

Delegated Decision
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Ref. No:	DM/25/1393	Case Officer:	Catherine Cardin
Application Type:	Householder Application		
Proposal:	Proposed rear single storey extension, alterations to existing garage and proposed loft conversion.		
Site:	29 Wickham Way, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1UJ, , , ,		
Validation Date	29 May 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	24 Jun 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	14 Jul 2025
Target Date:	24 Jul 2025	Recommending Officer Signature:	Catherine Cardin

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	0
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Signed and Agreed By:	Stephen Ashdown	Date:	14 Jul 2025
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS

None received.

SUMMARY OF CONSULTEES

SOUTHERN WATER

No objection.

TOWN COUNCIL OBSERVATIONS

No comment.

INTRODUCTION

Planning permission is sought for a proposed rear single storey extension, alterations to an existing garage and a proposed loft conversion.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

No relevant planning history.

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

29 Wickham Way is a two-storey detached dwelling. It is made of red brick construction and has white upvc windows and a plain tile roof. The property has hanging tiles to the first-floor elevation and a cross-hipped roof. The property benefits from a garage to the side of the property.

The application site is located within the built-up area of Haywards Heath. Neighbouring properties are located to the north, south and east. Highway is located to the west.

APPLICATION DETAILS

The application seeks to construct a single storey rear extension, alterations to an existing garage and a proposed loft conversion.

Firstly, a single storey rear extension is proposed. This would measure some 8.5 metres in width and some 4 metres in depth. This would have a flat roof with a maximum height of some 3.1 metres. This would have one roof lantern with brickwork to match the existing. It is proposed to install French glazed doors with full height side lights on the rear (eastern) elevation.

Secondly, it is proposed to convert the loft. This would have one rear (eastern) single dormer window, a flat roof and windows to match the existing dormers and windows. This would measure some 4 metres in width, 1 metre in depth and have a maximum height of some 1.1 metres.

Thirdly, the proposal includes removing the existing flat roof of the garage and replacing this with a pitched roof and installing a wider garage door. This would have roof tiles to match the existing. It is also proposed to install 2 no. French glazed doors to the rear (eastern) elevation on the first floor which would have 2 no. glass Juliette balconies.

In addition, it is proposed to remove the partial brick wall on the front (western) elevation and replace this with a side gate. The proposal also includes installing a new Velux window to the side (southern) pitch roof and to install a new wider front door. New wider side windows on the ground floor and a new first floor window are proposed on the side (southern) elevation, with the existing small window on the ground floor bricked up to match the existing. Finally, it is proposed to remove a chimney on the rear (eastern) roof pitch.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND LIST OF POLICIES

Planning legislation holds that the determination of a planning application shall be made in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Using this as the starting point the development plan for this part of Mid Sussex consists of the District Plan, Site Allocation Development Plan Document (DPD) and Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan.

National policy (which is contained in the National Planning Policy Framework and National Planning Policy Guidance) does not form part of the development plan, but is an important material consideration.

Mid Sussex District Plan

The District Plan was adopted at Full Council on 28th March 2018.

Relevant policies:
DP26 - Character and Design

Site Allocations DPD

The SADPD was adopted on 29th June 2022. It allocates sufficient housing and employment land to meet identified needs to 2031.

There are no relevant policies.

Neighbourhood Plan

Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan made in 2016.

Relevant policies:
Policy E9- Design

Other Material Considerations

Mid Sussex District Plan 2021 - 2039 - Submission Draft (Regulation 19)

The District Council is reviewing and updating the District Plan. Upon adoption, the new District Plan 2021 - 2039 will replace the current District Plan 2014-2031 and its policies will have full weight. In accordance with the NPPF, Local Planning Authorities may give weight to relevant policies of the emerging plan according to the stage of preparation; the extent to which there are unresolved objections to the relevant policies; and the degree of consistency of the relevant policies in the emerging plan to the NPPF. The draft District Plan 2021-2039 (Regulation 19) is currently at Examination and the stage 1 hearings were concluded on the 31st October 2024. There are unresolved objections to some of the policies in the draft District Plan and as such, only minimal weight can be given to the Plan and this planning application has been assessed against the policies of the adopted District Plan.

Relevant policies:

Mid Sussex Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

The Council has adopted a 'Mid Sussex Design Guide' SPD that aims to help deliver high quality development across the district that responds appropriately to its context and is inclusive and sustainable. The Design Guide was adopted by Council on 4th November 2020 as an SPD for use in the consideration and determination of planning applications. The SPD is a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (December 2024)

ASSESSMENT

It is considered that the main issues that need to be considered in the determination of this application are as follows;

- Design and Character
- Neighbouring Amenities
- Biodiversity Net Gain

Design and Character

Policy DP26 of the Mid Sussex District Plan relates to design and character and states:

"All development and surrounding spaces, including alterations and extensions to existing buildings and replacement dwellings, will be well designed and reflect the distinctive character of the towns and villages while being sensitive to the countryside. All applicants will be required to demonstrate that development:

- o is of high quality design and layout and includes appropriate landscaping and greenspace;*
- o contributes positively to, and clearly defines, public and private realms and should normally be designed with active building frontages facing streets and public open spaces to animate and provide natural surveillance;*
- o creates a sense of place while addressing the character and scale of the surrounding buildings and landscape;*
- o protects open spaces, trees and gardens that contribute to the character of the area;*
- o protects valued townscapes and the separate identity and character of towns and villages;*
- o does not cause significant harm to the amenities of existing nearby residents and future occupants of new dwellings, including taking account of the impact on privacy, outlook, daylight and sunlight, and noise, air and light pollution (see Policy DP27);*
- o creates a pedestrian-friendly layout that is safe, well connected, legible and accessible;*
- o incorporates well integrated parking that does not dominate the street environment, particularly where high density housing is proposed;*
- o positively addresses sustainability considerations in the layout and the building design;*
- o take the opportunity to encourage community interaction by creating layouts with a strong neighbourhood focus/centre; larger (300+ unit) schemes will also normally be expected to incorporate a mixed use element;*
- o optimises the potential of the site to accommodate development."*

Policy E9 of the Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan relates to design and states that:

'Developers must demonstrate how their proposal will protect and reinforce the local character within the locality of the site. This will include having regard to the following design elements:

- o height, scale, spacing, layout, orientation, design and materials of buildings,*

o the scale, design and materials of the development (highways, footways, open space and landscape), and is sympathetic to the setting of any heritage asset,
o respects the natural contours of a site and protects and sensitively incorporates natural features such as trees, hedges and ponds within the site,
o creates safe, accessible and well-connected environments that meet the needs of users,
o Will not result in unacceptable levels of light, noise, air or water pollution,
o Makes best use of the site to accommodate development,
o Car parking is designed and located so that it fits in with the character of the proposed development.
Proposals affecting a listed building, conservation area, building of local interest or public park of historic interest or their setting should preserve or enhance their special interest and/or distinctive character.

The proposed extensions and alterations would be of forms and designs which are in proportion and appropriate to the character of the existing dwelling. It is considered that the proposed garage roof appropriately considers the character of the host dwelling. As the proposal includes materials to match the existing, it is considered that the proposal would provide a consistent finish. The proposed rear extension would not be visible from the street scene and, as such, it is not considered that there would be significant harm to the character of the area.

The proposal is therefore considered to comply with Policy DP26 of the District Plan, policy E9 of the Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan and the relevant principles of the Mid Sussex Design Guide SPD.

Neighbouring Amenities

Policy DP26 in part seeks to ensure that development:

"does not cause significant harm to the amenities of existing nearby residents and future occupants of new dwellings, including taking account of the impact on privacy, outlook, daylight and sunlight, and noise, air and light pollution (see Policy DP29);"

To the southern side is 27 Wickham Way, which would be some 7.8 metres from the proposed rear extension. Given that this neighbour is set further back on its plot, it is not considered that the proposal would be harmful to the amenities of this neighbour. Given the separation distance from the development, it is not considered that this proposal would cause significant harm to the outlook and light of this neighbour.

To the northern side is 31 Wickham Way, which would be some 9 metres from the proposed rear extension. Given the single storey nature of the development, it is not considered that the proposal would give rise to any significant overlooking concerns. Given the separation distance from the development, it is not considered that this would cause significant harm to the outlook and light of this neighbour.

To the eastern side is 5 and 6 Wickham Close. Given that the dormer would be offset from the shared boundary by some 22 metres it is not considered that the proposal would be harmful to the amenities of this neighbour.

Due to the domestic nature of the proposed development, it is considered that there would not be a harmful impact in terms of noise, air and light pollution.

It is therefore considered that the proposal would not cause harm to the amenities of neighbouring properties. The proposal is therefore deemed to accord with the above part of policy DP26 of the District Plan.

Biodiversity Net Gain

Biodiversity net gain is required under a statutory framework introduced by Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. This is a householder application within the meaning of article 2(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. As a householder application this development is exempt from the requirement to provide biodiversity net gain.

PLANNING BALANCE AND CONCLUSION

The proposal is considered to be appropriate in terms of design, size and scale to the dwellinghouse and locality, and would not cause harm to the amenities of neighbouring properties.

In conclusion, the proposal complies with Mid Sussex District Plan policy DP26, policy E9 of the Haywards heath Neighbourhood Plan and the relevant provisions of the NPPF. The application is therefore recommended for approval.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Catherine Cardin