

Address: 15 Priest Hill,
Reading,
RG4 7RZ

Application No: 180180/CLP

Proposal: Proposed loft conversion.

Case Officer: Tom French

Introduction & Proposal

The application site is a two storey semi-detached property located on the south side of Priest Hill. The site is between Hemdean Road and Priory Avenue and is situated amidst other semi-detached residences of varying size. The surrounding roads are predominantly residential however the site is only a short distance from Church Street. The site is not on article 2 (3) land.

The applicant proposes the addition of a rear dormer extension, following the adjustment of the roof from a hipped end to a gable end and three Velux roof windows along the front of the roof.

Plans Submitted:

The agent supplied the following drawings:

Drawing No: 01 - Existing & Proposed Elevations

Drawing No: 02 - Existing & Proposed Elevations

Drawing No: 03 - Existing Floor Plans

Drawing No: 04 - Proposed Floor Plans

Drawing No: 05 - Proposed Section

Drawing No: 06 - Proposed Second Floor Plan

Drawing No: 07 - Building Regulations

Drawing No: 08 - Party Wall

Site Location Plan

Relevant Planning History:

None

Summary of Consultations:

No consultations were undertaken as it is not required for an application of this type.

Relevant Planning Policy & Guidance:

Annex 8 "Lawfulness and the Lawful Development Certificate" of Planning Circular 10/97 'Enforcing Planning Control: Legislative Provisions and Procedural Requirements' sets out the procedure for assessing applications for certificates of lawfulness:

Para 8.26 states, "if the LPA are supplied with information satisfying them that the operations described in the application would be lawful, if instituted or begun at the time of the application, they shall issue a certificate to that effect; and, in any other case, they shall refuse the application." "The burden of proof in a LDC application is firmly on the applicant."

Assessment:

A Certificate of Lawfulness for a Proposed Development has been submitted as the applicant considers the proposal falls within the permitted development rights of the property.

The proposal must be assessed to ensure that it complies with the conditions of Class B and C of Part 1, of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, which relates to 'the enlargement of a dwelling house consisting of an addition or alteration to its roof' and 'Any other alteration to the roof of a dwellinghouse' respectively.

Development is not permitted by Class B if:

- B.1 (a) permission to use the dwellinghouse as a dwellinghouse has been granted only by virtue of Class M, N, P or Q of Part 3 of this Schedule (changes of use); **COMPLIES.**
- B.1 (b) any part of the dwellinghouse would, as a result of the works, exceed the height of the highest part of the existing roof; **COMPLIES**
- B.1 (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; **COMPLIES**
- B.1 (d) the cubic content of the resulting roof space would exceed the cubic content of the original roof space by more than 50 cubic metres in the case of a semi-detached house; **COMPLIES - The increase in area, as shown in submitted plans, is 48.27m³ and as calculated by agent is 48.51m³**
- B.1 (e) it would consist of or include (i) the construction or provision of a veranda, balcony or raised platform, or (ii) the installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe; **COMPLIES**
- Or B.1 (f) the dwellinghouse is on article 2(3) land. **COMPLIES**

Development is permitted by Class B subject to the following conditions:

- B.2 (a) the materials used in any exterior work shall be of similar appearance to those used in the construction of the exterior of the existing dwellinghouse; **COMPLIES**
- B.2 (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; **COMPLIES**
 - (ii) and 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; **COMPLIES.**
- B.2 (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 windows which can be opened are more than 1.7 metres above the floor of the room in which the window is installed. **COMPLIES**

Development is not permitted by Class C if:

- C.1 (a) permission to use the dwellinghouse as a dwellinghouse has been granted only by virtue of Class M, N, P or Q of Part 3 of this Schedule (changes of use); **COMPLIES**
- C.1 (b) the alteration would protrude more than 0.15 metres beyond the plane of the slope of the original roof when measured from the perpendicular with the external surface of the original roof; **COMPLIES**
- C.1 (c) it would result in the highest part of the alteration being higher than the highest part of the original roof; or **COMPLIES**
- C.1 (d) it would consist of or include—
 - (i) the installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe, or **COMPLIES**
 - (ii) the installation, alteration or replacement of solar photovoltaics or solar thermal equipment. **COMPLIES**

Conditions

Development is permitted by Class C subject to the condition that any window located on a roof slope forming a side elevation of the dwellinghouse must be:

- C.2 (a) obscure-glazed; and **COMPLIES**
- C.2 (b) 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. **COMPLIES**

Conclusion

The proposal has been assessed against the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and Classes B and C, Part 1, Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended), and it has been confirmed that the proposal would be lawful, on the basis of the following submitted drawings:

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Therefore the Local Planning Authority will, on this occasion, issue the applicant with a Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed development.

Recommendation:

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Informatives

1. The applicants attention is drawn to the requirement for submission of a Building Regulations application for the proposed development. Please contact Building Control on 0118 937 2449 for advice.

2. During the course of construction, the developer should take care to ensure that no part of this development (foundations, eaves, guttering, etc.) would encroach on, under or across the boundary line with the adjoining property, as the requisite Notice has not been served on the owner of that property. This permission does not confer any right of access onto land that is not under the developer's control. The developer should also be mindful of the obligations and requirements of the Party Wall Act (1996) details of which can be found at:
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/partywall>
3. The construction (and demolition) of the development will be subject to environmental health law.
4. Work on a loft or roof may affect bats. The applicant will need to consider protected species when planning work of this type. A survey may be needed, and if bats are using the building, a licence may be required. To view specific information regarding bats use the following link:
<https://www.gov.uk/wildlife-licences>

Location Plan:

