed and/or that there are appropriate measures in place to protect nesting bird interest on site. Any such written confirmation should be submitted to the local planning authority.

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.

8. At no time shall external lighting be installed on the site or affixed to any buildings on the site without the prior written approval of the local planning.

Reason: To ensure that biodiversity, protected and priority species are not adversely affected by the proposals. Relevant policy: NPPF paragraph 198 and Section 15,

Core Strategy policies CP1, CP3 and CP7 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policy TB23.

9. Parking and turning space to be provided - No part of any building(s) hereby permitted shall be occupied or used until the vehicle parking and turning space has been provided in accordance with the approved plans. The vehicle parking and turning space shall be retained and maintained in accordance with the approved details and the parking space shall remain available for the parking of vehicles at all times and the turning space shall not be used for any other purpose other than vehicle turning.

Reason: To provide adequate off-street vehicle parking and turning space and to allow vehicles to enter and leave the site in a forward gear in the interests of road safety and convenience and providing a functional, accessible and safe development and in the interests of amenity. Relevant policy: Core Strategy policies CP3 & CP6 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policy CC07.

Informatives

1. The development accords with the policies contained within the adopted / development plan and there are no material considerations that warrant a different decision being taken.

2. The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received. This planning application has been the subject of positive and proactive discussions with the applicant in terms of:

Extending the determination period of the application to allow for a bat survey and heritage assessment to be undertaken and submitted for consideration.

Amended plans being submitted by the applicant to overcome concerns relating to heritage.

The decision to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development as set out in the NPPF is considered to be a positive outcome of these discussions.

3. 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.

4. The applicant is reminded that should there be any change from the approved drawings during the build of the development this may require a fresh planning application if the changes differ materially from the approved details. Non-material changes may be formalised by way of an application under s.96A Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Recommendation and conditions/reasons agreed: *MC*

Date: 21.11.2025

REMEMBER - The earliest date for a decision on this application is: **20 October 2025**