

Planning Statement

RE: 23 Sengana Close, Hedge End, Southampton SO30 2NU

1. Introduction

This planning statement accompanies a householder planning application for the construction of a modest front porch at **23 Sengana Close, Hedge End, Southampton SO30 2NU**.

The proposal seeks planning permission following confirmation that the development cannot proceed under permitted development due to the removal of the existing front door. The development is modest in scale and is intended to improve the functionality of the dwelling while remaining sympathetic to the character of the surrounding area.

2. Site and Surroundings

The application property is a single dwellinghouse located within an established residential cul-de-sac at Sengana Close, Hedge End. The surrounding area is characterised by similar residential properties, many of which feature front porches or entrance enclosures of comparable scale and appearance.

Notably, **planning permission was granted for a front porch at No. 24 Sengana Close under planning reference F/15/75772**, which was approved on **16/02/2015**. In addition, **No. 28 Sengana Close** also features a front porch of a similar form and visual presence. These developments establish a clear and relevant precedent within the immediate street scene.

The dwelling is not listed and is not located within a conservation area.

3. Description of the Proposed Development

The proposal comprises the construction of a small enclosed front porch to the principal elevation of the dwelling. The porch has a limited footprint and height and is clearly subservient to the host property.

The design has been developed to reflect the established character of Sengana Close, with particular regard to the appearance of the existing porches at Nos. 24 and 28. The proposed porch adopts a similar scale, form, and positioning, ensuring visual continuity within the street.

The development provides a practical entrance space, improving weather protection and usability, without materially altering the overall form or function of the dwellinghouse.

4. Design and Visual Impact

The proposed porch has been designed to sit comfortably within the existing built form and does not project excessively forward of the principal elevation. Its scale and proportions ensure it reads as a minor addition rather than a dominant extension.

By reflecting the design approach seen at neighbouring properties — including the approved porch at No. 24 (ref. F/15/75772) — the proposal reinforces the established character of the cul-de-sac rather than detracting from it. As such, the development will not result in harm to the appearance of the dwelling or the wider street scene.

5. Residential Amenity

Due to its modest size and position, the proposed porch will not result in any loss of privacy, daylight, or outlook for neighbouring occupiers. The development does not introduce overlooking or increased levels of activity beyond that associated with a single dwellinghouse.

The proposal therefore has no adverse impact on neighbouring residential amenity.

6. Highways and Access

The proposed development does not alter existing access arrangements to the dwelling and does not affect pedestrian or vehicle visibility. There is no impact on highway safety, parking provision, or traffic generation.

7. Planning Policy Considerations

National and local planning policies support modest domestic alterations and extensions where they are proportionate, well designed, and sympathetic to the host dwelling and surrounding area.

Given the limited scale of the proposal, its consistency with nearby approved development (including ref. F/15/75772), and the absence of any adverse impacts, the proposal accords with the objectives of the development plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

8. Conclusion

The proposed front porch at **23 Sengana Close** represents a modest, well-considered addition to the dwelling. It has been designed to reflect the established character of the street and aligns with nearby approved development, including the porch at No. 24.

The proposal does not give rise to harm to visual amenity, neighbouring properties, or highway safety, and it is respectfully requested that planning permission be granted.