

Received Date	8 August 2025
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Application Number:	251905
Site:	Holme Farm, Aston Lane, Aston, Wokingham, RG9 3DJ
Application:	Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a tennis court with enclosure following demolition of existing tennis court.

1. Relevant Planning History

Application Number	Proposal	Decision Date	Decision	Relevant Conditions
221786	Application for a certificate of existing lawful development for a tennis court and swimming pool.	19/07/2022	Approved	None
251500	Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of tennis court and enclosure following demolition of the existing tennis court.	01/08/2025	Split decision	None
251674	Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a detached outbuilding.	10/09/2025	Approved	None
252160	Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed installation of 5no roof lights on the studio outbuilding.	Live application	NA	NA
252281	Householder application for the proposed erection of a greenhouse.	Live application	NA	NA

2. Site Description

The application site consists of a two-storey detached property located off a track leading from Aston Lane, Aston. The application site is within the Aston Area of Special Character.

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).
- Grade II* Listed Culham Court is located to the east of the site.
- The site is located in an area suitable for bat roosts.
- The site is located in designated countryside and Green Belt.

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 proposal relates to a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed installation of a tennis court with fencing enclosure.

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 (5)	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?		✓
Sch.2 Pt. 1 E.b	8	Is the storage for domestic heating purposes?	NA	NA
E.1(j)	9	Would the capacity of the container exceed 3,500 litres?	NA	NA

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?	✓	
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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?	✓	

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		✓
		(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?		✓
		(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 listed building ?		✓
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	Article 2(3) land (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?	NA	NA
	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>		✓

8. Conclusion:

The proposed tennis court with enclosure constitutes development, and this requires planning permission. Permission IS available under Article 3 of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, the proposal being in accordance with Schedule 2 (Part 1) (Class E) of the Order.

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