

Received Date	18 December 2025
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Application Number:	253083
Site:	Thatched Cottage, Sonning Lane, Sonning, Wokingham, RG4 6ST
Application:	Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed insertion of 1 no. rooflight in the north-facing roof slope of the existing outbuilding.

1. Relevant Planning History

Application Number	Proposal	Decision Date	Decision	Relevant Conditions
200904	Householder application for the proposed erection of a part first floor, part two storey side extension plus basement extension, changes to fenestration, erection of new detached triple garage with first floor accommodation and creation of new swimming pool, following demolition of existing garage and greenhouse.	10 June 2020	Approve	N/A
222390	Householder application for the proposed erection of a part single part two storey side extension following demolition of existing side extension and garage and minor alterations to the fenestration of existing dwelling, plus erection of a detached car port, a pool house, a greenhouse, a potting shed, restoration of existing vine house and associated landscaping works including relocation of the outdoor swimming pool.	21 December 2022	Approve	N/A
232246	Application for submission of details to comply with the following condition of planning consent 222390 dated 21/12/2022. Condition 6 Landscaping & 7 Archaeology works programme.	19 October 2023	Approve	N/A

2. Site Description

The site is a detached dwelling located in the Conservation Area of Sonning.

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 any wildlife or habitat designations.

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 B) grants planning permission for the "*enlargement of a dwellinghouse consisting of an addition or alteration to its roof*".
- 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: Insertion of 1 no. rooflight in the north-facing roof slope of the existing outbuilding.

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.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?		✓

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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>		✓

The proposed insertion of 1 no. rooflight in the north-facing roof slope of the existing outbuilding constitutes development requiring 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 B) of the Order.

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Date: 10/02/26