

## **Heritage Statement**

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### **17 Spring Gardens, Emsworth, PO10 7AU**

#### **Case reference: APP/25/00653**

**Proposal:** Conversion of existing garage to create additional ancillary living accommodation for use as an office/hobby room and utility room and construction of a dormer window on the north west facing roof slope.

The application site is located in Spring Gardens which is located between Emsworth High Street, Queen Street and the A259 by-pass and within the Emsworth Conservation Area, policy H1 refers. Spring Gardens, and the adjacent Pelham Terrace and Kings Terrace, were built in the 1980's and 1990's but designed to have traditional character, mainly terraced and semi-detached homes. The application site, number 17 Spring Gardens, is a detached property built in the mid 1990's.

The design, materials and construction will be in keeping with the existing property and street scene as per local policies.

There are several dormer windows in nearby properties, some may have been included when they were constructed, some added later. The proposal shows the dormer clad in plastic siding but this could be changed to tile (matching the roof) should it be thought more appropriate. As can be seen from the Block Plan (document 5) that the windows in the proposed dormer do not directly face any windows in the adjacent property (see attached documents numbers 7 and 5) but should the oblique view be considered unacceptable the lower (main) section of the nearest window in the proposed dormer could be fitted with obscure glass.

The proposed change of use of the garage will result in the garage door being replaced by a window with the adjacent surrounding area rendered and colour washed to match other elevation of the existing house. This will not detract from the appearance, arguably enhance it.

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