

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/0730	Case Officer:	Peter Davies
Application Type:	Lawful Development Certificate -Proposed		
Proposal:	Proposed single storey rear extension, internal remodelling and a replacement front porch.		
Site:	4 Beech Hurst Close, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 4AE, , ,		
Validation Date	19 Mar 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	15 Apr 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	9 May 2025
Target Date:	14 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:	12 May 2025
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

DM/25/0730

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Lynn Speller**

REPRESENTATIONS

None received.

SUMMARY OF CONSULTEEES

Southern Water

Following the weekly list sent on 3rd April 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

As this is an application for a Lawful Development Certificate and is therefore a legal matter, the Town Council defers the decision to Mid Sussex District Council.

INTRODUCTION

This application seeks a lawful development certificate for a single storey rear extension and replacement porch.

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

The application property is a detached two storey dwelling located at the end of the cul-de-sac Beech Hurst Close, within the built-up area boundary of Haywards Heath.

The application property has a pitched roof and is constructed from brick with hanging tile at first floor level, plain roof tiles and white uPVC fenestration. The dwelling is set back from the highway with an attached double garage to the front. The locality is characterised by detached two storey dwellings of a similar design, form and scale.

APPLICATION DETAILS

The proposed extension is to be located on the south side of the dwelling. The extension will have a width and depth of approximately 6.35 metres and 2.0 metres. The extension will have a twin gabled roof with an eaves height of 2.70 metres and an overall height of 3.40 metres.

The proposed porch will replace an existing porch and have a width and depth of 1.26 metres and 2.11 metres. the porch will have a pitched roof will have a pitched roof with an eaves height of 2.60 metres and an overall height of 3.00 metres.

The proposed materials are to match the existing dwellinghouse.

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

Permitted Development

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 M, 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 the 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 subparagraphs (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).

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

Class D. The erection or construction of a porch outside any external door of a dwellinghouse.

Development not permitted

D.1 Development is not permitted by Class D if—

- (a) permission to use the dwellinghouse as a dwellinghouse has been granted only by virtue of Class M, N, P, PA or Q of Part 3 of this Schedule (changes of use);
- (b) the ground area (measured externally) of the structure would exceed 3 square metres;
- (c) any part of the structure would be more than 3 metres above ground level; or
- (d) any part of the structure would be within 2 metres of any boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse with a highway.

ASSESSMENT

The property's planning history has been checked and household permitted development rights are understood to be intact for the element proposed. The property is not subject to an Article 4 Direction or located on Article 2(3) land.

The proposed enlargements would be situated within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse and the location and dimensions of the proposal complies with applicable criteria of Classes A and D. The exterior materials of the proposed enlargement would be similar in appearance to the materials of the exterior of the existing dwellinghouse.

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.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the proposed development is deemed to comply with the applicable permitted development criteria as set out within Classes A and D 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: Peter Davies