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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2015

REFUSAL

REFERENCE: DM/25/2139

DESCRIPTION: PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION AND ROOF ALTERATIONS, REAR FACING DORMER WINDOW, FRONT FACING ROOF LIGHT WINDOW AND REMOVAL OF CHIMNEY

LOCATION: ESMERALDA COTTAGE, 43 WEST COMMON, LINDFIELD, HAYWARDS HEATH

DECISION DATE: 25 NOV 2025

CASE OFFICER: STEFAN GALYAS - STEFAN.GALYAS@MIDSUSSEX.GOV.UK

The Council hereby notify you that they **REFUSE** to permit the above development as shown in the submitted application and plans.

The reasons for the Council's decision are:-

1. The proposed side extension, rear dormer and chimney removal would fail to relate well to the existing dwelling or its local context. Accordingly, the proposal would inflict a high level of harm towards the non-designated heritage asset. Thus, the proposal would conflict with Policies DP26 and DP34 of the Mid Sussex District Plan (March 2018); the Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan (Made March 2016); Principles DG49, DG50 and DG52 of the Mid Sussex Design Guide (November 2020); and Paragraphs 135 and 216 of the National Planning Policy Framework (December 2024).

Human Rights Implications

The planning application has been considered in light of statute and case law and any interference with an individual's human rights is considered to be proportionate to the aims sought to be realised.

Plans Referred to in Consideration of this Application

The following plans and documents were considered when making the above decision:

Plan Type	Reference	Version	Submitted Date
Block Plan	AMY0287101	REV B	13.10.2025
Proposed Floor and Elevations Plan	AMY0287710	REV B	10.10.2025
Existing Floor and Elevations Plan	AMY0287200	REV B	10.10.2025
Location and Block Plan	AMY0287100	REV A	13.10.2025



Ann Biggs
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APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Notes for Applicants

If you are aggrieved by the decision of your Local Planning Authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 6 months (8 weeks in the case of advertisements, 12 weeks in the case of householder or minor commercial development) of the date of this notice *(see exceptions below)

Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>. If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on Tel: 0303 444 5000.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. [Further details are on GOV.uk](#).

- * If this decision relates to the same or substantially the same land and development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice.*
- * If an enforcement notice is served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within: 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or within 6 months (12 weeks in the case of a householder appeal) of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.*