

**Application No: 20/00726/FULL Full Application**

**Site:** 5 Knightwood Close, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7FE

**Proposal:** Cladding to existing upper dormers and garage

**Applicant:** Ms S Merry

**Case Officer:** Claire Woolf

**Parish:** ASHURST AND COLBURY

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**1. REASON FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION**

Contrary to Parish Council view

**2. DEVELOPMENT PLAN DESIGNATION**

Defined New Forest Village

**3. PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES**

DP18 Design principles  
SP17 Local distinctiveness  
DP2 General development principles

**4. SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE**

Design Guide SPD  
Ashurst and Colbury Village Design Statement

**5. NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK**

Sec 15 - Conserving and enhancing the natural environment  
Sec 12 - Achieving well-designed places

**6. MEMBER COMMENTS**

None received

**7. PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council: Recommend refusal for the reasons listed below:

It was noted that previous applications for cladding to dwellings in Knightwood Close had been refused. It was felt that the cladding was out of keeping with the immediate local area and the building itself.

## **8. CONSULTEEES**

No consultations required

## **9. REPRESENTATIONS**

9.1 No representations received.

## **10. RELEVANT HISTORY**

10.1 Retention of carport and shed (10/95411) approved on 23 September 2010.

## **11. ASSESSMENT**

11.1 5 Knightwood Close is a detached chalet bungalow situated within a cul-de-sac of dwellings originally built in two designs. Infill development has allowed for different building forms to be introduced along the west side of the Close. All of the properties in Knightwood Close have flat roofed dormers and originally all had tile wall hanging. The property is sited within the Defined Village of Ashurst and is not within a conservation area.

11.2 Consent is retrospectively sought for UPVC cladding with a 'wood grain effect' in slate grey on the gable end above the front door and box dormers.

11.3 UPVC cladding is not generally considered to be an appropriate material or one which reflects buildings typical of the New Forest National Park. However, the existing dwelling and those in both the immediate and wider locality are not recognised as being of significant aesthetic or vernacular interest. The site does not lie within or impact upon a conservation area and cannot be viewed from the open forest. A range of materials have replaced tile hanging on other properties within Knightwood Close, including render, decorative tile hanging, some use of uPVC cladding and painted timber, thereby creating a mixed appearance to Knightwood Close.

11.4 Overall, whilst the use of a natural timber is preferable, in this particular location, given the presence of similar materials used elsewhere along the road where there is less of a uniform approach, and the muted colour of the cladding, it is not considered that the proposal would have any significant detrimental impact upon the character or appearance of the area, or upon the special qualities of the New Forest National Park to the extent that it would conflict with Policies DP2, SP17 and DP18. It is therefore recommended for permission.

## **12. RECOMMENDATION**

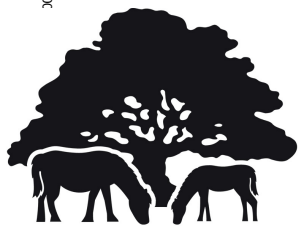
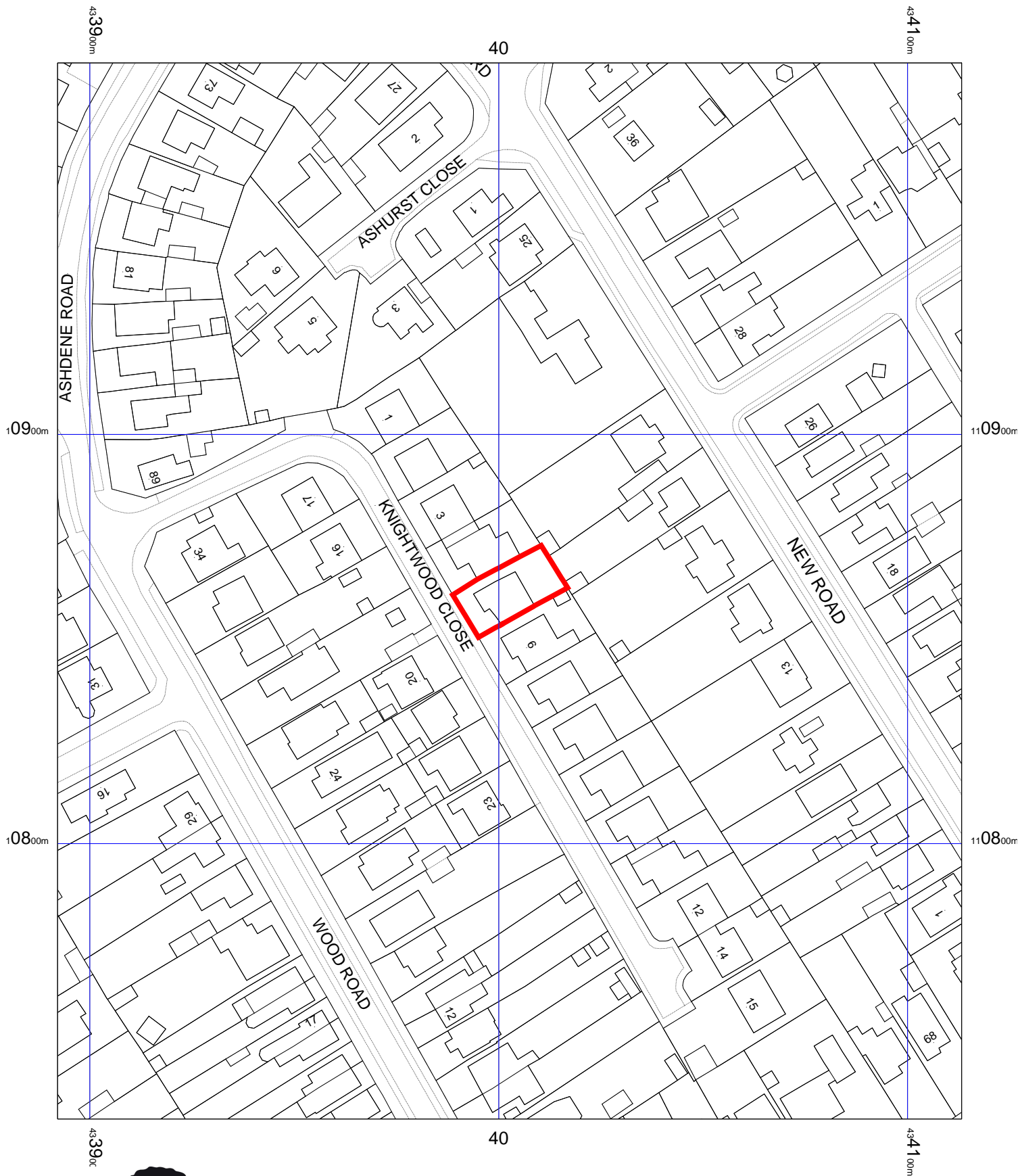
Grant Subject to Conditions

### **Condition(s)**

- 1 Development shall only be carried out in accordance with drawing nos: DR1, DR2 and DR3.

No alterations to the approved development shall be made unless otherwise agreed in writing by the New Forest National Park Authority.

Reason: To ensure an acceptable appearance of the building in accordance with Policies SP16, SP17, DP18 and DP2 of the adopted New Forest National Park Local Plan 2016- 2036 (August 2019).



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