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Registration: 25/05/2022

LDfC: 05/07/2022

Expiry Date: 20/07/2022

Site Visit: 24/06/2022

Site Notice: N/A

Press Date: N/A

Objections: 0

Con Area: N/A

Adv Type: NONE

Reason for Delay:

EIA: NA

N/A

Dec Level: DEL

Stat Class: HOUS

Proposal: Single storey extension at rear

Location: 16 Middleton Drive, Bury, BL9 8DS

Description

The application relates to a true bungalow with pyramid roof, on a residential street of similar properties. Existing extensions include a small rear kitchen/porch and a rear bay window although the combined appearance is mixed and design somewhat inconsistent. The unattached neighbour at No.18 has an existing single storey extension at the rear plus a dormer and the neighbour on the other side has a different building alignment due to the street curve. The rear boundary has very extensive tree(s) and shrubbery with the Greenbelt beyond.

Planning permission is sought for a single-storey extension that would project out 2m, to match the extent of the existing extension, and have a hipped roof carried over from the existing roof. Materials would match existing plus patio doors overlooking the west facing rear garden. It would accommodate a diner and utility room at ground floor. There are no new side windows proposed. There would be a separation of just under 10m to the rear boundary, although there is no new boundary treatment proposed.

Relevant Planning History

None.

Publicity

Immediate neighbours notified by letter dated 15/06/2022 sent to 2 (two) neighbours. No representations were received.

Statutory/Non-Statutory Consultations

N/A

Pre-start Conditions

N/A

Unitary Development Plan and Policies

NPPF National Planning Policy Framework

H2/3 Extensions and Alterations

SPD6 Supplementary Planning Document 6: Alterations & Extensions

HT2/4 Car Parking and New Development

Issues and Analysis

The following report includes analysis of the merits of the application against the relevant policies of both the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the adopted Bury Unitary Development Plan (UDP) together with other relevant material planning considerations. The policies of the UDP that have been used to assess this application are considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and as such are material planning considerations. For simplicity, just the UDP Policy will be referred to in the report, unless there is a particular matter to highlight arising from the NPPF where it would otherwise be specifically mentioned.

Equality Act 2010: All planning applications are considered in light of the Equality Act 2010 and associated Public Sector Equality Duty, where the Council is required to have due regard for:

The elimination of discrimination, harassment and victimisation;

The advancement of equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and person who do not share it;

The fostering of good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and person who do not share it; which applies to people from the protected equality groups.

Human Rights: All planning applications are considered against the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.

Under Article 6 the applicants (and those third parties who have made representations) have the right to a fair hearing and to this end full consideration will be given to their comments.

Article 8 and Protocol 1 of the First Article confer a right to respect private and family life and a right to the protection of property, ie peaceful enjoyment of one's possessions which could include a person's home, and other land and business assets.

In taking account of the Council policy as set out in the Bury Unitary Development Plan 1997 and all material planning considerations, it is concluded on balance that the rights conferred upon the applicant/ objectors/ residents/ other interested party by Article 8 and Article 1 of the First Protocol may be interfered with, since such interference is in accordance with the law and is justified in the public interest. Any restriction of these rights posed by refusal/ approval of the application is legitimate since it is proportionate to the wider benefits of such a decision, is based upon the merits of the proposal, and falls within the margin of discretion afforded to the Council under the Town & Country Planning Acts.

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 imposes (without prejudice to any other obligation imposed on it) a duty upon the Council to exercise its functions and have due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of its functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area. In so doing and on making planning decisions under the Town and Country Planning Acts, the material Planning considerations shall have due regard to the provisions of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and its implications in the exercise of its functions.

Visual amenity

UDP Policy H2/3 and SPD6 seeks to achieve a high standard of design that compliments the original building, does not have a detrimental impact on the character or appearance of neighbouring properties, and protects the general street scene.

In terms of scale, design, and appearance the proposed extension would be generally

in-keeping with the existing house. Situated entirely at the rear, the proposed single storey extension would not be readily visible from the public arena, although its design and scale is considered to be appropriate for this property. Materials would match existing. Although the hipped roof would be slightly taller than that of the existing kitchen extension pitched roof it nevertheless remains lower than the main pitch.

The extensive existing tree and shrub planting along the rear boundary would further reduce the impact on the residents to the rear. In this respect the proposed extension complies with UDP Policy H2/3 and associated guidance in SPD6.

Residential amenity

UDP policy H2/3 and SPD6 seeks to reduce the impact of proposals on the residential amenity of neighbouring properties.

In terms of overlooking and privacy to the rear, the 10m separation distance to the rear boundary from the extension is considered to be acceptable and complies with adopted guidance in SPD6.

The proposed extension would not project out any further than the existing single storey kitchen/ porch extension.

There are no new side windows proposed.

The neighbours kitchen window on the side elevation of No.18 is a side/ non-habitable room window and therefore cannot be afforded significant weight in any assessment. The kitchen door on the same side elevation also cannot be given a great deal of weight.

In terms of the general prominence and impact on daylight the proposed extension is set to the west of the main house and north of No.18. Any overshadowing would not be seriously excessive above and beyond the existing situation.

The proposed extension would be acceptable and comply with UDP Policy H2/3 and associated guidance in SPD6.

Highways

No changes proposed to site access or parking arrangements.

Conclusion

In consideration of the above, it is considered that the proposed extension would be an improvement on the existing dwelling. The proposed development would be acceptable in terms of the design, and siting, of this development. As such, the proposed development is therefore considered to be acceptable and complies with UDP Policy H2/3 and associated guidance in SPD6.

Statement in accordance with Article 35(2) Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) (Amendment) Order 2015

The proposal complies with the development plan and would improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area. It therefore comprises sustainable development and the Local Planning Authority worked proactively and positively to issue the decision without delay. The Local Planning Authority has therefore implemented the requirement in Paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Recommendation: Approve with Conditions

Conditions and Reasons:

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- 1 The development must be begun not later than three years beginning with the date of this permission.
Reason. Required to be imposed by Section 91 Town & Country Planning Act 1990.
- 2 This decision relates to drawings numbered 22-04.01 as submitted on 25/05/2022 and the development shall not be carried out except in accordance with the drawings hereby approved.
Reason. For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure a satisfactory standard of design pursuant to the policies of the Bury Unitary Development Plan listed.
- 3 The external finishing materials for the proposal hereby approved shall match those of the existing building.
Reason. In the interests of visual amenity and to ensure a satisfactory development pursuant to Policy H2/3 - Extensions and Alterations of the Bury Unitary Development Plan and Supplementary Planning Document 6 - Alterations and Extensions to Residential Properties.

<u>Case Officer</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sign off Officer</u>	<u>Date</u>
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