

## DECISION DELEGATED TO HEAD OF PLANNING

**Application No:** H22-0763-23      **Applicant:** Mr G Richardson  
**Proposal:** Conversion of existing garage into hobby room  
**Location:** Birch House 313b Broadgate Weston Hills  
**Terminal Date:** 26th October 2023

### Planning Policies

South East Lincolnshire Local Plan - Adopted: March 2019

National Guidance

National Planning Policy Framework 2023

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

### Representations:

|                        | Object | Support | No Obj. | Comments |
|------------------------|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| OTHER STATUTORY BODIES | 0      | 0       | 1       | 0        |

### CASE OFFICER ASSESSMENT

#### Description of Proposal

This is a Section 192 Lawful Use Certificate application for the conversion of an integrated garage into a hobby room at Birch House. The conversion would see the garage door bricked up.

#### Site Description

The site is within the settlement boundaries of Weston Hills, as outlined within the South-East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019. The site is located approximately 25 metres east of the crossroad of Broadgate and Old Fendike Road.

The dwelling itself is one of three new build properties. The dwelling is constructed of mixed, pale red bricks, with black roof tiles and window frames. The garage is located on the western side of the dwelling and currently features a black rolling garage door.

#### Relevant History

H22-0941-17 - Outline. Residential development for up to 4 dwellings. Approved 21/11/17.

H22-0864-19 - Reserved Matters. Erection of 3 dwellings - outline approval H22-0941-17. Approved 22/10/19.

H22-0128-21 - Non-material Amendment. Erection of 3 dwellings - approved under H22-0864-19. Change colour of windows, omit canopy above entrance doors (all plots) and omit 3 windows on west elevation of Plot 1. Approved 08/03/21.

## Consultation Responses

The responses received from consultees during the initial consultation exercises, which can be viewed in their entirety through the South Holland website, can be summarised as follows:

No representations received.

## Public Representations

This application has been advertised in accordance with the Development Procedure Order and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement. In this instance, no letters of representation have been received.

## Key Planning Considerations

### Evaluation

Section 38 (6) of the Town and Country Planning Act, as amended by the 2004 Act, requires that the Local Planning Authority makes decisions in accordance with the adopted Development Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 Schedule 2 Part 1 Class A - 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);

*No, therefore conforms with (a)*

(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);

*No, the proposed works would not extend the dwelling, therefore it conforms to (b)*

(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

*The proposal would not alter the height of the dwellinghouse. Therefore it conforms to (c)*

(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;

*The proposal would not alter the height of the dwellinghouse. Therefore it conforms to (d)*

- (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;

*The proposal would not extend the dwelling, therefore it conforms to (e)*

- (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;

*The proposal would not extend the dwelling. Therefore it conforms to (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;

*Not applicable*

- (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

*The proposal would not extend the dwelling, therefore it conforms to (h)*

- (i) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would be within 2 metres of the boundary of the curtilage of the dwelling house, and the height of the eaves of the enlarged part would exceed 3 metres

*The proposal would not enlarge the dwelling. Therefore it conforms to (i)*

- 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; or

- (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);

*The proposal would not extend the dwellinghouse, therefore it conforms to (j)*

- ja) any total enlargement (being the enlarged part together with any existing enlargement of the original dwellinghouse to which is will be joined) exceeds or would exceed the limited set out in sub-paragraphs (e) to (j)

*The proposal would not extend the dwelling, therefore it conforms to (ja)*

(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.

*No, (i), (ii) and (iii) and (iv) do not apply therefore it conforms to (k)*

(l) the dwellinghouse is built under Part 20 of this Schedule (construction of new dwellinghouses)

*Not applicable*

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).

*The property is not on article 2(3) land therefore is not applicable.*

#### 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;

*Yes, matching materials are to be used, as confirmed within the application.*

- (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 1.7metres above the floor of the room in which the window is installed; and

*Not applicable as the proposed window is on the ground floor therefore it conforms to A.3(b).*

- (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

*Not applicable as the proposal is not an extension, therefore conforms to A.3(c)*

(1) The following conditions apply to development permitted by Class A which exceeds the limits in paragraph A.1(f) but is allowed by paragraph A.1(g).

*Not applicable as not a proposed larger homes extension*

## **Conclusion**

The proposed alteration constitutes permitted development under Class A, Part 1 of the General Permitted Development Order (2015).

## **Additional Considerations**

### Public Sector Equality Duty

In making this decision the Authority must have regard to the public sector equality duty (PSED) under s.149 of the Equalities Act. This means that the Council must have due regard to the need (in discharging its functions) to:

A. Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act

B. Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. This may include removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic; taking steps to meet the special needs of those with a protected characteristic; encouraging participation in public life (or other areas where they are underrepresented) of people with a protected characteristic(s).

C. Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not including tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.

The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

The PSED must be considered as a relevant factor in making this decision but does not impose a duty to achieve the outcomes in s.149. It is only one factor that needs to be considered, and may be balanced against other relevant factors.

It is not considered that the recommendation in this case will have a disproportionately adverse impact on a protected characteristic.

### Human Rights

In making a decision, the Authority should be aware of and take into account any implications that may arise from the Human Rights Act 1998. Under the Act, it is unlawful for a public authority such as South Holland District Council to act in a manner that is incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights. The Authority is referred specifically to Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life) and Article 1 of the First Protocol (protection of property).

It is not considered that the recommendation in this case interferes with local residents' right to respect for their private and family life, home and correspondence, except insofar as it is necessary to protect the rights and freedoms of others (in this case, the rights of the applicant). The Council is also permitted to control the use of property in accordance with the general public interest and the recommendation is considered to be a proportionate response to the submitted application based on the considerations set out in this report.