

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: Alter ground levels and remove section of hedge and wall, erect retaining wall and widen vehicle access to southeast (front) of property.

LOCATION: Oak Cottage, La Banquette, Albecq, Castel.

APPLICANT: Mr T Cooper & Miss F Le Tissier

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: 20/10/2025

This notification of grant of permission refers solely to the proposals referred to above as described in your application received as valid on 05/09/2025 and the drawings referred to below. This grant of permission is subject to the following conditions:-

Drawing Nos: Steve De Vial & Co. Ltd: 2025-870-1B & Block Layout Plan (dated 05/09/25).

Application Ref: FULL/2025/1463

Property Ref: D011950000

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.

4.Within four weeks of the enlarged access being brought into use, the end of the enlarged opening shall be finished in granite using materials and a method of construction which match the remainder of the existing wall to be replaced.

Reason - To secure the satisfactory appearance of the completed development.

Expiry Date: This permission will cease to have effect on 19/10/2028 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

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Property Ref: D011950000
Valid date: 05/09/2025
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Proposal: Alter ground levels and remove section of hedge and wall, erect retaining wall and widen vehicle access to southeast (front) of property.

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RECOMMENDATION - Grant: Planning Permission with Conditions:

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OFFICER'S REPORT

Brief Description of the site:

The property known as 'Oak Cottage' is an early 20th century flat roof bungalow which is set back from and faces southeast onto La Banquette, the dwelling sits in the middle of the site with the same sized back and front gardens. There is a single flat roof garage set closer to the road. There are neighbouring properties to the north (they are at a lower level and face north onto the coast road), the southwest and across the road to the south/southeast. To the east is an open field. The property is located Outside of the Centres 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.

Assessment: *(Tick as appropriate)*

no representation
accords with policy
within curtilage
design acceptable

✓
✓
✓
✓

visual amenity acceptable
no material neighbour impact
traffic not affected

✓
✓
✓

Policies considered most relevant:

GP8: Design
GP9: Sustainable Development
GP13: Householder Development

Conclusion/Brief comment:

This application is to remove a small section of roadside hedge, alter ground levels to widen the existing driveway alongside the garage, realign the existing retaining wall

to increase the width of the drive from 3m to 5m, at the front (southeast) of the dwelling. Remove the existing steps to the front garden and introduce a ramp to the front garden further to the southwest.

The application was initially deferred because the proposed retaining wall was shown as painted render, the majority of the boundary walls in the area are granite and so the application was deferred to request that at least the new bellmouth was fronted with granite to ensure the visual appearance of the proposal matches the existing wall and the surrounding area.

At present the 3m wide drive allows cars to park alongside the garage, but only the driver would be able to exit the car, a passenger would not because of the garage and the retaining wall, which somewhat limits the use.

The front garden is pretty large, and so removing a 2m width to expand the parking area would not jeopardise the size of the front garden or its usability. Although the vehicular opening would increase overall from just over 7m to just over 9m, because of the garage being only 3m back from the road, the width of the opening does not read so wide, which is considered acceptable.

The proposals are considered to achieve a good standard of design, using materials which complement the existing materials. The extended driveway would give the occupiers more flexible and adaptable parking.

The scale and massing of the widening of the driveway is not considered to have a detrimental effect on the character and amenity of the surrounding area, nor will it have any impact 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.

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

Recommendation:

Grant with Conditions



Date: 20/10/2025