

Received Date:	18 November 2024
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Application Number:	242907
Site:	62 Cirrus Drive, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 9FL
Application:	Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey side extension, loft conversion to create habitable accommodation along with insertion of roof lights.

1. Relevant Planning History

Application Number	Proposal	Decision Date	Decision	Relevant Conditions
010563	Outline application for proposed residential development to a maximum of 310 dwellings with retained and new open space plus community centre and security fence to European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts.	17/02/04	C/A	N/A
041564	Proposed erection of 310 residential units and bat barn together with associated car parking, new access roads, open space and landscaping. (Duplicate application with F/2004/3675).	30/06/05	C/A	Yes, condition 19
061758	Proposed variation to condition 21 of consent F/2004/3674 for the erection of 310 dwellings. Amendment to window types in front elevations of some plots.	08/09/06	C/A	N/A

2. Site Description

Two storey detached dwelling

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).
- The site is subject to potential bat roosting
- The site is in the Major Development Locations of Shinfield.

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 A) grants planning permission for the “enlargement, improvement or other alteration 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.

Class A – Enlargement, Improvement or other alteration of dwelling

6. Relevant details of the proposal: Single storey side lean-to-roof extension approx. 4m in length, 7.73m in width and 3.50m in height. The proposal includes 3 Velux skylights and bi-folding door (6000 x 2100mm)

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 (4)	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 original building lawful?	✓	
Art.3 (6)	5	Does it involve the formation, laying out or material widening of a means of access to an existing highway which is a trunk or classified road, or creates an obstruction to the view of persons using any highway used by vehicular traffic, so as to be likely to cause danger to such persons?		✓
Art.4	6	Is there an ‘Article 4 Direction’ in effect for the site?		✓
Sch.2 Pt. 1 A	7	Does it consist of enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse?	✓	
A.1(a)	8	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)?		✓
A.1(b)	9	Would the total area of ground covered by buildings (other than the original dwelling) exceed 50% of the total area of the curtilage?		✓
A.1(c)	10	Would the height of the part of the dwellinghouse enlarged,		✓

			Yes	No
		improved or altered exceed the height of the highest part of the roof of the existing dwellinghouse?		
A.1(d)	11	Would the height of the eaves of the part of the dwellinghouse enlarged, improved or altered would exceed the height of the eaves of the existing dwellinghouse?		✓
A.1(e)	12	Would the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse extend beyond a wall which - (i) fronts the principal elevation of the original house; or (ii) fronts a highway and forms a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse?		✓
A.1(f)	13	If the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse is single storey, would it either: (i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than: 4 metres in the case of a detached dwellinghouse 3 metres in the case of any other dwellinghouse; or (ii) exceed 4 metres in height		✓
A.1(g)	14	For a dwellinghouse not in article 2 (3) land (incl conservation area) if the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse is single-storey, would it either (i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than: 8 metres in the case of a detached dwellinghouse 6 metres in the case of any other dwellinghouse; or (ii) exceed 4 metres in height NB: As per Para A.4 of Part 1 of for development that exceeds the limits in para A.1 (f) (question 13) but is allowed by para A.1 (g) (question 14) Prior Approval via the 'Neighbours Notification Scheme' is required		✓
A.1(h)	15	If the extension would be more than a single storey would it: (i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 3 metres, or (ii) be within 7 metres of the rear boundary of the curtilage.	n/a	n/a
A.1(i)	16	Would the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would be within 2 metres of the boundary with an eaves height in excess of 3 metres?	n/a	n/a
A.1(j)	17	Would the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse and: (i) exceed 4 metres in height, (ii) have more than a single storey, or (ii) have a width greater than half the width of the original dwellinghouse	n/a	n/a
A.1(k)	18	Would the development consist of or include: (i) the construction or provision of a verandah, balcony or raised platform, (ii) the installation, alteration or replacement of a microwave antenna, (iii) the installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney,		✓

			Yes	No
		flue or soil and vent pipe, or (iv) an alteration to any part of the roof of the dwellinghouse.		
A.2(a)	19	Article 2(3) land (inc. conservation areas): a. Would the development consist of or include the cladding of any part of the exterior of the dwellinghouse with stone, artificial stone, pebble dash, render, timber, plastic or tiles?		✓
A.2(b)	20	b. Would the extension extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse?		✓
A.2(c)	21	c. Would the extension have more than a single storey and extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse?		✓
	22	Would it affect or be within the Root Protection Area of a TPO'd tree? * Does not affect Article 3 permission but separate TPO approval will likely be needed.		✓

8. Conclusion

The proposed erection of a single storey side extension constitutes development and thus requires planning permission. Permission is not available under Article 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, the proposal not being in accordance with Schedule 2 (Part 1) (Class A) of the Order, as it would conflict with planning condition 19 of consent 041564 (see below).

19. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (or any order revoking and re-enacting that order with or without modification) no buildings, extensions or alterations permitted by Classes A, B, C, and E of Part 1 of the Second Schedule of the 1995 Order shall be carried out.

Reason: To safeguard the character of the premises and the residential and visual amenities of the occupiers of the adjoining properties.

Relevant Policies: Berkshire Structure Plan Policies LD3 and EN1 and Wokingham District Local Plan Policies WOS3 and WBE1.

Class B – Addition or alteration to the roof

9. Relevant details of the proposal: The loft conversion includes adding 2 rooflight to the front and 3 roof lights to the rear. The loft conversion will include 2 bedrooms and a bathroom.

10. Assessment against legislation:

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s.55	1	Does it constitute development?	✓	
s.191	2	Would it be contrary to an enforcement notice?		✓
s.187a Art.3 (4)	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 original building lawful?	✓	
Art.4	5	Is there an 'Article 4 Direction' in effect for the site?		✓
Sch.2 Pt.1 B	6	Does it consist of the enlargement of a dwellinghouse by addition or alteration to its roof?	✓	
B.1(a)	7	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)?		✓
B.1(b)	8	Would any part of the dwellinghouse, as a result of the works, exceed the height of the highest part of the existing roof?		✓

			Yes	No
B.1(c)	9	Would any part of the dwellinghouse, as a result of the works, extend beyond the plane of any existing roof slope which forms the principal elevation of the dwellinghouse and fronts a highway?		✓
B.1(d)	10	Would the cubic content of the resulting roof space exceed the cubic content of the original roof space by more than: (i) 40 cubic metres in the case of a terrace house, or (ii) 50 cubic metres in any other case?		✓
B.1(e)	11	Would it consist of or include: (i) the construction or provision of a verandah, balcony or raised platform?		✓
		(ii) the installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe?		✓
B.1(f)	12	Is the dwellinghouse on Article 2(3) land? (inc. conservation areas)		✓
	13	Would it affect a TPO'd tree? <i>* Does not affect Article 3 permission but separate TPO approval will likely be needed.</i>		✓

11. Conclusion

The proposed loft conversion to create habitable accommodation along with insertion of roof lights constitutes development requiring planning permission. Permission is not granted under Article 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, the proposal not being in accordance with Schedule 2 (Part 1) (Class B) of the Order, as it would conflict with planning condition 19 of consent 041564 (see below).

19. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (or any order revoking and re-enacting that order with or without modification) no buildings, extensions or alterations permitted by Classes A, B, C, and E of Part 1 of the Second Schedule of the 1995 Order shall be carried out.

Reason: To safeguard the character of the premises and the residential and visual amenities of the occupiers of the adjoining properties.

Relevant Policies: Berkshire Structure Plan Policies LD3 and EN1 and Wokingham District Local Plan Policies WOS3 and WBE1.

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