

Consultee Comments for Planning Application

23/02097/HOU

Application Summary

Application Number: 23/02097/HOU

Address: Old Golf Club House Afton Down Freshwater Isle Of Wight PO40 9TZ

Proposal: Proposed single storey extension to kitchen; alterations to garage to form utility room; associated works to front to blend rooflines

Case Officer: Alexandra Lewis

Consultee Details

Name: National Landscape AONB

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On Behalf Of: AONB

Comments

Paragraph 191 of the NPPF states that new development should protect tranquil areas and limit the impact of light pollution on intrinsically dark landscapes and nature conservation. Light pollution occurs in the form of light trespass (where it shines where not needed), Sky glow (appears over towns and cities) and glare, which is the uncomfortable reaction when a light source is viewed within a dark atmosphere. These all contribute to the erosion of dark skies and the ability to view the stars at night. The Isle of Wight currently enjoys some of the darkest skies in the south of England (a rare resource), and the illumination of the night sky remains a significant issue within the National Landscape (formerly AONB). Light pollution also affects tranquillity and the perception of tranquillity together with ecological impacts. Policies P34 and P35 of the AONB Management Plan 2019-2024 look to conserve dark skies. Lack of light pollution and tranquillity are important facets of the National Landscape which make up its special character and sense of place. It is therefore imperative these qualities are maintained and conserved. In relation to this we would request the large expanses of glass, as proposed, are considerably reduced and/or eliminated where superfluous to requirements in order to avoid unnecessary light spillage and impacts upon tranquillity.