Planning Officer's Report - LDCA SEPTEMBER 2023

APPLICATION 2023/36 – Change of Use from One Dwelling into Two

Dwelling Units

PERMISSION SOUGHT Full Permission

REGISTERED 20th July 2023

APPLICANT Ronald Scanes

PARCEL LWS0629

LOCALITY Alarm Hill, Levelwood

ZONE Intermediate Zone

CONSERVATION AREA None

CURRENT USE Existing House

PUBLICITY The application was advertised as follows:

Sentinel Newspaper on 20th July 2023

A site notice displayed in accordance with Regulations.

EXPIRY 3rd August 2023

REPRESENTATIONS None Received

DECISION ROUTE Delegated / LDCA / EXCO

A. CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

Sewage & Water Division No Objection 1. 2. **Energy Division** No Response 3. Fire & Rescue No Response **Roads Section** No Objection 4. **Property Division** No Objection **Environmental Management** No Response 6. 7. **Public Health** No Response Agriculture & Natural Resources No Response 8. St Helena Police Services Not Consulted 9. 10. Aerodrome Safe Guarding No Objection 11. Sustainable Development No Response

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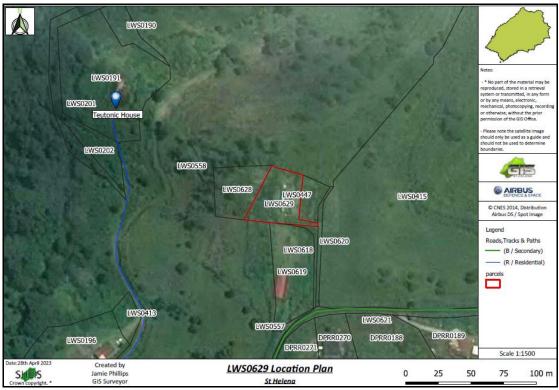
12. National Trust
13. Sure SA Ltd
14. Heritage Society
15. Maritime Authority
No Objection
No Response
Not Applicable

B. PLANNING OFFICER'S APPRAISAL

LOCALITY & ZONING

The application site is located within the Alarm Hill area, approximately 135m south east of Teutonic Hall. The site is designated within the Intermediate Zone and has no Conservation Area restrictions.

Diagram 1: Location Plan



HISTORY

Development permission was granted for alterations and extensions to the property in 2020, which involved external alterations to the building's roof and construction of additional rooms to modernise the building. These works has now been completed.

PROPOSED

The current building is a residential home comprising of kitchen, lounge and dining area, two bathrooms and three bedrooms. The proposal is to construct a parting wall within the existing lounge to create two separate dwelling units, resulting in the southern unit being a one bedroom dwelling, and the northern unit being a three bedroom dwelling. No changes are proposed to the exterior of the building. If the

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existing septic tank size is not adequately sized, then this might need enlarging to accommodate the additional load, this will be addressed by the Building Inspectors. There is sufficient space on-site for parking and all the services already exist at the property.

STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK & REPRESENTATIONS

No representations were received from any members of the public or stakeholders.

LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

The relevant policies of the Land Development Control Plan (LDCP 2012 - 2022) that are applicable in the assessment of the proposed development are set out below:

Intermediate Zone: Policies IZ1

Housing PolicyWater: Policy W2

Sewage, storm and Drainage: Policies SD1 (b, c), SD3, SD.4 and SD7

Road and Transport Policies: RT1 (c and d), RT3 and RT7

OFFICER'S ASSESSMENT

In assessing the proposal, the works are internal with construction of a single dividing wall within the current lounge to form two lounges and separate the units. The proposed development of splitting the property into two dwelling units will not only provide additional accommodational, but in doing so with no adverse impact on the amenity of the existing or surrounding development. In conclusion the proposed development can be supported as it complies with the Intermediate Zone and supporting policies.

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