

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/2047	Case Officer:	Andrew Horrell
Application Type:	Lawful Development Certificate -Proposed		
Proposal:	Proposed rear single storey extension.		
Site:	6 Bramble Close, Copthorne, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 3QB, , ,		
Validation Date	19 Aug 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	11 Sep 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	1 Oct 2026
Target Date:	14 Oct 2026	Recommending Officer Signature:	Andrew Horrell

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	1
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Signed and Agreed By:	Steven King	Date:	1 Oct 2026
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

DM/26/2047

**6 Bramble Close, Copthorne, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 3QB, ,
Proposed rear single storey extension.
Mr Max Caiger**

SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS

10 Bramble Close have commented on the grounds of privacy impact and impact on tree and drainage/sewer.

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATIONS

Worth Parish Council Supports this application.

INTRODUCTION

A lawful development certificate is sought for a single storey rear extension.

PLANNING HISTORY

None relevant.

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

6 Bramble Close is a two-storey pitched roofed dwelling within a cul-de-sac off Fairway. The dwelling is characterised by face brickwork and upvc doors and windows.

To the rear is the garden with close boarded fencing to No.12 beyond, to the south of the site is the driveway to highway beyond, to the east is the close boarded fencing to No.8 beyond and to the west is the adjacent No.4.

The site is within the built-up area of Copthorne.

APPLICATION DETAILS

The proposed single storey rear extension is approximately 3.5m in depth, some 7.5m in width with a height to eaves of 2.4m and an overall height of 3m.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

As this is an application to establish whether the proposed development would benefit from permitted development rights and will be a legal decision, planning merits cannot be taken into account when considering this application.

The proposal will be tested against the relevant criteria of Part 1 Class A of Schedule 2 of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended), as detailed below:

Class A - enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse

Permitted Development

A. The enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse.

Development not permitted

A.1 Development is not permitted by Class A if—

- (a) permission to use the dwellinghouse as a dwellinghouse has been granted only by virtue of Class G, M, MA, N, P, PA or Q of Part 3 of this Schedule (changes of use);
- (b) as a result of the works, the total area of ground covered by buildings within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse (other than the original dwellinghouse) would exceed 50% of the total area of the curtilage (excluding the ground area of the original dwellinghouse);
- (c) the height of the part of the dwellinghouse enlarged, improved or altered would exceed the height of the highest part of the roof of the existing dwellinghouse;
- (d) 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;
- (e) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall which—
 - (i) forms the principal elevation of the original dwellinghouse; or
 - (ii) fronts a highway and forms a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse;
- (f) subject to paragraph (g), the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have a single storey and—
 - (i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 4 metres in the case of a detached dwellinghouse, or 3 metres in the case of any other dwellinghouse, or
 - (ii) exceed 4 metres in height;
- (g) For a dwellinghouse not on article 2(3) land nor on a site of special scientific interest, the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have a single storey and—
 - (i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 8 metres in the case of a detached dwellinghouse, or 6 metres in the case of any other dwellinghouse, or (ii) exceed 4 metres in height;
- (h) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have more than a single storey and—
 - (i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 3 metres, or
 - (ii) be within 7 metres of any boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse opposite the rear wall of the dwellinghouse;
- (i) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would be within 2 metres of the boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse, and the height of the eaves of the enlarged part would exceed 3 metres;
- (j) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse, and would—
 - (i) exceed 4 metres in height,
 - (ii) have more than a single storey, or
 - (iii) have a width greater than half the width of the original dwellinghouse;
- (ja) any total enlargement (being the enlarged part together with any existing enlargement of the original dwellinghouse to which it will be joined) exceeds or would exceed the limits set out in sub-paragraphs (e) to (j);
- (k) it would 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.
- (l) the dwellinghouse is built under Part 20 of this Schedule (Construction of new dwellinghouses)

A.2 In the case of a dwellinghouse on article 2(3) land, development is not permitted by Class A if—

- (a) it would 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;
- (b) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse; or
- (c) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have more than a single storey and extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse.
- (d) any total enlargement (being the enlarged part together with any existing enlargement of the original dwellinghouse to which it will be joined) exceeds or would exceed the limits set out in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c).

Conditions

A.3 Development is permitted by Class A subject to the following conditions—

- (a) the materials used in any exterior work (other than materials used in the construction of a conservatory) must be of a similar appearance to those used in the construction of the exterior of the existing dwellinghouse;
- (b) any upper-floor window located in a wall or roof slope forming a side elevation of the dwellinghouse must be—
 - (i) obscure-glazed, and
 - (ii) non-opening unless the parts of the window which can be opened are more than 1.7 metres above the floor of the room in which the window is installed; and
- (c) where the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse has more than a single storey, the roof pitch of the enlarged part must, so far as practicable, be the same as the roof pitch of the original dwellinghouse.

ASSESSMENT

The site is not within Article 2(3) land or subject to an Article 4 Direction.

The property's planning history has been checked and permitted development rights are deemed to be intact.

The proposed rear extension complies with the applicable footprint, height, width and depth limitations specified above within Class A.

The exterior materials of the proposed enlargements would be similar in appearance to the materials of the exterior of the existing dwellinghouse.

The points raised by the representation received from 10 Bramble Close in terms of impact on tree and drainage/sewer are not issues which can be considered under this type of application.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the proposed development is deemed to comply with the applicable permitted development criteria as set out within Class A of Part 1 Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) and therefore a certificate can be issued.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Andrew Horrell