

CYCLE CHIPPENHAM

Cycle Chippenham comments on PL/2025/08702 - 33 Wheatfield Avenue, Chippenham, SN14 0FX

Proposal: Conversion of a garage into office and store.

As with all new developments, we presume that each plot on this development was subject to the residential cycle parking requirements set out in Wiltshire Council's LTP3 Cycling Strategy. In a property with a garage, it is typical for the garage to be the cycle parking facility.

If the cycle parking provision for this dwelling is indeed the garage, then converting the garage into an office and store may affect the dwelling's cycle parking provision.

However, though it appears from the plans that the remaining 'store' area is of sufficient size for cycle storage, at around 3m x 3m, it is unclear whether the vehicle 'up and over' door onto the driveway from the store is remaining.

The vehicular door onto the driveway needs to remain to make it easy for current and future inhabitants of the house to get cycles to and from the store easily. If the 'up and over' door to the store is stopped up, it would be particularly difficult to manoeuvre a longer or wider cycle out into the garden, then through the side gate onto the driveway. This will make it less likely current and future residents will readily use cycles as a means of transport.

Requirement: We are not opposed in principle to the conversion of the garage to be an office and store, given the store offers space for cycle storage. However, we feel it is essential that easy access of cycles to and from the store is provided as a condition of any planning permission.

We would therefore ask that the 'up and over' door is retained for easy access of cycles to the store for current and future inhabitants.

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