

Supporting Statement for Alteration of Planning Conditions

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Introduction

This statement is submitted in support of an application to vary conditions attached to the planning permission reference DM/25/0951 granted on 29th May 2025 for a proposed garage conversion, alterations to the existing external materials, a single storey rear extension and creation of downstairs shower room.

The proposed variation seeks to amend Conditions 2 and 3 which currently states:

2. Approved Plans

The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the plans listed below under the heading "Plans Referred to in Consideration of this Application".

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of proper planning.

3. No external materials shall be used other than those specified on the approved plans and application form without the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To protect the appearance of the building and the area and to accord with Policy DP26 of the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014 - 2031.

Justification for the Proposed Alteration

The proposed changes are necessary due to unexpected high costs associated with the original materials (white render and cedar cladding), as well as concerns relating to the cost and the time needed for the ongoing maintenance of these materials. This amendment will not materially alter the nature of the approved development and will continue to comply with relevant planning policies.

We would therefore like to remove / adjust the condition/s that refers to external materials so that we can revert to using brick that matches the existing house, as well as have the option to potentially include an element of interest as a feature on the new extension which would be in keeping with materials used in the neighbourhood. Please refer to the visuals in the separate document for more detail.

Conclusion

The proposed variation of Condition is minor in nature and justified by practical and budgetary considerations. It will not compromise the integrity of the original permission and will continue to deliver a high-quality development in line with planning objectives.

We respectfully request that the Local Planning Authority approve this application to vary the condition/s.