

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS FOR PROPOSED USE OR DEVELOPMENT

APPLICATION REFERENCE:	PL/2026/01959
APPLICATION TYPE:	Lawful development: Proposed use
SITE ADDRESS:	Broadlands, Ashley, Box, Corsham, SN13 8AN
DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION:	Single storey rear extension
RECOMMENDATION:	Refuse

PROPOSAL

This application seeks a Certificate of Lawfulness (CLP) under Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) for a proposed Single Storey Extension

The planning merits of the proposal are not under consideration. The only issue is whether the proposed works constitute "permitted development" (PD) under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) [hereafter referred to as "the GPDO"].

RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND POLICY

The statutory framework governing CLP's is set out in Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). This section establishes that a proposed development or use is "lawful" if it would not constitute a breach of planning control. A CLP can be granted if the Local Planning Authority is satisfied, on the balance of probabilities, that the proposed development or use would not require planning permission.

The application has been assessed against the relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2, Part 1, Classes A–H of the GPDO 2015 (as amended).

SITE DESCRIPTION

The property is a large, detached property situated in the village of Box. The property is situated within the National Landscape (AONB) and therefore the proposed development is situated on article 2(3) land. The planning history indicates that permitted development rights are intact.

The proposal is to add an extension to the rear of the dwelling to provide a kitchen. Part 1, Class A (ja) states that the 'total enlargement' as being the enlarged part together with any existing enlargement of the original dwellinghouse to which it will be joined. The property has been greatly enlarged in the past with extensions to both ends of the dwelling. Permission was granted in 2007 for a side and rear extension which joined and extended an existing detached double garage to the dwelling. The plans show that the proposed extension would attach to an existing extension which joins the detached garage to the house. Therefore, the cumulative extensions have to be considered in this case as a whole.

The proposed extension together with the existing enlargement will exceed Part 1, Class A, A.1 (j), as the extension will result in a width greater than ½ width of the original dwellinghouse and (e) as the existing extension to which it is attached extends beyond the principal elevation.

As the proposal is situated on Article 2 (3) land it will also need to be assessed against the criteria contained within Part 1, Class A, A.2. The plans state that the materials to be used are render or stone walling. As the proposal would not be permitted development for other reasons it has not been considered necessary to clarify which materials are to be used, however, if render is proposed then this would not comply with A.2 (a). Furthermore, as the extension is attached to an existing side extension and it would fail to meet A.2 (d).

The windows within the original part of the dwellinghouse are white uPVC units incorporating glazing bars, forming predominantly small-scale pane arrangements of six or eight panes per opening.

In contrast, the windows within the southern extension, whilst also white uPVC, adopt a more contemporary design characterised by larger pane sizes.

The proposed extension would similarly utilise white uPVC windows; however, these are of a distinctly modern appearance, featuring larger, horizontally proportioned rectangular panes. It is considered that these windows are not similar in appearance to those of the existing dwellinghouse and would therefore fail to meet A.3 (a)

REPRESENTATIONS

There is no legal obligation to consult third parties, including Town/Parish Councils or neighbouring properties, for this type of application.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

The site has the following relevant planning history:

Proposal / Summary
N/07/02486/FUL - Full planning permission Decision - Approve with Conditions Date: 5/11/2007 – Alterations and Extension
PL/2025/09966 - Lawful development: Proposed use Decision - Approve Date: 4/3/2026 – Certificate of proposed lawful development for the construction of swimming pool and two minor outbuildings (Pumphouse and Sauna/ Changing Rooms) with associated hardstanding.
N/81/00839/F - Historic apps 1974 to 1983 Decision - Approve with Conditions Date: 1/6/1981 – Extension to existing dwelling to form annexe

ASSESSMENT AND CONCLUSION

The proposal seeks to utilise permitted development rights under Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).

Having completed the detailed assessment checklist at Appendix 1 and 2 and based on the submitted plans, supporting information, and a review of relevant constraints (including planning history, Article 4 Directions, and any planning conditions), it is concluded that:

The proposed development does not fall within the scope of permitted development, as it fails to meet one or more of the limitations or conditions set out within the relevant class(es) of the GPDO. Specifically:

Part 1, Class A, A.1 (J) & (e), A.2 (a) & A.3 (a)

The proposed development is not considered lawful under Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Development be REFUSED for the following reasons:

Reason for refusal: The proposed development does not meet the criteria for permitted development under Schedule 2, Part 1, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). Therefore, planning permission is required.

APPENDIX 1 –

Checklist for Householder permitted development under Parts 1, 2 or 14 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (as amended)

If yes is answered to any of the below questions, then planning permission will be required for the proposal. If not, then proceed to complete the relevant checklist(s) at Appendix 2, 3 and 4.

Constraint	Yes/No/N/A	Notes
Is there an Article 4 Direction removing PD rights for a class within which the proposal falls?	No	
Is there a condition removing PD rights for a class within which the proposal falls?	No	
For the purposes of Part 1, is the property a flat or maisonette?	No	Flats do not benefit from Part 1 PD rights

APPENDIX 2 –

Checklist for Householder permitted development under Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (as amended)

Class A – Enlargement, Improvement or alteration of a dwellinghouse		Yes/No
If yes answer questions below, if no skip to Class B		Yes
Criteria (A.1) – Development is not permitted if:		
(a)	Was the permission to use the dwellinghouse granted Class G, M, MA, N, P, PA or Q of Part 3 of this Schedule?	No
(b)	Would the ground covered by extensions to the original dwellinghouse exceed 50% of the total area of the curtilage?	No
(c)	Would the height of the proposal exceed the height of the highest part of the roof of the existing dwellinghouse?	No
(d)	Would the height of the eaves exceed the height of the existing dwellinghouse eaves?	No
(e)	Is the principal elevation of the original dwellinghouse being extended or Is the elevation being extended fronting a highway and forming a side elevation?	No
(f)	Would the single storey extension extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse house by more than 4m (detached) / 3m (others) or exceed 4m in height?	No
(g)	For dwellinghouses not in Article 2(3) land or SSI, would it extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse house by more than 8m (detached) / 6m (others) or exceed 4m in height? <i>Please note that the proposed development is subject to a prior approval process. As such, a Certificate of Lawfulness cannot be granted unless prior approval has been applied for and either determined as not required or formally approved.</i>	N/A
(h)	Would it have more than a single storey and extent beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by 3m or be within 7m of any boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse being enlarged which is opposite the rear wall of that dwellinghouse?	No
(i)	Would the extension be within 2m of a boundary with eaves exceeding 3m in height?	No
(j)	Would it extend beyond a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse and exceed 4m in height, be more than single storey or have a width greater than half the original dwellinghouse?	No
(ja)	Does the total enlargement (the enlarged part together with any existing enlargement of the original dwellinghouse to which it will be joined) exceed or would exceed the limits set out in sub-paragraphs (e) to (j)?	Yes
(k)	Would it include the construction or provision of a veranda, balcony or raised platform, the installation, alteration or replacement of a microwave antenna,	No

Class A – Enlargement, Improvement or alteration of a dwellinghouse		Yes/No
If yes answer questions below, if no skip to Class B		Yes
Criteria (A.1) – Development is not permitted if:		
	the installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe, or an alteration to any part of the roof of the dwellinghouse?	
(l)	Was the dwellinghouse built under Part 20 of this Schedule?	No

	Criteria (A.2) Dwellinghouses on article 2(3) land – Development is not permitted by Class A if:	Yes/No
(a)	Would it 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?	Yes
(b)	Would it extent beyond a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse?	No
(c)	Would it consist of 2-storeys and extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse?	No
(d)	Would the total enlargement (the enlarged part together with any existing enlargement of the original dwellinghouse to which it will be joined) exceed the limits set out in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c)?	Yes

	Criteria (A.3) – Development is permitted by Class A subject to the following conditions:	Yes/No
(a)	Are materials to be used in exterior work of similar appearance to the existing dwellinghouse (other than conservatories)?	No
(b)	Would any upper-floor windows in the side elevation be non-obscure and non-fixed shut below 1.7m?	N/A
(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, does the roof pitch of the enlarged part not, so far as practicable, match the roof pitch of the original dwellinghouse?	N/A

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