MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

# Planning

## Growth & Development

## Delegated officer report for planning application

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| **Application no.** | 139344/LP/2024 |
| **Date registered valid:** | 22 February 2024 |
| **Proposal:** | PART A: Erection of timber canopy/pergola to rear patio.<br>PART B: Elevational alterations including the removal of two ground floor windows and installation of double “French Style” doors and side panels to rear; replacement of the rear porch with oriel bay window and brick riser; alteration to window opening on side elevation of the rear outrigger to form a door and the removal of window to rear elevation of outrigger and replacement with brickwork to match.<br>PART C: Installation of 1 no. additional rooflight to rear single storey outrigger, and 4 no. additional rooflights to the main house (1 no. to front roof slope and 3 no. to rear roof slope) |
| **Address:** | 3 Arliss Avenue, Manchester, M19 2PD |
| **Ward(s):** | Burnage Ward |
| **Applicant:** | Jo & Rob Power-O Keefe |
| **Agent (if any):** | Chris Mulholland Mulholland Architecture Ltd |
| **Case officer:** | Robert Tyrer<br>Tel: 0161 234 4068<br>Email: robert.tyrer@manchester.gov.uk |
| **Recommendation:** | Split – Approved and Refused |
| **Date of recommendation:** | 18 April 2024 |

**Application details**

**Type of application:** Certificate Lawful Development Proposed

**Development type:** Certificates of lawfulness

**Date of site visit:**

**Standard consultations:**
No consultations have been printed and sent.

**Neighbour notifications**
No neighbour notifications have been printed and sent.

**Site notice**
No site notice has been produced

**Press advert**
No press advert had been published

**Departure from Development Plan:** No

**Environmental Statement:** Not required

**Description of site/building**

Application site relates to a two storey Edwardian semi-detached dwelling.

**Listed building:** Not applicable

**Conservation area:** Not applicable

**Tree Preservation Order:** Not applicable

**Description of area**

Predominantly a residential area with similar design and scale properties. The area also includes Levenshulme District Centre.

**Description of development**

The applicant is seeking a certificate of proposed lawful development for the following:

PART A: Erection of timber canopy/pergola to rear patio.

PART B: Elevational alterations including the removal of two ground floor windows and installation of double “French Style” doors and side panels to rear; replacement of the rear porch with oriel bay window and brick riser; alteration to window opening on side elevation of the rear outrigger to form a door and the removal of window to rear elevation of outrigger and replacement with brickwork to match.

PART C: Installation of 1 no. additional rooflight to rear single storey outrigger, and 4 no. additional rooflights to the main house (1 no. to front roof slope and 3 no. to rear roof slope)

**Consultations & Notification Responses**

None Required - There is no statutory requirement to consult third parties including neighbours; views expressed by third parties on the planning merits of the case, or on whether the applicant has any private rights to carry out the operation, use or activity in question, are irrelevant when determining the application.

**Issues**

Sections 191 and 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 provide for anyone (not just a person with a legal interest in the land) to apply to the local planning authority (LPA) for a lawful development certificate (LDC). A certificate is a statutory document certifying:

(1) in the case of an application under section 191, the lawfulness, for planning purposes, of existing operations on, or use of land, or some activity being carried out in breach of a planning condition; or

(2) in the case of an application under section 192, the lawfulness of proposed operations on, or use of land.

The onus of proof in regard to (1) is firmly on the applicant and the issue of a certificate will depend on the on factual evidence provided about the history and planning status of the building or other land and the interpretation of any relevant planning law or judicial authority. The relevant test of the evidence in this matter is “the balance of probability” and the applicants own evidence does not need to be corroborated by independent evidence. If the LPA have no evidence to contradict the applicants version of events or make them less then probable, there is no good reason to refuse the issue of a certificate.

In regard to (2), this provides that, if the LPA are supplied with information satisfying them that the use or operations described in the application would be lawful, if instituted or begun at the time of the application, they shall issue a certificate to that effect; and, in any other case, they shall refuse the application.

In short, the purpose section 192 is to enable any person who wishes to find out whether any proposed use or operations would be lawful to apply to the LPA for that purpose

The application needs to describe the proposal with sufficient clarity and precision to enable the LPA to understand (from a written description and plans) exactly what is involved in the proposal; and to submit whatever supporting information or legal submission that are to be relied upon in order to satisfy the LPA that a certificate should be granted for the proposal.

In making their decision on an application under section 192, the LPA ask themselves the hypothetical question - *"If this proposed change of use had already occurred, or if this proposed operation had commenced, on the application date, would it have been lawful for planning purposes?"* In doing so, the LPA will not only consider whether the proposal would involve "development" requiring an application for planning permission, but whether it would involve a breach of any existing condition or limitation imposed on a grant of planning permission which has been acted upon, and which therefore constrains what can be done on the land. The LPA will not make a proposal fit a scenario; the only question is whether the proposal made by the applicant is lawful at the time of submission.

**The Application**

This application is pursued under subsection (1) of section 192, which provides for an application to determine whether any proposed use or operations would be lawful for planning purposes.

The applicant is seeking a certificate of proposed lawful development for the following:

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PART B: Elevational alterations including the removal of two ground floor windows and installation of double “French Style” doors and side panels to rear; replacement of the rear porch with oriel bay window and brick riser; alteration to window opening on side elevation of the rear outrigger to form a door and the removal of window to rear elevation of outrigger and replacement with brickwork to match.

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**Part A - Erection of timber canopy/pergola to rear patio.**

For the purposes of the GPDO the Permitted development rights for householders Technical Guidance September 2019 page 29 of the document states that a “veranda *is* understood to be a gallery, platform, or balcony, usually roofed and often partly enclosed, extending along the outside of a building at ground level.”

The proposed timber canopy/pergola will be considered under Class A of the Town and Country (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (as amended) - the relevant legislation when determining the enlargement, improvement or other alterations to dwellinghouses in the first instance.

Under Class A for *"the enlargement, improvement or other alterations of a dwellinghouse"* the status of the original house needs to be taken into account, as this state the base from which all measurements should be taken. Under the Order, the term "original" means:

*in relation to a building existing on 1st July 1948, as existing on that date and, in relation to a building built on or after 1st July 1948, as so built*

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015

Class A – enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse

A. The enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse.

**Development not permitted**

The proposal will be considered under Class A of the Town and Country (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (as amended) - the relevant legislation when determining the enlargement, improvement or other alterations to dwellinghouses.

Under Class A for *"the enlargement, improvement or other alterations of a dwellinghouse"* the status of the original house needs to be taken into account, as this state the base from which all measurements should be taken. Under the Order, the term "original" means:

*in relation to a building existing on 1st July 1948, as existing on that date and, in relation to a building built on or after 1st July 1948, as so built*

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015

Class A – enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse

A. The enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse.

**Development not permitted**

| Paragraph | Complies |
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| A.1 (a) permission to use the dwellinghouse as a dwellinghouse has been granted only by virtue of Class G,M, MA, N, P, PA or Q of Part 3 of this Schedule (changes of use); | N/A |
| A.1 (b) as a result of the works, the total area of ground covered by buildings within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse (other than the original dwellinghouse) would exceed 50% of the total area of the curtilage (excluding the ground area of the original dwellinghouse); | Yes |
| A.1 (c) the height of the part of the dwellinghouse enlarged, improved or altered would exceed the height of the highest part of the roof of the existing dwellinghouse; | Yes |
| A.1 (d) the height of the eaves of the part of the dwellinghouse enlarged, improved or altered would exceed the height of the eaves of the existing dwellinghouse; | Yes |
| A.1 (e) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall which— | Yes |
| (i) forms the principal elevation of the original dwellinghouse; or | Yes |
| (ii) fronts a highway and forms a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse; | Yes |
| A.1 (f) subject to paragraph (g), the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have a single storey and—<br>(i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 4 metres in the case of a detached dwellinghouse, or 3 metres in the case of any other dwellinghouse, or | Yes |
| (ii) exceed 4 metres in height; | Yes |
| A.1 (g) for a dwellinghouse not on article 2(3) land nor on a site of special scientific interest, the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have a single storey and—<br><br>(i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 8 metres in the case of a detached dwellinghouse, or 6 metres in the case of any other dwellinghouse, or | N/A |
| (ii) exceed 4 metres in height; | N/A |
| A.1 (h) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have more than a single storey and—<br><br>(i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 3 metres, or | N/A |

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| (ii) be within 7 metres of any boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse opposite the rear wall of the dwellinghouse; | N/A |
| A.1 (i) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would be within 2 metres of the boundary of the<br>curtilage of the dwellinghouse, and the height of the eaves of the enlarged part would exceed 3 metres; | Yes |
| A.1 (j) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse, and would—<br><br>(i) exceed 4 metres in height, | Yes |
| (ii) have more than a single storey, or | Yes |
| (iii) have a width greater than half the width of the original dwellinghouse; or | No |

Explanation

The existing property has an original outrigger for which the proposed canopy/pergola will connect and consequently, extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwelling.

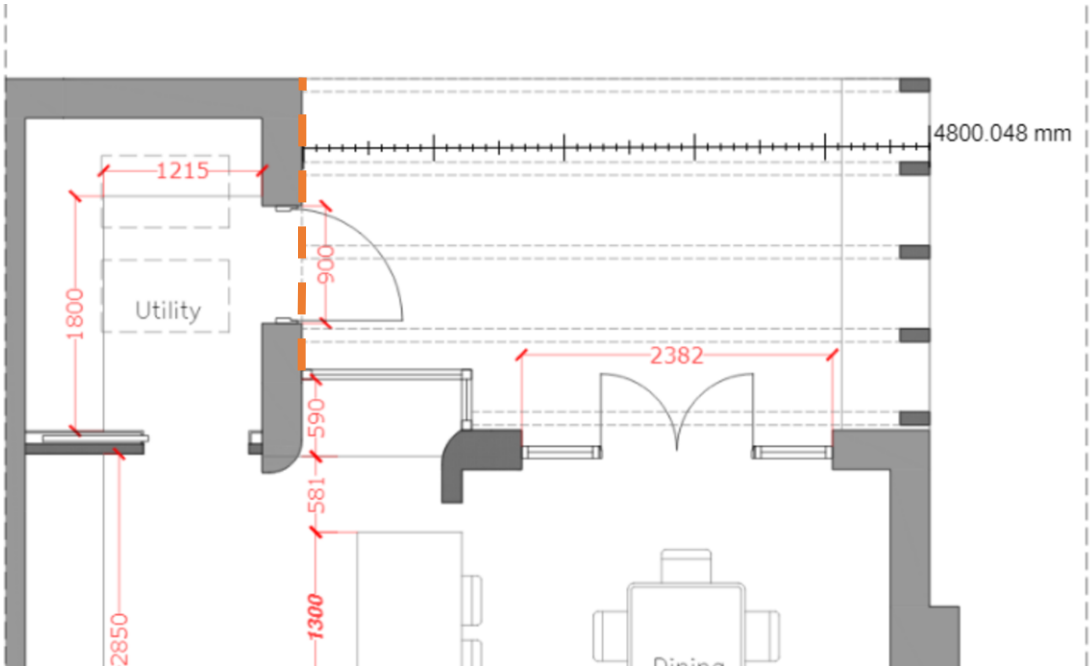



*Image 1 Proposed (part) of ground floor drawing. Orange dashed line indicates side elevation.*

Therefore, as proposal would form an extension beyond the side wall (indicated as an orange line below) resulting in an overall width of 4.8 metres and therefore the extension if built would have a greater width than half the width of the dwellinghouse and would not comply with A.1 (j)(iii) of the GPDO.

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| A.1 (ja) any total enlargement (being the enlarged part together with any existing enlargement of the original dwellinghouse to which it will be joined) exceeds or would exceed the limits set out in sub-paragraphs (e) to (j); | Yes |

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| A.1 (k) it would consist of or include—<br><br>(i) the construction or provision of a verandah, balcony or raised platform, | Yes |
| (ii) the installation, alteration or replacement of a microwave antenna, | Yes |
| (iii) the installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe, or | Yes |
| (iv) an alteration to any part of the roof of the dwellinghouse; or | Yes |
| A.1 (l) the dwellinghouse is built under Part 20 of this Schedule (construction of new dwellinghouses) | N/A |

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| A.2 In the case of a dwellinghouse on article 2(3) land, development is not permitted by Class A if—<br><br>(a) it would 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; | N/A |
| (b) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse; or | N/A |
| (c) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have more than a single storey and extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse. | N/A |

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| A.3 Development is permitted by Class A subject to the following conditions—<br><br>(a) the materials used in any exterior work (other than materials used in the construction of a conservatory) must be of a similar appearance to those used in the construction of the<br>exterior of the existing dwellinghouse; | No |
| Explanation<br><br>The rear canopy/pergola appears to join and extend from the rear of the property, as the proposed materials are timber these will not be similar in appearance to those used in the construction of the exterior of the existing dwellinghouse; in this case a red brick. | |
| (b) any upper-floor window located in a wall or roof slope forming a side elevation of the<br>dwellinghouse must be—<br><br>(i) obscure-glazed, and<br>(ii) non-opening unless the parts of the window which can be opened are more than 1.7<br>metres above the floor of the room in which the window is installed; and | Yes |
| (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, the roof pitch of the enlarged part must, so far as practicable, be the same as the roof pitch of the original dwellinghouse. | Yes |

**Part B - Elevational alterations**

The purposes of this assessment the proposed elevation alterations area as follows:

- Existing lean to PVC porch alterations;
  - Lowering of cill height
  - Installation of oriel style windows with black frames
- Replacement of existing rear windows with new French style door with black frames; and,
- New external door to proposed utility room (existing outrigger)

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015

Class A – enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse

A. The enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse.

**Development not permitted**

| **Paragraph** | **Complies** |
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| A.1 (a) permission to use the dwellinghouse as a dwellinghouse has been granted only by virtue of Class G,M, MA, N, P, PA or Q of Part 3 of this Schedule (changes of use); | N/A |
| A.1 (b) as a result of the works, the total area of ground covered by buildings within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse (other than the original dwellinghouse) would exceed 50% of the total area of the curtilage (excluding the ground area of the original dwellinghouse); | Yes |
| A.1 (c) the height of the part of the dwellinghouse enlarged, improved or altered would exceed the height of the highest part of the roof of the existing dwellinghouse; | Yes |
| A.1 (d) the height of the eaves of the part of the dwellinghouse enlarged, improved or altered would exceed the height of the eaves of the existing dwellinghouse; | Yes |
| A.1 (e) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall which— | |
| (i) forms the principal elevation of the original dwellinghouse; or | Yes |
| (ii) fronts a highway and forms a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse; | Yes |
| A.1 (f) subject to paragraph (g), the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have a single storey and—<br>(i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 4 metres in the case of a detached dwellinghouse, or 3 metres in the case of any other dwellinghouse, or | N/A |
| (ii) exceed 4 metres in height; | N/A |
| A.1 (g) for a dwellinghouse not on article 2(3) land nor on a site of special scientific interest, the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have a single storey and—<br><br>(i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 8 metres in the case of a detached dwellinghouse, or 6 metres in the case of any other dwellinghouse, or | N/A |

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| (ii) exceed 4 metres in height; | N/A |
| A.1 (h) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have more than a single storey and—<br><br>(i) extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 3 metres, or | N/A |
| (ii) be within 7 metres of any boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse opposite the rear wall of the dwellinghouse; | N/A |
| A.1 (i) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would be within 2 metres of the boundary of the curtilage of the dwellinghouse, and the height of the eaves of the enlarged part would exceed 3 metres; | N/A |
| A.1 (j) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse, and would—<br><br>(i) exceed 4 metres in height, | N/A |
| (ii) have more than a single storey, or | N/A |
| (iii) have a width greater than half the width of the original dwellinghouse; or | N/A |
| A.1 (ja) any total enlargement (being the enlarged part together with any existing enlargement of the original dwellinghouse to which it will be joined) exceeds or would exceed the limits set out in sub-paragraphs (e) to (j); | N/A |
| A.1 (k) it would consist of or include—<br><br>(i) the construction or provision of a verandah, balcony or raised platform, | N/A |
| (ii) the installation, alteration or replacement of a microwave antenna, | N/A |
| (iii) the installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe, or | N/A |
| (iv) an alteration to any part of the roof of the dwellinghouse; or | N/A |
| A.1 (l) the dwellinghouse is built under Part 20 of this Schedule (construction of new dwellinghouses) | N/A |

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| A.2 In the case of a dwellinghouse on article 2(3) land, development is not permitted by Class A if—<br><br>(a) it would 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; | N/A |
| (b) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse; or | N/A |
| (c) the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would have more than a single storey and extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse. | N/A |

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| A.3 Development is permitted by Class A subject to the following conditions—<br><br>(a) the materials used in any exterior work (other than materials used in the construction of a conservatory) must be of a similar appearance to those used in the construction of the<br>exterior of the existing dwellinghouse; | Yes |
| (b) any upper-floor window located in a wall or roof slope forming a side elevation of the<br>dwellinghouse must be—<br><br>(i) obscure-glazed, and<br>(ii) non-opening unless the parts of the window which can be opened are more than 1.7<br>metres above the floor of the room in which the window is installed; and | Yes |
| (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, the roof pitch of the enlarged part must, so far as practicable, be the same as the roof pitch of the original dwellinghouse. | Yes |

**Part C - The 5no. rooflights**

The applicant seeks to install 5no new rooflights to the dwellinghouse.

**Class C –other alterations to the roof of a dwellinghouse**

**Permitted development**

**C. Any other alteration to the roof of a dwellinghouse.**

**Development not permitted**

| Paragraph | Complies |
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| **C.1** Development is not permitted by Class C if—<br>(a) permission to use the dwellinghouse as a dwellinghouse has been granted only by virtue of Class G, M, MA, N, P, PA or Q of Part 3 of this Schedule (changes of use); | N/A |
| C.1 (b) the alteration would protrude more than 0.15 metres beyond the plane of the slope of the original roof when measured from the perpendicular with the external surface of the original roof; | Yes |
| C.1 (c) it would result in the highest part of the alteration being higher than the highest part of the original roof; or | Yes |
| C.1 (d) it would consist of or include— | |

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| (i) the installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe, or | Yes |
| (ii) the installation, alteration or replacement of solar photovoltaics or solar thermal equipment.; or | Yes |
| C.1 (e) the dwellinghouse is built under Part 20 of this Schedule (construction of new dwellinghouses). | N/A |
| **Conditions**<br><br>**C.2** Development is permitted by Class C subject to the condition that any window located on a roof slope forming a side elevation of the dwellinghouse must be— | |
| (a) obscure-glazed; and | N/A |
| (b) 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. | N/A |

**Other Legislative Requirements**
**Equality Act 2010**
Section 149 (Public Sector Equality Duty) of the Equality Act 2010 requires due regard to the need to: Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act and; Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. The Equality Duty does not impose a legal requirement to conduct an Equality Impact Assessment. Compliance with the Equality Duty involves consciously thinking about the aims of the Equality Duty as part of the process of decision-making.

**Human Rights Act 1998 considerations**
This application needs to be considered against the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998. Under Article 6, the applicants (and those third parties, including local residents, who have made representations) have a right to a fair hearing and to this end the local planning authority must give full consideration to their comments.

Protocol 1 Article 1, and Article 8 where appropriate, confer(s) a right of respect for a person's home, other land and business assets. In taking account of all material considerations, including Council policy as set out in the Core Strategy and saved polices of the Unitary Development Plan, the Director of Planning, Building Control & Licensing has concluded that some rights conferred by these articles on the applicant(s)/objector(s)/resident(s) and other occupiers and owners of nearby land that might be affected may be interfered with but that that interference is in accordance with the law and justified by being in the public interest and on the basis of the planning merits of the development proposal. She believes that any restriction on these rights posed by the recommendation given is proportionate to the wider benefits of and that such a decision falls within the margin of discretion afforded to the Council under the Town and Country Planning Acts.

**Recommendation:** Split – Approved and Refused

**Condition(s) to be attached to decision for approval OR Reasons for recommendation to refuse**

1) Refuse Part A, on the basis that the proposed timber canopy/pergola to rear patio as shown on the submitted drawings, Pr-043-001, Pr-043-100, Pr-043-101, Pr-043-200 and

Pr-043-201 does not constitute permitted development in accordance with Part 1, Schedule 2, Class A.1(j)(iii) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended), in that the proposed enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwellinghouse, and have a width greater than half the width of the original dwellinghouse.

The materials proposed for the canopy/pergola would also fail to accord with Condition A.3(a) of Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).

2) Grant Part B, on the basis that the proposed elevational alterations as detailed on the submitted drawings, Pr-043-001, Pr-043-100, Pr-043-101, Pr-043-200 and Pr-043-201, constitutes permitted development and is in accordance with Part 1, Schedule 2, Class A of the Town and Country (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).

3) Grant Part C, on the basis that the 5 no. additional rooflights as detailed on the submitted drawings, Pr-043-001, Pr-043-100, Pr-043-101, Pr-043-200 and Pr-043-201, constitutes permitted development and is in accordance with Part 1, Schedule 2, Class C of the Town and Country (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).

**Appendix 1 – List of consultees & neighbours notified**

**Appendix 2 – Planning constraints**

Article 4 Direction - Removal Of PD Rights Change Of Use From Class C3 To Class C4
Aircraft Safeguarding Zone - Aircraft Safeguarding Zone - All Exceeding 90M
Coal Authority - Surface Coal Resources - Name: Coal bearing strata at surface
Area Team Boundary - Name: SOUTH AREA