

Officer's Report

Application Number	HGY/2023/0741
Type	Lawful development: Proposed use
Location	37 Handsworth Road, Tottenham, London, N17 6DB
Proposal	Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a rear L-shaped dormer with rooflight; the insertion of two front rooflights; removal of existing chimney stack.
Case Officer	Nathan Keyte
Valid Date	16/03/2023
Applicant	Mr / Mrs Luke / Mary Barton / Sholl
Agent	Marco Curtaz

RECOMMENDATION

Approve

SITE DESCRIPTION

The subject site is a two storey mid-terrace with loft and rear return, in use as a dwellinghouse.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

It is proposed to erect a L-shaped dormer to the rear of the building, with two rooflights proposed on the front of the building and the removal of the existing chimney stack.

PLANNING HISTORY

None.

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 rear dormer 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:

(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 – the drawings indicate the top dormer is just below the ridgeline of the dwelling. The agent has confirmed that the rooflight proposed in the dormer will not exceed the height of the ridge and from the plans appears flush with the dormer roof.

(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;

Complies – the plans indicate that 39.93m³ is proposed. These were revised following the originally submitted plans noted as exceeding 40m³.

(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 – the chimney removal is addressed in the section below.

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

Complies

Development is permitted by Class B subject to the following 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 – the plans note the materials of the dormers will match the dwelling.

(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 – the agent has provided revised drawings that confirm the side window will be obscure and non-openable.

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

A certificate Lawfulness for rooflights 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’.

(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 – the agent has confirmed the rooflights to be no more than 150mm beyond plane of roof slope.

(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:

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

Class G: Chimneys, flues etc on a dwellinghouse

A certificate Lawfulness for the alteration of a chimney (including its removal) 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 G ‘chimneys, flues etc on a dwelling house’.

G.1 Development is not permitted by Class G if—

(a) permission to use the dwellinghouse as a dwellinghouse has 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 chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe would exceed the highest part of the roof by 1 metre or more; or

Complies

(c) in the case of a dwellinghouse on article 2(3) land, the chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe would be installed on a wall or roof slope which—

(i) fronts a highway, and

(ii) forms either the principal elevation or a side elevation of the dwellinghouse.

Complies

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

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