

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/1640	Case Officer:	Catherine Cardin
Application Type:	Lawful Development Certificate -Proposed		
Proposal:	Loft conversion with rear dormer and partial garage conversion		
Site:	10 Meadowsweet Drive, Lindfield, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 2DY, , ,		
Validation Date	3 Jul 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	29 Jul 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	14 Aug 2026
Target Date:	28 Aug 2026	Recommending Officer Signature:	<i>Catherine Cardin</i>

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	0
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Signed and Agreed By:	<i>Steven King</i>	Date:	19 Aug 2026
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

DM/26/1640

**10 Meadowsweet Drive, Lindfield, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 2DY, ,
Loft conversion with rear dormer and partial garage conversion
Ms Victoria Willis**

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATIONS

LRPC have no comment on this consultation.

REPRESENTATIONS

None received.

INTRODUCTION

This is an application for a Lawful Development Certificate to establish whether the proposed development, consisting of a loft conversion including the erection of a rear dormer, and garage conversion, would constitute permitted development.

RECENT PLANNING HISTORY

12/04316/FUL- Development of site so as to accommodate 230 dwellings, together with associated areas of open space, play space and amenity space; new access, parking and landscaping.

DM/15/0139- Erection of 148 no. 2, 2.5 and 3 storey 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 bedroom dwellings, garages and ancillary buildings with associated works. Amended design of 'Phase 2' of the development approved under application reference 12/04316/FUL. Permission.

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

The application property is a two-storey detached dwelling. The property is characterised by red brick, white uPVC fenestration and a plain tile roof. The property benefits from an attached garage and off-street parking to accommodate approximately one car.

The property lies within a modern housing development and within the built-up area boundary of Lindfield. Neighbouring properties are located to the west and north. The public highway lies to the south and east.

APPLICATION DETAILS

The proposed dormer extension would be located on the rear (northwestern elevation). Plans show the dormer extension would be some 5.1 metres wide and some 3.3 metres deep. The dormer would have a flat roof with a maximum height of some 2.6 metres.

All external materials will be similar in appearance to the existing dwelling.

The submitted plans also show it is proposed to partially convert the garage. This would incorporate a window on the side (northeastern) elevation at ground floor level.

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

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 G, M, MA, 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 that 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 sub-paragraphs (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).

Conditions

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 dwellinghouse, the roof pitch of the enlarged part must, so far as practicable, be the same as the roof pitch of the original dwellinghouse.

Class B - additions etc to the roof of a dwellinghouse

Permitted Development

B. The enlargement of a dwellinghouse consisting of an addition or alteration to its roof.

Development not permitted

B.1 Development is not permitted by Class B if—
(a) permission to use the dwellinghouse as a dwellinghouse has been granted only by virtue of Class G, M, MA, N, P, PA or Q of Part 3 of this Schedule (changes of use);
(b) any part of the dwellinghouse would, as a result of the works, exceed the height of the highest part of the existing roof;
(c) any part of the dwellinghouse would, as a result of the works, extend beyond the plane of any existing roof slope which forms the principal elevation of the dwellinghouse and fronts a highway;
(d) the cubic content of the resulting roof space would exceed the cubic content of the original roof space by more than—
(i) 40 cubic metres in the case of a terrace house, or
(ii) 50 cubic metres in any other case;
(e) it would consist of or include—
(i) the construction or provision of a verandah, balcony or raised platform, or
(ii) the installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe; or
(f) the dwellinghouse is on article 2(3) land.; or
(g) the dwellinghouse is built under Part 20 of this Schedule (construction of new dwellinghouses).; or
(h) the existing dwellinghouse has been enlarged in reliance on the permission granted by Class AA (enlargement of a dwellinghouse by construction of additional storeys).

Conditions

B.2 Development is permitted by Class B subject to the following conditions—
(a) the materials used in any exterior work must be of a similar appearance to those used in the construction of the exterior of the existing dwellinghouse;
(b) the enlargement must be constructed so that—
(i) other than in the case of a hip-to-gable enlargement or an enlargement which joins the original roof to the roof of a rear or side extension—

- (aa) the eaves of the original roof are maintained or reinstated; and
- (bb) the edge of the enlargement closest to the eaves of the original roof is, so far as practicable, not less than 0.2 metres from the eaves, measured along the roof slope from the outside edge of the eaves; and
- (ii) other than in the case of an enlargement which joins the original roof to the roof of a rear or side extension, no part of the enlargement extends beyond the outside face of any external wall of the original dwellinghouse; and
- (c) any window inserted on 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.

ASSESSMENT

The property's planning history has been checked and household permitted development rights are understood to be intact for the proposed development. The property is not located on article 2 (3) land.

The proposed height of the dormer extension would not exceed the height of the highest part of the existing roof. The dormer extension would not extend beyond the plane of any existing roof slope which forms the principal elevation of the dwelling. In addition, the volume of the dormer would not exceed 50 cubic meters as the volume of the proposed total enlargement would be approximately 24 cubic meters. The edge of the dormer enlargement would be approximately 0.4 metres from the eaves, with the eaves of the original roof maintained. The exterior materials of the proposed works would be similar in appearance to the materials of the exterior of the existing dwellinghouse.

The proposed window on the side elevation at ground floor level 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 Classes A and B 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: Catherine Cardin