

Parking and Highways Note

29 Chilton Grove, Lindfield

This note has been prepared in support of the proposed partial garage conversion at 29 Chilton Grove.

The proposal would remove one off-street parking space currently associated with the integral garage. However, the site would continue to benefit from retained off-street parking provision to the front driveway, and the surrounding street benefits from unrestricted on-street parking.

The proposal would also retain the front section of the garage as ancillary storage and does not involve any material external alteration to the property.

The proposal does not:

- create a new access;
- alter the existing vehicular access point;
- materially intensify the use of the dwelling beyond normal family occupation; or
- give rise to any significant change in highway movement.

The acceptability of the parking arrangement should be considered in the round and with reference to the practical parking environment.

In this regard, nearby planning decisions within Chilton Grove are relevant.

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The Council accepted the loss of garage parking and a resulting arrangement of one retained off-street parking space, expressly noting that:

“the on-street parking is unrestricted”

and concluding that the arrangement was acceptable and compliant with Policy DP21.

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The Council similarly accepted the loss of one off-street garage parking space, leaving one off-street parking space, and stated:

“The on-street parking within the wider street scene is unrestricted and as such the resulting arrangement is considered acceptable.”

That decision concluded that the proposal complied with Policy DP21 and the West Sussex County Council Guidance on Parking at New Development (September 2020).

The proposed arrangement at 29 Chilton Grove is considered comparable in planning terms.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the resulting parking arrangement remains acceptable and would not result in unacceptable pressure on the local highway network.