

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Approval of Householder Planning Permission with Conditions
Application Reference Number: PL/2026/02191
Decision Date: 07/07/2026

Applicant:	Mr. Matthew Pickett 22 Woods Hill, Limpley Stoke, Wiltshire, BA2 7GA
Particulars of Development:	Proposed extension and associated internal alterations to family dwelling. Proposed demolition of existing garage and extension of roof of existing outbuilding to form open sided car port.
At:	22 Woods Hill, Limpley Stoke, Bath, BA2 7GA

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 23_21 – 01

Proposed Lower Ground Floor Plan 23_21 – 21

Proposed Ground Floor Plan 23_21 – 22

Proposed First Floor Plans 23_21 – 23

Proposed Northeast Elevation 23_21 – 25

Proposed Southeast Elevation 23_21 – 26

Proposed Site Block Plan 23_21 – 20

Proposed Roof Plan 23_21 – 24

Proposed Floor Plan – Outbuilding 23_21 – 27

Outbuilding - Proposed Ground Floor Plan 23_21 – 29

Outbuildings - Elevation as Proposed 23_21 – 31

Outbuilding - Proposed Roof Plan 23_21 – 30

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

- 3** The development will be carried out in strict accordance with the following documents:

- Bat Survey Report, Abricon, October 2025
- Ecology Mitigation Strategy (23_21 GB 20260318)

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

- 4** Prior to the commencement of any works, including vegetation removal and demolition, details of the number, design and locations of ecological enhancements – including the type and locations of bat roosting opportunities, bird boxes and invertebrate blocks or similar – shall be submitted to the local authority for approval. The approved details shall be implemented before occupation of the final works.

REASON: To provide mitigation/enhancement for biodiversity.

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- 5** The house at 22 Woods Hill 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 mitigation licence will be required before any work is undertaken to implement this planning permission. Future conversion of the roof space 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.

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- 6** 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 GN08-18 "Bats and artificial lighting in the UK", issued by the Bat Conservation Trust and Institution of Lighting Professionals.

Nic Thomas - Director of Planning, Economy and Climate

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.