Wiltshire Council

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Approval of Householder Planning Permission with Conditions

Application Reference Number: PL/2023/09236

Decision Date: 25 January 2024

Applicant:	MR. AND MRS. Chandler 212 Six Guinea Cottage Lower Woodrow, Forest, Wiltshire, SN12 7RB
Particulars of Development:	Extension and alterations to 212 Six Guinea Cottage.
At:	Six Guinea Cottage, 212 Lower Woodrow, Forest, Melksham, SN12 7RB

In pursuance of its powers under the above Act, the Council hereby **GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION** for the above development to be carried out in accordance with the application and plans submitted (listed below).
In accordance with paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Wiltshire Council has worked proactively to secure this development to improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area.
Subject to the following conditions:

Conditions: (6)

1 The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

REASON: To comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and documents:

Drawings nos: 10384 P-01, Existing Floor Plans and Elevations; 10384 P-02, Proposed Floor Plans and Elevations; 10384 P-03, Existing Site Plan; 10384 P-04, Proposed Site Plan; 10384 P-05, Location Plan; 10384 P-06, Proposed Store Plans and Elevations

REASON: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3 The flood resilience measures, including raising the finished floor levels to 350mm

above ground level, detailed in the approved Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) received on 22 December 2023 shall be carried out in full prior to the first occupation of the development hereby approved.

REASON: To protect future occupiers from flood risk and to prevent flooding elsewhere in the locality

4 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in strict accordance with the following documents:

• Section 5 of the Bat Survey Report, reference 2022-082, version 2, dated 25 October 2023, produced by Smart Ecology
• Drawing no. 10384 P-02, Proposed Floor Plans and Elevations, produced by Baxter Green Architects

REASON: For the avoidance of doubt and for the protection, mitigation and enhancement of biodiversity

5 Bat roosts and bat access points shall be incorporated into the development in accordance with the Bat Survey Report (reference: 2022-082, version 2) and the Proposed Floor Plans and Elevations drawing (reference 10384 P-02) or as otherwise specified in a relevant European Protected Species Licence. The installation of these bat roosts and access features shall be supervised by a professional ecologist and must be installed prior to the first occupation of the development. Photographic evidence of all the installed features shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. These bat roosts and access points shall remain available for bats over the lifetime of the development.

REASON: To mitigate for impacts to bats arising from the development.

6 No external lighting shall be installed on-site until plans showing the type of light appliance, the height and position of fitting, illumination levels and light spillage in accordance with the appropriate Environmental Zone standards set out by the Institution of Lighting Professionals in their publication “The Reduction of Obtrusive Light” Guidance Note 01/21 (reference GN01/21), have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved lighting shall be installed and shall be maintained in accordance with the approved details and no additional external lighting shall be installed.

REASON: In the interests of the amenities of the area and to minimise unnecessary light spillage above and outside the development site and in the interests of conversing biodiversity.

Informatives: (4)

1 Any alterations to the approved plans, brought about by compliance with Building Regulations or any other reason must first be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority before commencement of work.

2 The roof space of Six Guinea Cottage is used as a bat roost. Under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), it is an offence to harm or disturb bats or damage or destroy their roosts. Planning permission for development does not provide a defence against prosecution under this legislation. The applicant is advised that a European Protected Species Licence will be required before any work is undertaken to implement this planning permission. Future conversion of the roof space to living accommodation or replacing the roof could also breach this legislation and advice should be obtained from a professional bat ecologist before proceeding with work of this nature.

3 All British birds, their nests and eggs are protected under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 while birds are nesting, building nests and sitting on eggs. The applicant is advised to check any structure or vegetation capable of supporting breeding birds and delay removing or altering such features until after young birds have fledged. Damage to extensive areas that could contain nests/breeding birds should be undertaken outside the breeding season. This season is usually taken to be the period between 1st March and 31st August but some species are known to breed outside these limits.

4 The habitat within the proposed development site and the surrounding area is suitable for roosting, foraging and commuting bats. An increase in artificial lux levels can deter bats which could result in roost abandonment and/or the severance of key foraging areas. This will likely result in a significant negative impact upon the health of bat populations across the region. Artificial light at night can have a substantial adverse effect on biodiversity. Any new lighting should be for the purposes for safe access and security and be in accordance with the appropriate Environmental Zone standards set out by the Institute of Lighting Engineers in their publication GN01:2021, ‘Guidance for the Reduction of Obtrusive Light’ (ILP, 2021), and Guidance note GN08/23 “Bats and artificial lighting at night”, issued by the Bat Conservation Trust and Institution of Lighting Professionals.

Parvis Khansari **- Corporate Director, Place**

NOTES

1 **Other Necessary Consents.** This document only conveys permission for the proposed development under Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the applicant must also comply with all the byelaws, regulations and statutory provisions in force in the area and secure such other approvals and permissions as may be necessary under other parts of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or other legislation.

1.1 the need in appropriate cases to obtain approval under Building Regulations. **(The Building Regulations may be applicable to this proposal. Please contact the Council's Building Control team before considering work on site);**

1.2 the need to obtain an appropriate order if the proposal involves the stopping up or diversion of a public right of way or other highway (including highway verge);

1.3 the need to obtain a separate "Listed Building Consent" to the demolition, alteration or extension of any listed building of architectural or historic interest;

1.4 the need to make any appropriate arrangements under the Highways Act 1980, in respect of any works within the limits of a highway. The address of the Highway Authority is County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JD (It is the responsibility of the applicant to ascertain whether the proposed development affects any listed building or public right of way / other highway, including highway verge).

2 **Appeals.** If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the local planning authority to grant permission subject to conditions, he may appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment in accordance with Section 78(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 within six months of the date of this decision. (Information and forms relating to the appeals process can be found at the Planning Portal - http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals).

3 **Climate Change.** Wiltshire Council acknowledges the climate emergency and is seeking to make the county carbon neutral. You are encouraged to include energy efficiency that exceeds building regulations and to meet residual energy demand through renewable energy and low-carbon technologies, including high levels of electric vehicle charging points. The developer is encouraged to contact the climate team to discuss this further. climate@wiltshire.gov.uk