

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: Alterations to fenestration to south (front) elevation of outbuilding to create ancillary living unit.

LOCATION: Swansea Villa, La Rochelle Road, Vale.

APPLICANT: Mr T Allen

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: 29/08/2025

This notification of grant of permission refers solely to the proposals referred to above as described in your application received as valid on 21/07/2025 and the drawings referred to below. This grant of permission is subject to the following conditions:-

Drawing Nos: Jason Hobbs Architectural Services Ltd: 6564/A/1

Application Ref: FULL/2025/1165

Property Ref: C001640000

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 28/08/2028 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

Application No: FULL/2025/1165
Property Ref: C001640000
Valid date: 21/07/2025
Location: Swansea Villa La Rochelle Road Vale Guernsey GY3 5DN
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Applicant: Mr T Allen

RECOMMENDATION - Grant: Planning Permission with Conditions:

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OFFICER'S REPORT

Site Description:

The property known as 'Swansea Villa' is a pre-1900's semi-detached two storey property, which is a Protected Building. The dwelling is slightly set back from and faces southwest onto La Rochelle Road. The other semi is attached to the southeast, and another attached neighbour to the northwest. To the northeast is a driveway and double garage, and beyond another residential neighbour. The property is located Outside of the Centres, but is within a Conservation Area as defined in the Island Development Plan.

Relevant History:

FULL/2016/0334 – Install to dormer windows on southwest elevation of existing garage and erect car port to southeast elevation – Approved April 2016.

Existing Use(s):

Residential use class 2: flats.

Brief Description of Development:

This application is to alter the ground floor fenestration of the outbuilding to replace the garage doors with windows and one single door, this would create an ancillary living unit.

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

GP4: Conservation Areas
GP5: Protected Buildings
GP8: Design
GP9: Sustainable Development
GP13: Householder Development

Representations:

There have been two letters of representation received and the issues are;

- This property has applied for a dower unit but there is already accommodation created in the garage with windows upstairs and people living in it.
- The existing garage directly next to our garden has a high gable roof and towers over our property/garden, dominating the space already, with dormers we weren't comfortable with.
- The proposed south elevation will look directly into our garden and north elevation, and we have plans approved to add a dormer. Essentially the

dormers will overlook each other only metres away compromising privacy for both parties, approximately 15-20 metres away.

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.

This application is essentially for permission to change the two garage doors for a set of windows and a single door and windows, which because they are at ground floor means there is no concern regarding overlooking.

The main issue seems to be the use. Any garage within a domestic curtilage is considered to be for residential use as an ancillary building. Therefore no change of use is required to use a garage as an ancillary living unit, and only external changes, such as altering the fenestration, would require planning approval.

In this instance the dormer windows already exist, and one of the letters of representation says that there is someone living there already. Because the first floor fenestration is already there, and there is no change of use this application cannot consider the impact of this. Plus 15-20m is outside of the length between buildings where overlooking is a concern.

For the elements which require assessment, changing the garage doors for windows and a single door, the proposals are considered to achieve a good standard of design, using materials which complement the existing materials. The proposals will provide adequate levels of sunshine and daylight, and give the occupiers more flexible and adaptable accommodation.

The proposals are not considered to have a detrimental effect on the character and amenity of the surrounding conservation area, or on the special interest of the protected building. Nor will changing the ground floor fenestration have any impact on any 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: 27/08/2025