



Delegated Report

Prior Approval for Larger Household Extension

Planning Application No: 20230251

Location: Willow Platt Hermitage Road Higham Rochester

Description: Prior approval application for a single storey rear extension with a depth of 8.00 metres, maximum height of 4.00 metres and eaves height of 2.59 metres.

Applicant: Mr Gill

Site Visit Date: NA

Submitted Documents/Plans

Application Form
002 B – Site Layout and Existing Block Plan
002B – Site Layout and Proposed Block Plan
003A – Existing Buildings
005 A – Proposed Plans and Elevations
Email from Agent re Proposed Materials

Relevant Planning History

Reference	Description	Decision	Decision Date
20211339	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate in respect of the existing use as a residential dwelling without a agricultural condition.	CGLD	04.04.2022
19590216	Erection of a bungalow for agricultural worker	PER	04.08.1959
19590225	Erection of bungalow for agricultural worker	PER	04.08.1959
19560221	Site for erection of an agricultural bungalow	PER	26.10.1956

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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)

Consultations, Publicity and Representations

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

- Great Hermitage House
- Hillyfield

No representations were received from the neighbouring properties consulted in this prior approval application.

The consultation period expired 10th April 2023.

Consultees

Dickens Protection Society

The Society notes the proposal would almost double the floor area of the dwelling in the Green Belt. In these circumstances it is suggested that if consent is granted permitted development rights are withdrawn.

Officer Note: The comments raised are noted. However, for this type of Prior Approval application the Notification requirements only applies to owners and occupiers of adjoining properties. Similarly, it is only the impact on adjoining properties that may be considered beyond compliance with Permitted Development Rights and only where an adjoining neighbour objects. The local planning authority may grant prior approval unconditionally or subject to conditions reasonably related to the impact of the proposed development on the amenity of any adjoining premises. (Please see Paragraph A.4, Class A, Part 1, Schedule 2 of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015)

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
(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 (See Para (f))
(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;	NA
(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;	NA
(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	Eaves 2.5m
(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	NA
(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
(k)	it would consist of or include – (i) the construction or provision of a verandah, balcony or raised platform,	N

	(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	
(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 (confirmed by email)
(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
(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

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 show the proposed single storey rear extension is within the parameters set out in

the GPDO; 8.00 metres deep, a maximum height of 4 metres, with an eave height of 2.59 metres.

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 & Recommendation

The proposed development complies with **THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015, AS AMENDED**, and it is considered **PRIOR APPROVAL IS NOT REQUIRED**, subject to the imposition of informatives relating to the extent of this prior approval, the development to accord with the information provided, the time limit for completion, notification of completion and requirement to comply with Building Regulations and Party Wall Act.

(For detailed conditions / reasons for refusal and informatives, see draft Decision)

Case Officer:	Ms Lisa Williams	Team Leader:	Miss Faye Hobbs
Signed:		Signed:	
Dated:	11th April 2023	Dated:	11 April 2023