

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/2736	Case Officer:	Peter Davies
Application Type:	Lawful Development Certificate -Proposed		
Proposal:	Proposed garage conversion		
Site:	26 Estcots Drive, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 3DA, , , ,		
Validation Date	24 Oct 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	18 Nov 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	10 Dec 2025
Target Date:	19 Dec 2025	Recommending Officer Signature:	Peter Davies

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	0
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Signed and Agreed By:	Stephen Ashdown	Date:	11 Dec 2025
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

DM/25/2736

**26 Estcots Drive, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 3DA, , ,
Proposed garage conversion
Mrs Beth Hart**

REPRESENTATIONS

None received.

TOWN COUNCIL OBSERVATIONS

No comment

INTRODUCTION

This application seeks a lawful development certificate for a garage conversion and enlargement of window.

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

The application property is a semi-detached two storey dwelling located on the south side of Estcots Drive, within the built-up area boundary of East Grinstead.

The application property has a pitched roof and is constructed from brick with hanging tiles at first floor with plain roof tiles and white fenestration. The dwelling is set back from the highway with an integrated garage and off-street parking. The locality is characterised by two storey dwellings of varying design form and scale.

APPLICATION DETAILS

The integrated garage is to be converted to create a bedroom and study. The garage door is to be bricked up using brick to match the existing dwelling with a window to match the existing dwelling.

The window on the front elevation at first floor level above the garage is to be enlarged.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

This application is 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 Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended), as detailed below:

Permitted Development

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 M, 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 being enlarged which is 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 subparagraphs (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; or
- (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 subparagraphs (b) and (c).

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, or forms an upper storey on an existing enlargement of the original dwelling, 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 property's planning history has been checked and household permitted development rights are understood to be intact for the element proposed. The property is not subject to an Article 4 Direction or located on Article 2(3) land.

The proposed alterations would be situated within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse and the proposal complies with applicable criteria of Class A. The exterior materials of the proposed works would be similar in appearance to the materials of the exterior of the existing dwellinghouse.

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: Peter Davies