

Officer's Report

Application Number	HGY/2023/0184
Type	Lawful development: Proposed use
Location	Right Flat, 2 Woodlands Park Road, Tottenham, London, N15 3RT
Proposal	Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed loft extension with the erection of a rear L-shaped dormer and the insertion of two front rooflights.
Case Officer	Daniel Kwasi
Valid Date	19/01/2023
Applicant	Ben Higgs
Agent	Mr George Kain

RECOMMENDATION

Permitted Development

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

This is an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed loft extension with the erection of a rear L-shaped dormer and the insertion of two front rooflights. The site is not in a Conservation Area nor is it within the curtilage of a listed building.

Relevant Planning and Enforcement history

The planning history of the site has been taken into account when coming to this decision.

RELEVANT PLANNING LEGISLATION

The application has been made under section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and relevant amendments. This not a planning application but instead the applicant seeks confirmation that the proposed development is lawful. As such, the impact of the proposed development of the neighbour's amenities or the character of the area cannot be taken into consideration for this submission.

ANALYSIS/ASSESSMENT OF THE APPLICATION

Class B: The enlargement of a dwellinghouse consisting of an addition or alteration to its roof.

A certificate of lawfulness for a formation of rear dormer and hip to gable extension can be issued if the proposal meets all the criteria under The Town and Country Planning (Generally Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 – Part 1, Class B 'The enlargement of a dwellinghouse consisting of an addition or alteration to its roof'.

The current proposal will be assessed against these requirements as follows:

Class B.1. Requirement

a) permission to use the dwellinghouse as a dwellinghouse has not been granted only by virtue of Class M, N, P or Q of Part 3 of this Schedule (changes of use);

Complies

b) The height of the part of the dwellinghouse enlarged, improved or altered would not exceed the height of the highest part of the roof of the existing dwellinghouse.

Complies

c) The enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would not extend beyond the plane of any existing roof slope which forms the principal elevation of the dwellinghouse and fronts a highway.

Complies

d) The cubic content of the resulting roof space would not exceed the cubic content of the original roof space by more than

i) 40 cubic metres in the case of a terrace house

ii) 50 cubic metres in any other case;

Dormer Volume Calculation:

X: Loft Dormer A

$$(3.48 \times 2.35) / 2 = 4.08$$

$$4.08 \times 4.55 = 18.56$$

Y: Loft Dormer B

$$(2.56 + 2.56) / 2 = 2.56 \times 2.64$$

$$= 6.75 \times 3.11 = 21.01$$

Total Volume

$$18.56 + 21.01 = 39.57 \text{ cubic metres}$$

Maximum volume allowance for terraced house is 40 cubic metres

Complies

e) it would not consist of or include—

(i) the construction or provision of a veranda, balcony or raised platform, or

(ii) the installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe

Complies

f) The dwellinghouse is not on article 2(3) land.

Complies

Development is permitted by Class B subject to the following conditions:

B.2. Conditions

(a) The materials used in any exterior work must be of a similar appearance to those used in the construction of the exterior of the existing dwellinghouse.

Complies

(b) The enlargement must be constructed so that—

(ii) other than in the case of a hip-to-gable enlargement or an enlargement which joins the original roof to the roof of a rear or side extension— (aa) the eaves of the original roof are maintained or reinstated; and

(bb) the edge of the enlargement closest to the eaves of the original roof is, so far as practicable, not less than 0.2 metres from the eaves, measured along the roof slope from the outside edge of the eaves; and

(ii) other than in the case of an enlargement which joins the original roof to the roof of a rear or side extension, no part of the enlargement extends beyond the outside face of any external wall of the original dwellinghouse

Complies

Any upper-floor window located in a wall or roof slope forming a side elevation of the dwellinghouse shall be—

- (i) obscure-glazed, and
- (ii) non-opening unless the parts of the window which can be opened are more than 1.7 metres above the floor of the room in which the window is installed.

Complies

Class C: Any other alteration to the roof of a dwellinghouse

A certificate Lawfulness for a can be issued if the proposal meets all the criteria under The Town and Country Planning (Generally Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 – Part 1, Class C 'Any other alteration to the roof of a dwellinghouse'.

The current proposal will be assessed against these requirements as follows:

Class C.1. Requirement

- a) permission to use the dwellinghouse as a dwellinghouse has not been granted only by virtue of Class M, N, P or Q of Part 3 of this Schedule (changes of use);

Complies

- b) The alteration would not protrude more than 150 millimetres beyond the plane of the slope of the original roof when measured from the perpendicular with the external surface of the original roof.

Complies

- c) It would not result in the highest part of the alteration being higher than the highest part of the original roof.

Complies

- d) It would not consist of or include—

- (i) the installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe, or
- (ii) the installation, alteration or replacement of solar photovoltaics or solar thermal equipment.

Complies

Development is permitted by Class C subject to the following conditions.

C.2. Conditions

Any window located on a roof slope forming a side elevation of the dwellinghouse shall be—

- (i) obscure-glazed, and
- (ii) non-opening unless the parts of the window which can be opened are more than 1.7 metres above the floor of the room in which the window is installed.

Complies

CIL APPLICABLE

The increase in internal floor area would not exceed 100sqm and therefore the proposal is not liable for the Major's CIL charge.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The units here are divided vertically with accommodation stated over two floors and benefit from individual rear gardens, although it is accepted the properties here share a front entrance. Notwithstanding this, the arrangement of these two units is akin to that of terrace dwellings as

opposed to flats, whose principal and defining characteristic is that of horizontal division of self-contained accommodation. Further information was provided as part of the application to better understand this arrangement.

The proposed development constitutes permitted development by virtue of Schedule 2, Part 1, Class B and Class C of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 and is considered to be lawful.

RECOMMENDATION

Grant Certificate as Permitted Development

In pursuance of their powers under the above Acts and Order the London Borough of Haringey as local planning Authority hereby CERTIFY that the above proposal described by the applicant constitutes PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT and is therefore LAWFUL.