

Received Date:	29 January 2026
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Application Number:	260180
Site:	Treetops, Croft Road, Spencers Wood, Wokingham, RG2 9EX
Application:	Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey side extension.

1. Relevant Planning History

Application Number	Proposal	Decision Date	Decision	Relevant Conditions
16505	Addition of bedroom at first floor level	03/11/81	C/A	N/A
39369	Erection of wooden chalets used as a cattery	22/06/92	C/A	N/A
141844	Proposed erection of 2.4m high fence (retrospective).	22/12/14	C/A	N/A
161508	Full planning application for the erection of 4No. four bedroom detached dwellings.	22/12/17	C/A	Condition 18
180614	Application for variation of condition 2 of planning permission 161508(full planning application for the erection of 4No. four bedroom detached dwellings) to allow elevational changes to the front and rear walls.	19/12/18	Permitted subject to Legal Agreement	Condition 18
191020	Application for variation of condition 2 of planning consent 161508 for the erection of 4no. four bedroom detached dwellings, dated 22/12/2017. Condition 2 relates to approved details. Changes include changes to plans and elevations including changing a pair of semi- detached dwellings into two detached dwellings; removal of a car port; relocation of car port of plot 1; addition of security gates to front and rear access; change part of block paving and tarmac driveway to gravel and relocate refuse and recycling collection point to new position.	29/08/19	C/A	Condition 18
203645	Householder application for the proposed extension of existing open- sided carport to create covered vehicle storage space to its rear.	08/02/21	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 not subject to potential bat roosting
- The site is located within Modest Development Locations of Spencers Wood.

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.

6. Relevant details of the proposal: The lean-to single storey side extension would be approx. 2.35m in width, 4.90m in length and 3.42m in height.

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		✓

			Yes	No
		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, 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) <u>Prior Approval via the 'Neighbours Notification Scheme' is required</u>		✓
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.		✓
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		✓

			Yes	No
		metres?		
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		✓
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, 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? <i>* Does not affect Article 3 permission but separate TPO approval will likely be needed.</i>		✓

Note: An ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND METHOD STATEMENT was submitted as part of the application with a tree protection plan. However, no TPO's on site.

8. Conclusion

The proposed erection of a single storey side extension 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 A) of the Order as it would conflict with planning condition 18 of consent 161508, 180614 & 191020. The condition removes permitted development rights for the site for Classes A, B, C, D, E, F and G.

18. Restriction of permitted development rights

Notwithstanding the provisions of Classes A, B, C, D, E, F and G of Part 1 of the Second Schedule the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification), no buildings, enlargement or alterations permitted shall be carried out without the express permission in writing of the local planning authority. In addition no boundary walls or fences shall be constructed without the express permission in writing of the local planning authority.

Reason: [AMEND AS APPROPRIATE] To safeguard the character of the area / Countryside / Green Belt [delete as appropriate] and neighbouring amenities. Relevant policy: [NPPF Section 9 (Protecting Green Belt Land) – delete as appropriate], Core Strategy policies CP1 and CP3 [and CP11, CP12 – delete as appropriate], and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policy TB21 [and TB01 – delete as appropriate]

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Date: 25 March 2026