

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT



WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Application Number:	251070
Site Address:	17 De Vitre Green, Wokingham, RG40 1SE
Expiry Date:	1 July 2025
Site Visit Date:	29 May 2025
Proposal: Householder application for the proposed partial garage conversion and roof alterations to the ground floor front and rear along with changes to fenestration.	

PLANNING CONSTRAINTS/STATUS

Bat Roost Habitat Suitability
Scale and Location of Development Proposals
Great Crested Newt Consultation Zone
Historic Flooding Points Consultation Zone

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 CP9 – Scale and Location of Development Proposals
MDD Local Plan (MDD)	CC01 – Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development CC03 – Green Infrastructure, Trees and Landscaping TB23 – Biodiversity and Development
Other	Borough Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document CIL Guidance

PLANNING HISTORY

Application No.	Description	Decision & Date
10793	Single storey front and rear extensions	Approved 5/7/1979

CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Internal

WBC Highways – No objection

External

None

REPRESENTATIONS

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

APPRAISAL

Site Description:

Two-storey linked property in the major development area of Wokingham.

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:

Core Strategy Policy CP3 states that planning permission will be granted for proposals that are of an appropriate scale of activity, mass, layout, built form, height, materials and character, together with a high quality of design without detriment to the amenities of adjoining land users, including open spaces or occupiers and their quality of life. Policy CP1 of the Core Strategy requires developments to maintain or enhance the high quality of the environment.

The partial garage conversion and addition of rooflight will not be visible from the public realm and therefore have no adverse impact on the character of the area. The addition of a pitched roof to the front of the property a subservient addition and the use of matching materials means that it relates well to the existing dwelling, there will be no adverse impact on the character of the area.

Neighbouring Amenity:

Core Strategy Policy CP3 states that development proposals should not result in a detriment to the amenities of adjoining land users including open spaces or occupiers and their quality of life.

All of the new built form for this application will take place on the footprint of the existing dwelling, and no major additions are proposed, in terms of height. Therefore, there will be no negative impact upon neighbouring amenity.

Highway Access and Parking Provision:

The WBC highways officer has reviewed this application and has no objections; there will be a suitable level of parking provision retained to serve the new 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.

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.

RECOMMENDATION	
Conditions agreed:	No
Recommendation:	Approve
Date:	11/6/25
Earliest date for decision:	28 May 2025

Recommendation agreed by: (Authorised Officer)	<i>MC</i>
Date:	12.06.2025