

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/0568	Case Officer:	Peter Davies
Application Type:	Householder Application		
Proposal:	Proposed single storey side extension		
Site:	236 London Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 9QH, , , ,		
Validation Date	6 Mar 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	2 Apr 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	28 Apr 2025
Target Date:	1 May 2025	Recommending Officer Signature:	Peter Davies

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	0
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Signed and Agreed By:	Steven King	Date:	28 Apr 2025
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

DM/25/0568

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Mr Philip Kent**

REPRESENTATION RECEIVED

None received.

SUMMARY OF CONSULTEEES

Southern Water

Following the weekly list sent on 10th March 2025, Southern Water has determined that the flow rate for the above site will remain consistent, so capacity is not an issue and no Southern Water assets will be affected. Therefore, Southern Water has no objections to this proposal.

Please note surface water should not be disposed of into a public foul sewer and must comply with the Hierarchy of H3 of the Building Regulations. For more details, refer to the Drainage and Waste Disposal: Approved Document H on the GOV.UK website.

Any new connections to the public sewerage system will require a New Sewer Connection application (also known as a Section 106) to be submitted and approved by Southern Water. Due to legislative changes effective from 1st October 2011 regarding the ownership of sewers, it is possible that some previously private sewers, now deemed public, could be crossing the above property and may not be shown on Southern Water records. Therefore, if any additional sewers are discovered during construction, an investigation will be required to determine their condition, the number of properties served, and potential access methods before any further work can proceed on site.

TOWN COUNCIL OBSERVATIONS

The committee noted the application.

The Committee felt that there was insufficient information in the planning application in order to make a recommendation.

INTRODUCTION

The application seeks planning permission for a single storey rear extension and replacement windows on the side elevation.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

BH/079/76 - Two storey extension. Permission

BH/267/76 - Single storey extension to detached property with minor works. Permission

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

The application property is a detached two storey dwelling located on the east side of London Road, within the built-up area boundary of Burgess Hill.

The application property has a pitched roof and is constructed from face brick with hanging tile and brown uPVC fenestration. The dwelling is set back from the highway, with off street parking and mature

hedging along the property boundary. The dwelling has a lean-to porch and attached 2. no garages with one serving the application property and one serving no. 238 London Road.

The east side of London Road is characterised by the backs of properties that face onto Meadow Lane except for the application property and no. 238. The west side of London Road consists of dwellings located within various closes as well as Hamonds Place, a Grade II listed building to the northwest.

APPLICATION DETAILS

The application seeks planning permission for a single storey extension located on the north side of the dwelling to replace an existing shed. The extension will have a width and depth of 4.30 metres and 6.60 metres. The extension will have a flat roof with a height of 3.0 metres with a window on both the front and rear elevation and double-glazed doors on the side elevation. The extension will be constructed from brick to match the existing dwelling, uPVC fenestration to match and a dark grey fibreglass roof.

To the north side of the extension the existing fence and stonework will be removed and replaced with an close board fence and gate with a height of 1.8- metres.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND LIST OF POLICIES

Planning legislation holds that the determination of a planning application shall be made in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Using this as the starting point the development plan for this part of Mid Sussex consists of the District Plan, Site Allocation Development Plan Document (DPD) and the Burgess Hill Neighbourhood Plan

National policy (which is contained in the National Planning Policy Framework and National Planning Policy Guidance) does not form part of the development plan, but is an important material consideration.

Mid Sussex District Plan

The District Plan was adopted at Full Council on 28th March 2018.

Relevant policies:

DP26 - Character and Design

Site Allocations DPD

The SADPD was adopted on 29th June 2022. It allocates sufficient housing and employment land to meet identified needs to 2031.

There are no relevant policies.

Burgess Hill Neighbourhood Plan (made January 2016)

No relevant policies

Other Material Considerations

Mid Sussex District Plan 2021-2039 Consultation Draft

The District Council is reviewing and updating the District Plan. Upon adoption, the new District Plan 2021 - 2039 will replace the current District Plan 2014-2031 and its policies will have full weight. In accordance with the NPPF, Local Planning Authorities may give weight to relevant policies of the emerging plan according to the stage of preparation; the extent to which there are unresolved objections to the relevant policies; and the degree of consistency of the relevant policies in the emerging plan to the NPPF. The draft District Plan 2021-2039 (Regulation 19) is currently at Examination and the stage 1 hearings were concluded on the 31st October 2024. There are unresolved objections to some of the

Policies in the draft District Plan and as such, only minimal weight can be given to the Plan and this planning application has been assessed against the policies of the adopted District Plan.

Relevant Policies:

DPS1 - Climate Change

DPS2 - Sustainable Design and Construction

DPB1 - Character and Design

Mid Sussex Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

The Council has adopted a 'Mid Sussex Design Guide' SPD that aims to help deliver high quality development across the district that responds appropriately to its context and is inclusive and sustainable. The Design Guide was adopted by Council on 4th November 2020 as an SPD for use in the consideration and determination of planning applications. The SPD is a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (December 2024)

Paragraphs 8, 11, 131 and 135 are considered to be relevant.

National Planning Policy Guidance

Ministerial Statement and Design Guide

ASSESSMENT

It is considered that the main issues that need to be considered in the determination of this application are as follows;

- Design and Character
- Impact on neighbouring properties
- Other Matters
- Biodiversity Net Gain

Design and Character

Policy DP26 of the Mid Sussex District Plan states:

'All development and surrounding spaces, including alterations and extensions to existing buildings and replacement dwellings, will be well designed and reflect the distinctive character of the towns and villages while being sensitive to the countryside. All applicants will be required to demonstrate that development:

- *is of high quality design and layout and includes appropriate landscaping and greenspace;*
- *contributes positively to, and clearly defines, public and private realms and should normally be designed with active building frontages facing streets and public open spaces to animate and provide natural surveillance;*
- *creates a sense of place while addressing the character and scale of the surrounding buildings and landscape;*
- *protects open spaces, trees and gardens that contribute to the character of the area;*
- *protects valued townscapes and the separate identity and character of towns and villages;*
- *does not cause significant harm to the amenities of existing nearby residents and future occupants of new dwellings, including taking account of the impact on privacy, outlook, daylight and sunlight, and noise, air and light pollution (see Policy DP27);*
- *creates a pedestrian-friendly layout that is safe, well connected, legible and accessible;*
- *incorporates well integrated parking that does not dominate the street environment, particularly where high density housing is proposed;*
- *positively addresses sustainability considerations in the layout and the building design;*

- *take the opportunity to encourage community interaction by creating layouts with a strong neighbourhood focus/centre; larger (300+ unit) schemes will also normally be expected to incorporate a mixed use element; optimises the potential of the site to accommodate development.'*

Principle DG49 of the Mid Sussex Design Guide states: *'Extensions should typically use simple, uncomplicated building forms to compliment and coordinate with the scale, form and massing of the original dwelling. The design approach may benefit from coordinating with the existing pattern of window and door openings as well as employing facing materials to match those of the existing dwelling. Otherwise it should demonstrate the appropriateness of the alternative approach.'*

Principle DG50 relates to side extensions and in part states: *'Side extensions should normally be subservient to the original dwelling and typically be set-back from the front of the house to help define the original building. The gaps between dwellings can sometimes positively contribute to articulating (for example, through the consistent rhythm of repeated houses) and adding interest in a street frontage or by providing views / visible connections to the surrounding countryside. Side extensions will therefore need to appropriately respond to the character of the street form and will not normally be accepted where they close an important gap and view.'*

The proposed side extension is of a contemporary design and of a form and scale that is acceptable to the existing dwelling and character of the area. The extension would be visible from the highway, however there is mature hedging to the front partially blocking the view from some angles and would be constructed from materials to match the existing dwelling.

The proposed close board fence is set back from the highway and is of the same design of fencing used on the rear boundaries along the east side of London Road. The proposal therefore is considered to comply with policy DP26 of the District Plan.

Impact on neighbouring properties

DP26 of the Mid Sussex District Plan seeks to ensure that development *'does not cause significant harm to the amenities of existing nearby residents and future occupants of new dwellings, including taking account of the impact on privacy, outlook, daylight and sunlight, and noise, air and light pollution (see Policy DP29).'*

The proposed extension is single storey with the shared boundaries marked by close board fencing, therefore the proposed extension will not create any significant harm to neighbouring amenity areas in terms of overlooking. The extension is over 4 metres from the closest boundary with a neighbouring property and will therefore not cause significant harm in terms of loss of light. The proposal is therefore, considered to comply with the above-mentioned part of Policy DP26 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

Other Matters

Southern Water have provided comments on the proposal and state surface water should not be disposed of into a public foul sewer and that any new connection would require a new sewer connection application to be submitted and approved by Southern Water.

The Town Councils comments are noted. However all required plans and information are on the case file in order to determine the application.

Biodiversity Net Gain

Biodiversity net gain is required under a statutory framework introduced by Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. This is a householder application within the meaning of article 2(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. As a householder application this development is exempt from the requirement to provide biodiversity net gain.

PLANNING BALANCE AND CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the proposal is considered to be appropriate in terms of design, size and scale to the dwellinghouse and locality and would not cause significant harm to the amenities of neighbouring properties. Therefore, the proposal complies with Mid Sussex District Plan policy DP26, and with the relevant provisions of the NPPF. The application therefore accords with the Development Plan and is considered acceptable.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Peter Davies