

THE LAND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (GUERNSEY) LAW, 2005
AND THE LAND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL PROVISIONS)
ORDINANCE, 2007

NOTIFICATION OF GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION

PROPOSALS: Erect narrow balcony at 1st floor level to east (rear) elevation.

LOCATION: 8 George Road, St. Peter Port.

APPLICANT: Mr J Holland

This permission is granted under the terms of Sections 15 and 16 of the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005 (the 'Law').

Date of Grant of Permission: 20/10/2022

This notification of grant of permission refers solely to the proposals referred to above as described in your application received as valid on 06/07/2022 and the drawings referred to below. This grant of permission is subject to the following conditions:-

Drawing Nos: Block plan, 1:10 window elevation & annotated photo (all dated 06/07/22).

Application Ref: FULL/2022/1432

Property Ref: A408720000

Conditions and reasons:-

1.All development authorised by this permission must be carried out and must be completed in every detail in accordance with the written application, plans and drawings referred to above. No variations to such development amounting to development may be made without the permission of the Authority under the Law.

Reason - To ensure that it is clear that permission is only granted for the development to which the application relates.

2.The development hereby permitted shall be begun within 3 years from the date of grant of this permission.

Reason - This condition reflects section 18(1) of the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005 which states that planning permission ceases to have effect unless development is commenced within 3 years of the date of grant (or such shorter period as may be specified in the permission).

3.The development hereby permitted and all the operations which constitute or are incidental to that development must be carried out in compliance with all such requirements of The Building (Guernsey) Regulations, 2012 as are applicable to them, and no operation to which such a requirement applies may be commenced or continued unless (i) plans relating to that operation have been approved by the Authority and (ii) it is commenced or, as the case may be, continued, in accordance with that requirement and any further requirements imposed by the Authority when approving those plans, for the purpose of securing that the building regulations are complied with.

Reason - Any planning permission granted under the Law is subject to this condition as stated in section 17(2) of the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005.

Expiry Date: This permission will cease to have effect on 19/10/2025 unless development is commenced by that date.

ADVICE AND OTHER REMARKS:-

Effect of planning permission:

Section 18 of the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005 ('the Law') defines the effect of the planning permission hereby granted, namely:

- (1) Planning permission ceases to have effect unless the development permitted by it is commenced within a period of three years immediately following the date on which it is granted (or such shorter period as may be specified in the permission).
- (2) Planning permission enures for the benefit of the land concerned and of every person for the time being having an interest in it.
- (3) Any conditions subject to which planning permission is issued are enforceable in accordance with the provisions of Part V of the Law.
- (4) Planning permission for the erection of a building is only permission to use it for the purpose specified in the permission or, subject to any restriction so specified, for any other purpose for which it is designed.

(5) Planning permission is only permission to carry out the development specified in it (subject to any conditions so specified), and does not imply the giving of any other approval or consent required under this Law or any other enactment or under any rule of law.

Right of appeal against planning decisions:

Your attention is drawn to the provisions of Section 68(1) of the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law 2005, which provides a right of appeal, on the merits against a decision to grant planning permission subject to conditions (except a building condition), to the Planning Tribunal, which is independent of the States of Guernsey. An appeal to the Planning Tribunal under section 68 of the Law against this decision must be made before the expiry of the period of six months beginning with the date on which the Authority made this decision. The official Appeal Notice Forms are available on the States of Guernsey website at www.gov.gg/planningpanel and must be completed with all enclosures in multiples as requested and received within the six months deadline.

Copy of representations made:

In reaching this decision the Authority took into account any written consultations made under Section 11(1) of the Land Planning and Development (General Provisions) Ordinance, 2007 ('the Ordinance'). A copy of any consultation responses made under section 11 will be included with this decision in accordance with section 19 of the Ordinance.

Other Remarks:

Please note that any work which abuts or affects the public highway requires prior approval by Traffic and Highway Services. Please contact Traffic & Highway Services (highways@gov.gg) for further advice. You must also ensure that any access/es to the development are constructed to meet the existing road/footway levels in accordance with their requirements.

This document is not a Building Licence and confers no approval under the Building Regulations.

A separate Building Control Licence may be required and it is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that ALL necessary consents are obtained and that any pre-commencement conditions are discharged prior to development being commenced.

A J ROWLES

Director of Planning
Planning Service



PLANNING APPLICATION REPORT

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Valid date: 06/07/2022
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RECOMMENDATION - Grant: Planning Permission with Conditions:

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OFFICER'S REPORT

Site Description:

The property known as '8 George Road' is an early 19th century three storey attached residential dwelling with a two storey extension to the rear. The dwelling is slightly set back from and faces west onto George Road, the attached neighbours are to the north and south and long rear gardens to the east. The property is located in the St Peter Port Main Centre Outer Area and Conservation Area as defined in the Island Development Plan.

Relevant History:

There is no relevant history pertaining to this application.

Existing Use(s):

Residential use class 1: dwelling house.

Brief Description of Development:

This application is to change the rear first floor windows to outward opening doors and attach a steel frame balcony, 600mm deep, to the exterior to prevent falls.

Relevant Policies of any Plan, Subject Plan or Local Planning Brief:

GP4: Conservation Areas
GP8: Design
GP9: Sustainable Development
GP13: Householder Development

Representations:

One letter of representation has been received and the issues are:

- The proposed balcony is to be 600mm deep and 3500mm wide. Whilst it is appreciated that the balcony is not taken the full width of the rear east façade, there are concerns with regard to significant overlooking into the neighbours amenity space and their first floor windows, which would have a significance adverse effect on their health and well-being.

Consultations:

None

Summary of Issues:

- Design of the development.
- Impact of the development on the character and appearance of the area.
- Impact of the development on neighbouring properties.

Assessment against:

1 - Purposes of the law.

The objectives of the Law, as set out in Section 1(2), have been considered and this forms part of the assessment of policy issues as set out in 2 below.

2 - Relevant policies of any Plan, Subject Plan or Local Planning Brief.

There had been a pre-application regarding these proposals and the advice given was to consider inward opening doors and Juliette balconies, which would give the light and ventilation without the possibility of significant overlooking that a proper balcony would offer.

However, the room which the windows (proposed doors) service is not a particularly big room and the homeowners would like to utilise the existing space by installing outward opening doors. Installing an internal balustrade has been rejected by the applicant due to the limitations on light and ventilation. The balcony is only 600mm deep because that is the width of the doors. The balcony is wrought iron and not to be stood on, it is only to allow the doors to be opened and to prevent anyone falling. The proposed arrangement, whilst not precluding a person standing on the balcony, would tend to limit its use in that way.

At present there is limited overlooking from the first floor windows of 8 George Road into the immediate neighbours gardens. From an on-site assessment and photos submitted, the proposals are not thought to increase the amount of overlooking significantly due to the inability of using the balcony to either walk on or sit out on. Furthermore the arrangement of the neighbouring properties limits the private areas which could be viewed from the balcony, and the relative levels of the garden spaces and existing balcony on the adjoining property, already results in a level of inter-visibility. On balance, any impact on neighbouring properties is not considered to be of a level that would warrant refusal of the application.

The scale and massing of the proposals are not considered to have any detrimental effects on the special character and amenity of the surrounding conservation area, nor will they have any impacts on either of the immediate neighbours.

Confirmation has been received that the development proposed has been designed to take into account matters of energy efficiency and current Building Regulations in accordance with Policy GP9.

The proposals are considered to conform to the above policies of the Island Development Plan and grant of permission is recommended, subject to conditions.

3 - General material considerations set out in the General Provisions Ordinance.

All material considerations as set out in the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005 and the Land and Planning (General Provisions) Ordinance 2007 have been taken into account in the assessment of this application. Where relevant the issues are considered in section 2 above.

4 - Additional considerations (for protected trees, monuments, buildings and/or SSS's).

The proposal would have no impact on Protected Buildings, Trees or Monuments or on SSS's.

Date: 20/10/2022