



The Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Approval of Householder Planning Permission with Conditions
Application Reference Number: PL/2025/09827
Decision Date: 05/03/2026

Applicant:	Mr R Heath 5 Bowden Hill, Lacock, Wiltshire, SN15 2PW
Particulars of Development:	Proposed garden studio to be used as an ancillary annex
At:	5 Bowden Hill, Lacock, Chippenham, SN15 2PW

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:

- 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:

· Location Plan, Proposed Site Plan, Ground Floor Plan and Elevations, ref. 4455-01 rev A

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

- 3** The materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the development hereby permitted shall match in material, colour and texture those stated on the approved documents.

REASON: In the interests of visual amenity and the character and appearance of the area.

- 4 The garden studio hereby permitted shall not be occupied at any time other than for purposes incidental and ancillary to the residential use of the main dwelling, known as 5 Bowden Hill, Lacock, Chippenham, SN15 2PW and it shall remain within the same planning unit as the main dwelling. For the avoidance of doubt, the studio shall not be used at any time to provide holiday accommodation.

REASON: The additional accommodation is sited in a position where the Local Planning Authority, having regard to the Wiltshire Core Strategy settlement and delivery strategies, housing, environmental, transport and all other relevant technical planning policies, would not permit a wholly separate dwelling.

- 5 No development shall commence on site, until a Construction Method Statement which shall include a marked-up plan showing protection measures to the adjacent hedgerow and pollution protection measures to the adjacent stream during construction works has been submitted to, and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall not be carried out otherwise than in accordance with the approved Construction Method Statement.

REASON: To ensure the development avoids causing harm to the adjacent watercourse.

- 6 Prior to the commencement of any works, including vegetation removal and demolition, details of the number, design and locations of ecological enhancement features including bat and bird boxes shall be submitted to the Local Authority for approval. The approved details shall be implemented for the lifetime of the development and before completion of the final works.

REASON: To provide mitigation /enhancement for biodiversity and comply with Core Policy 50.

- 7 Tree roots are normally located in the first 600mm of soil. Roots that are exposed should be immediately wrapped or covered to prevent desiccation and to protect them from rapid temperature changes. Any wrapping should be removed prior to backfilling, which should take place as soon as possible. Roots smaller than 25mm diameter can be pruned back making a clean cut with a sharp tool. Roots occurring in clumps or over 25mm should be severed only following consultation with a qualified arboriculturist, as such roots might be essential to the tree's health and stability. Prior to backfilling retained roots should be surrounded with topsoil or uncompacted sharp sand (builders sand should not be used because of its high salt content, which is toxic to tree roots).

REASON: In the interests of the safeguarding protected trees within the Conservation Area and other trees outside the Conservation Area which have visual amenity value.

- 8 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.

Informative

The applicant should note that under the terms of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) it is an offence to disturb or harm any protected species including for example, breeding birds, bats and reptiles. The protection offered to some species such as bats, extends beyond the individual animals to the places they use for shelter or resting. Please note that this consent does not override the statutory protection afforded to any such species. In the event that your proposals could potentially affect a protected species you should seek the advice of a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist and consider the need for a licence from Natural England prior to commencing works. Please see Natural England's website for further information on protected species.

Nic Thomas - Director of Planning, Economy and Regeneration

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
- 4 **General Informative for Householder Planning Permissions** Please note: The following informative combines a number of standard notes commonly applied to householder planning permissions. Not all of the points listed below will be relevant to your specific proposal.
- 5 **Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Not Required** The effect of paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 is that planning permission granted for development of land in England is deemed to have been granted subject to the condition (biodiversity gain condition) that development may not begin unless:
 - (a) a Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority, and
 - (b) the planning authority has approved the plan.

The planning authority, for the purposes of determining whether to approve a Biodiversity Gain Plan, if one is required in respect of this permission would be Wiltshire Council.

There are statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements which mean that the

biodiversity gain condition does not always apply. For further information on exempt developments please refer to:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-net-gain-exempt-developments>

Based on the information available this permission is considered to be one which will not require the approval of a biodiversity gain plan before development is begun because one or more of the statutory exemptions or transitional arrangements is considered to apply.

- 6 **Wildlife and Countryside Act.** The applicant should note that under the terms of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) and the Habitats Regulations (2010) it is an offence to disturb or harm any protected species, or to damage or disturb their habitat or resting place. Please note that this consent does not override the statutory protection afforded to any such species. In the event that your proposals could potentially affect a protected species you should seek the advice of a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist and consider the need for a licence from Natural England prior to commencing works. Please see Natural England's website for further information on protected species.
- 7 **Permission Not Authorising Work on Land Outside the Applicant's Control & Party Wall Act.** The applicant is requested to note that this permission does not affect any private property rights and therefore does not authorise the carrying out of any work on land outside their control. If such works are required, it will be necessary for the applicant to obtain the landowner's consent before such works commence.

If you intend carrying out works in the vicinity of the site boundary, you are also advised that it may be expedient to seek your own advice with regard to the requirements of the Party Wall Act 1996.
- 8 **Works to Highway – Consent Required by Highway Authority.** The consent hereby granted shall not be construed as authority to carry out works on the highway. The applicant is advised that a license may be required from Wiltshire's Highway Authority before any works are carried out on any footway, footpath, carriageway, verge or other land forming part of the highway.
- 9 **Material Samples.** Please note that if material samples are required to be submitted to the Council for agreement, the Council do not have the facility to receive or store physical samples. Instead you are encouraged to provide full manufacturer details and name/colour of the proposed sample along with a weblink and/or a photograph of the sample material. The case officer will advise if anything else is required to satisfy this condition during the discharge of condition phase.
- 10 **Building Regulations.** 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.
- 11 **Structures Near Public Sewers.** The applicant should note that the grant of planning permission does not include any separate permission which may be needed to erect a structure in the vicinity of a public sewer. Such permission should be sought direct from Thames Water Utilities Ltd / Wessex Water Services Ltd. Buildings are not normally allowed within 3.0 metres of a Public Sewer although this may vary depending on the size, depth, strategic importance, available access and the ground conditions appertaining to the sewer in question.