

Delegated Report

Prior Approval Extensions Application

Application no:	20230918
Location	23 Villa Road Higham Rochester Kent
Proposal:	Prior approval application for a single storey rear extension with a depth of 5.93 metres, maximum height of 3.00 metres and eaves height of 2.60 metres.
Applicant:	Mr & Mrs S Bettsworth
Site Visit	N/A Desktop Assessment

Plans & Documents

Application Form Dated 31/08/2023;
Supplementary Information – Cover Letter – Received 04/09/2023;
Drawing Number 23 414 01 (Floor Plans and Elevations – Existing with OS and Block Plan); and
Drawing Number 23 414 02 (Floor Plans and Elevations – Proposed).

Property Type

23 Villa Road is a two-storey mid terraced dwellinghouse.

Proposal

The application seeks prior approval under Class A, Part 1 Schedule 2 and Article 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for the erection of a single storey rear extension with a depth of 5.93 metres, a maximum height of 3 metres and an eaves height of 2.60 metres.

Development Plan

Due to the nature of this application, the adopted plan and national planning policies are not relevant since it relates to whether the proposed single storey extension requires prior approval.

Planning Legislation

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Neighbouring Properties

In accordance with the amendments in relation to home extensions under paragraph A.4 (5) of Class A, Part 1, Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) the following adjoining neighbouring properties were notified of this application;

- 21 Villa Road, Higham
- 25 Villa Road, Higham

No representations were received from the neighbouring properties consulted in this prior approval application. The consultation period expired 25th September 2023.

Relevant Planning History

No relevant history

Officer Assessment

Permitted Developments Rights Restrictions

Article 2 (3) Land (AONB, Conservation Area)	N
Article 4 Direction	N
Permitted Development Rights Removed/Restricted	N

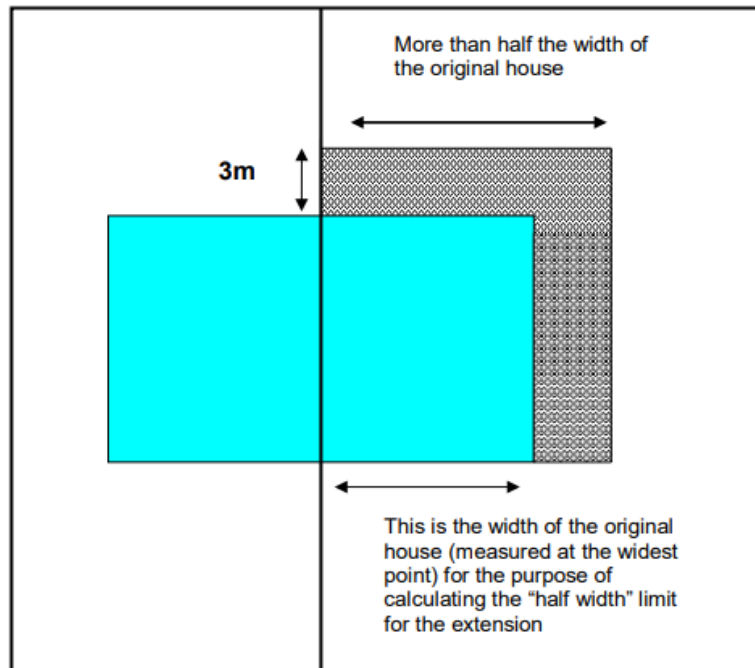
Class A - The enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse

A.1	Development is not permitted by Class A if –	Y/N
(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)	N
(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)	N
(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	N
(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	N
(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	N N
(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	Y 5.93m N 3.22m (inclusive)

		of roof lantern)
(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;	N 5.93m N 3.22m (inclusive of roof lantern)
(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;	N/A N/A
(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	N 2.6m
(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 dwelling; or	N N Y 3.48m
(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);	N/A
(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,	N N

	(iii) the installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe, or	N
	(iv) an alteration to any part of the roof of the dwellinghouse	N
(l)	the dwellinghouse is built under Part 20 of this Schedule (construction of new dwellinghouses)	N
A.2	In the case of a dwellinghouse on article 2(3) land, development is not permitted by Class A if –	Y/N
(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;	N/A
(b)	the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse; or	N/A
(c)	the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have more than a single storey and extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse.	N/A
(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 sub-paragraphs (b) and (c).	N/A
A.3	Development is permitted by Class A subject to the following conditions –	Y/N
(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;	Y
(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	N/A N/A
(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.	N/A

The proposed plans show the proposal would fail to comply with A.1 (j) (iii) as the total enlargement would extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse and have a width greater than half the width of the original dwelling. This is demonstrated visually below in the Government Technical guidance:



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Analysis

Under Class A.1 (g) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (GDPO) (England) Order 2015, as amended, a single family dwelling can extend beyond the rear wall by 8 metres in the case of a detached property, as long as it does not exceed 4 metres in height.

As set out in the GDPO, Class A.4 (2), the developer has provided sufficient information to support the application; application form, site location plan and additional plans.

The information provided, shows the proposed development fails under Class A.1 (j) (iii), as the development would extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse and have a width greater than half the width of the original dwelling.

The adjoining properties were consulted in accordance with A.4 (5) and no representations were received. Therefore A.4 (7) has not been triggered and impact on neighbouring amenity does not require investigation.

It is considered that the details and documents provided with the application are sufficient and no further information is required under A.4 (8) to determine the proposed development.

Conclusion

The proposed development does not comply with Class A.1 (j) (iii) of **THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015, AS AMENDED**, and it is considered **PRIOR APPROVAL IS REQUIRED AND REFUSED**

Therefore, full planning permission is required for the development.

Recommendation: PRIOR APPROVAL IS REQUIRED AND REFUSED

Case Officer:	Mrs Nina Goodbody	Team Leader:	Richard Hart
Signed:	<i>N Goodbody</i>	Signed:	<i>R Hart</i>
Dated:	9 th October 2023	Dated:	9th October 2023