

**WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - PLANNING, PUBLIC PROTECTION AND GOVERNANCE**

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2021/1132/LAWP
Location: 5 Bell Lane Brookmans Park Hatfield AL9 7AY
Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for the erection of a single storey detached garage, single storey rear conservatory, and swimming pool with enclosure
Officer: Ms Lois-May Chapman

Recommendation: Refused

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Context		
Application Description	Certificate of lawfulness for the erection of a single storey detached garage, single storey rear conservatory, and swimming pool with enclosure	
Relevant planning History	N/A	
The main issues are:		
1. Whether the proposed works are permitted development by virtue of Schedule 2, Part 1, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended		
	Yes / No	To be PD
Have permitted development rights been removed	N	N
Is the property a dwellinghouse	Y	Y
Is it detached?	Y	
Is it semi-detached or terraced?	N	
Is it within a conservation area	N	
(a) Has permission to use the dwellinghouse as a dwellinghouse been granted only by virtue of Class M, N, P, PA or Q of Part 3 of this Schedule (changes of use);	N	N
Development not permitted by Class 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)	N	N
(c) would the height of the part of the dwellinghouse enlarged, improved or altered exceed the height of the highest part of the roof of the existing dwellinghouse	N	N
(d) would the height of the eaves of the part of the dwellinghouse enlarged, improved or altered exceed the height of the eaves of the existing dwellinghouse	N	N
(e) would the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse 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) would, 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	N	N
(g) is the development outside of article 2(3) land (conservation area) or outside of a site of special scientific interest	Y	Y
(g) cont_ would it have a single storey (previous extensions to the rear need to be taken into account)	Y	
(i) Would it extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by up to or the equivalent of 8 metres in the case of a detached dwellinghouse, or 6 metres in the case of any other dwellinghouse	Y	
(ii) Be less than or equal to 4 metres in height	Y	
Have any representations been received from adjoining premises	N	
(h) would the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse have more than one 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	N
(i) would the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse 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	N
(j) would the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse, and:- (i) exceed 4 metres in height, (ii) have more than one storey, or (iii) have a width greater than half the width of the original dwellinghouse	N	N
(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 veranda, 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	N	N
A.2 In the case of a dwellinghouse on article 2(3) land, development is not permitted 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;	N/A	N
(b) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse;	N/A	N
(c) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have more than one storey and extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse	N/A	N
(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:- (a) would the materials used in any exterior work (other than materials used in the construction of a conservatory) be of a similar appearance to those used in the construction of the exterior of the existing dwellinghouse	Y	Y
(b) would any upper-floor window located in a wall or roof slope forming a side	N/A	Y

elevation of the dwelling house 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;		
(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	Y
Conclusion		
The development would accord with Schedule 2, Part 1, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015, as amended.		
The main issues are:		
Whether the proposed works are permitted development by virtue of Schedule 2, Part 1, Class E of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended		
	Yes / No	To be PD
Is the property a dwellinghouse	Y	Y
Have permitted development rights been removed	N	N
Is it within a conservation area	N	
Is the proposed use incidental to the use of the dwellinghouse	Y	Y
E. The provision within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse of—		
(a) any building or enclosure, swimming or other pool required for a purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse ¹ as such, or the maintenance, improvement or other alteration of such a building or enclosure; or (b) a container used for domestic heating purposes for the storage of oil or liquid petroleum gas.	Y	Y
Development not permitted		
E.1 Development is not permitted by Class E if—		
(a) Has permission to use the dwellinghouse as a dwellinghouse been granted only by virtue of Class M, N, P, PA or Q of Part 3	N	N
(b) the total area of ground covered by buildings, enclosures and containers within the curtilage (other than the original dwellinghouse) would exceed 50% of the total area of the curtilage (excluding the ground area of the original dwellinghouse);	N	N
(c) any part of the building, enclosure, pool or container would be situated on land forward of a wall forming the principal elevation of the original dwellinghouse;	N	N
(d) the building would have more than a single storey;	N	N
(e) the height of the building, enclosure or container would exceed— (i) 4 metres in the case of a building with a dual-pitched roof, (ii) 2.5 metres in the case of a building, enclosure or container within 2 metres of the boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse, or (iii) 3 metres in any other case;	N	N
(f) the height of the eaves of the building would exceed 2.5 metres;	N	N
(g) the building, enclosure, pool or container would be situated within the curtilage of a listed building;	N	N
(h) it would include the construction or provision of a verandah, balcony or raised platform;	N	N

¹ "purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse as such" includes the keeping of poultry, bees, pet animals, birds or other livestock for the domestic needs or personal enjoyment of the occupants of the dwellinghouse

(i) it relates to a dwelling or a microwave antenna; or	N	N
(j) the capacity of the container would exceed 3,500 litres.	N	N
E.2 deliberately excluded		
E.3 In the case of any land within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse which is article 2(3) land, development is not permitted by Class E if any part of the building, enclosure, pool or container would be situated on land between a wall forming a side elevation of the dwellinghouse and the boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse.	N/A	N
Discussion		
<p>The proposed gap between the triple garage and the side elevation of the house does not constitute as a functional gap. From the plans submitted it would appear that the garage is linked to the dwellinghouse.</p> <p>Following this little information has been provided to sustain this application for example no elevational drawings of the proposed retaining wall have been provided and the drawings for the swimming pool refer to the building having two front elevations.</p>		
Conclusion		
The development would not accord with Schedule 2, Part 1, Class E of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015, as amended.		

Determined By:

Mr Isaac Liu
5 July 2021