

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS FOR PROPOSED USE OR DEVELOPMENT

APPLICATION REFERENCE:	PL/2026/03080
APPLICATION TYPE:	Lawful development: Proposed use
SITE ADDRESS:	7 Thestfield Drive, Staverton, Trowbridge, BA14 8UA
DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION:	Lawful development for the proposed conversion and extension of attached garage to living accommodation and garden cabin.
RECOMMENDATION:	Approve

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 conversion of attached garage to living accommodation and garden cabin.

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).

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
W/03/00497/REM - Reserved Matters Decision - Refused Date: 19/6/2003 – Construction of plots 1-24 consisting of 1-4 bedroom residential dwellings

W/05/00582/FUL - Full planning permission Decision - Approve with Conditions Date: 23/6/2005 – Variation of condition 1 of outline planning permission 98/00284 to extend period for submission of reserved matters
W/03/01439/REM - Reserved Matters Decision - Approved Date: 13/11/2003 – Construction of 33 residential dwellings
W/98/00284/OUT - Outline Planning Decision - Approve with Conditions Date: 3/4/2002 – Residential development (outline)

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 fall within the scope of permitted development, as defined under Schedule 2, Part 1, Classes A and E of the GPDO. It meets all relevant limitations and conditions, and no restrictions (such as Article 4 Directions or planning conditions) are in force that would remove the permitted development rights relied upon.

The proposed development is considered lawful under Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that a Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Development be GRANTED for the following use/development:

Reason for approval: The proposed development is deemed lawful under Schedule 2, Part 1 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). Therefore, the proposal is in accordance with relevant statutory provisions and does not require planning permission.

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		
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

Class A – Enlargement, Improvement or alteration of a dwellinghouse		Yes/No
If yes answer questions below, if no skip to Class B		
Criteria (A.1) – Development is not permitted if:		
(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)?	no
(k)	Would it include the construction or provision of a veranda, balcony or raised platform, the installation, alteration or replacement of a microwave antenna, 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?	no
(l)	Was the dwellinghouse built under Part 20 of this Schedule?	no

Class 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 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.		Yes/No
If yes answer questions below, if no skip to Class F		
Criteria (E.1) – Development is not permitted if:		
	Is the development within curtilage and incidental to enjoyment of dwellinghouse?	yes
(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 more than 50% of the curtilage be covered (excluding the original dwellinghouse)?	no

Class 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 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.		Yes/No
If yes answer questions below, if no skip to Class F		
Criteria (E.1) – Development is not permitted if:		
(c)	Would any part of it be situated on land forward of a wall forming the principal elevation of the original dwellinghouse?	no
(d)	Would the building have more than one storey?	no
(e)	Would the height exceed 4m (dual-pitched roof), 2.5m (within 2m of the boundary) or 3m in any other case?	no
(f)	Would the eaves exceed 2.5m height?	no
(g)	Is it within the curtilage of a listed building?	no
(h)	Would it include the construction or provision of a veranda, balcony or raised platform?	no
(i)	Would it relate to a dwellinghouse or a microwave antenna	no
(j)	Would the capacity of the container exceed 3,500 litres?	no
(k)	Was the dwellinghouse built under Part 20 of this Schedule?	no

Criteria (E.2) – Development is not permitted if:		Yes/No
	If the dwellinghouse is within a National Landscape or World Heritage Site, would the total area of ground covered by buildings, enclosures, pools and containers situated more than 20 metres from any wall of the dwellinghouse exceed 10 square metres?	n/a

Criteria (E.3) – Development is not permitted if:		Yes/No
	If the dwellinghouse is within a National Landscape or World Heritage Site, would the total area of ground covered by buildings, enclosures, pools and containers situated more than 20 metres from any wall of the dwellinghouse exceed 10 square metres?	n/a