

Planning Statement

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For: Addition to the front garden of a block paved driveway of circa 35^m, including a drop curb to the road, similar in style to the adjacent drive at 37a (Planning Portal reference: PP-8842414)

1. Overview

This planning statement supports an application for the addition of a block-paved driveway within the front garden of a maisonette property. The proposal relates to a modest residential plot and is limited in scale. A Flood Risk Assessment has been submitted in support of the application.

2. Description of the Proposal

The proposal comprises the installation of a block paved driveway of approximately 35m², together with a dropped kerb to enable vehicular access. The materials and design will be similar to the adjacent driveway at No. 37a for consistency.

The driveway will provide off-road parking for up to two vehicles.

3. Site Analysis

The site is located within a residential street of 1960s maisonette developments. There is an established pattern of front garden driveways in the immediate area.

There is significant parking pressure, partly due to the original rear garages being too small for modern vehicles, resulting in lots of on-pavement parking.

4. Compliance with Local Planning Policies

The proposal fits with the Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan Our Bright Future (2016) aim to promote sustainable development that supports the character of the area, including improving appropriate off-street car parking provision.

The scale, layout, and materials are appropriate to the surrounding context and reflect the adjacent driveway, ensuring no adverse impact on the street scene.

5. Flood Risk

A Flood Risk Assessment accompanies this application. It confirms that appropriate mitigation measures will be implemented to manage surface water runoff and ensure the development does not increase flood risk.

6. Access and Infrastructure

Access will be provided via a dropped kerb from the public highway.