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Registration: 08/08/2022**LDFC:** 02/09/2022**Expiry Date:** 03/10/2022**Site Visit:** 25/08/2022**Site Notice:** N/A**Press Date:** N/A**Objections:** 0**Con Area:** N/A**Adv Type:** N/A**Reason for Delay:****EIA:** NA

N/A

Dec Level: DEL**Stat Class:** HOUS**Proposal:** First floor extension at front/side**Location:** 5 Stonedelf Close, Ainsworth, Radcliffe, Bolton, BL2 5SH**Description**

The application relates to a previously extended two storey detached house situated at the head of a small cul-de-sac. Most of the front of the site is paved for parking and access to the main entrance of the dwelling. There is also an area of lawn to the side of the property and other planting. To the rear of the dwelling is a large private garden area.

The proposal is to build a first floor extension to the front/side of the existing dwelling which would create further living space to bedroom 3 of the existing dwelling. It would be built over the existing building below and the roof would be pitched. The front and side walls would be clad with Cedar.

Relevant Planning History

53966 - Two storey extension at side/rear and single storey extension at rear - Approve with Conditions 05/07/2011

54443 - Change of Use from Garage to office (temporary for 12 month only)
(Retrospective) - Refused 18/10/2011

09/0496 - COMMERCIAL USE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY - 23/10/2009

10/0028 - CHANGE OF USE FROM RESIDENTIAL TO A MIXED USE OF RESIDENTIAL
AND OFFICE - 18/02/2010

11/0261 - Change of use to office - 13/09/2011

11/0486 - Change of use to office - 16/01/2012

Publicity

neighbours notified on 11/08/2022 - No comments or objections received.

Statutory/Non-Statutory Consultations

None

Pre-start Conditions - Not relevant.

Unitary Development Plan and Policies

SPD6 Supplementary Planning Document 6: Alterations & Extensions

H2/3 Extensions and Alterations

OL1 Green Belt

EN9/1 Special Landscape Areas

OL7/2 West Pennine Moors

NPPF National Planning Policy Framework

SPD8 DC Policy Guidance Note 8 - New Buildings in the Green Belt

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.

The main considerations of this application are the impact of the proposal on visual and residential amenity and the impact of the development on the designated Green Belt.

Principle (Green Belt)

Paragraphs 147 and 148 state that inappropriate development in the Green Belt is by definition, harmful and should not be approved except in Very Special Circumstances (VSC). Planning Authorities should ensure that substantial weight is given to any harm in the Green Belt. VSC will not exist unless the potential harm to the Green Belt by reason of inappropriateness, and any other harm resulting from the proposal, is clearly outweighed by

other considerations.

Paragraph 149 of the NPPF regards the construction of new buildings in the Green Belt as inappropriate development. Exceptions to this are:

- a) buildings for agriculture and forestry;
- b) the provision of appropriate facilities (in connection with the existing use of land or a change of use) for outdoor sport, outdoor recreation, cemeteries and burial grounds and allotments; as long as the facilities preserve the openness of the Green Belt and do not conflict with the purposes of including land within it;
- c) the extension or alteration of a building provided that it does not result in disproportionate additions over and above the size of the original building;
- d) the replacement of a building, provided the new building is in the same use and not materially larger than the one it replaces;
- e) limited infilling in villages;
- f) limited affordable housing for local community needs under policies set out in the development plan (including policies for rural exception sites); and
- g) limited infilling or the partial or complete redevelopment of previously developed land, whether redundant or in continuing use (excluding temporary buildings), which would:
 - not have a greater impact on the openness of the Green Belt than the existing development; or
 - not cause substantial harm to the openness of the Green Belt, where the development would re-use previously developed land and contribute to meeting an identified affordable housing need within the area of the local planning authority.

Policy OL1/2 - New Buildings in the Green Belt states that the construction of new buildings in the Green Belt is inappropriate unless it is for agriculture and forestry; essential facilities for outdoor sport and recreation; limited extension, alteration or replacement of existing dwellings provided that this would not result in disproportionate additions over and above the size of the original dwelling; and limited infilling in existing villages as set out under Policy OL1/3.

This is further supported by Supplementary Planning Document 8 - New Buildings and Associated Development in the Green Belt which state that extensions of existing dwellings should not result in disproportionate additions over and above the size of the original dwelling. To assist in what can be considered to be disproportionate SPD 8 considers additions of up to a third (33%). However, that is not to say something larger, or smaller than 33%, would not be supported as each case is considered on its own merits.

The Green Belt Statement submitted as part of the design and access statement with the application, does not state what the volume increase would be compared to the original property. However, the extension would be a relatively small first floor extension to the front of the property and the footprint of the building would not be increased. The extension would be visible in streetscape along Stonedelf Close and visually it would remain in-keeping with other dwellings along the close.

Given the above, it is considered that the proposal would not conflict with the surrounding land uses nor would it create harm to the openness of the Green Belt. It is considered therefore that the proposal would not have an adverse impact on the openness of the Green Belt and it is considered that the proposal complies with UDP Policies OL1/2, SPD8 and the NPPF.

Visual Amenity -

SPD 6 and UDP Policy H2/3 seek to achieve a high standard of design that compliments the original building, and does not have a detrimental impact on the character and appearance of neighbouring properties and the general street scene.

The proposed extension would be built with materials and a design that would be considered in keeping with the existing building.

Given the above the proposal conforms to Bury UDP Policy H2/3 - Extensions and Alterations and the guidance in Supplementary Planning Document 6 – Alterations and Extensions to Residential Properties in terms of visual amenity.

Residential Amenity -

As the property is sited at the head of the cul-de-sac there are no other dwellings directly to the front of the site and there would be no windows installed to the side elevation adjacent to the boundary with no.6 Stonedolph Close next door. In addition, as the extension would be to the first floor only there would be no increase to the footprint of the existing dwelling.

With this in mind the proposal conforms to UDP Policy H2/3 - Extensions and Alterations and the requirements of Supplementary Planning Document 6 – Alterations and Extensions to Residential Properties in terms of its impact on residential amenity.

Parking -

The proposal would result in a decrease in the number of bedrooms at the property from 4 to 3 rooms therefore SPD 11 Parking Standards need not be considered. The parking arrangements would remain as existing where there is parking to the drive way to the front of the site.

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

The Local Planning Authority worked positively and proactively with the applicant to identify various solutions during the application process to ensure that the proposal comprised sustainable development and would improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area and would accord with the development plan. These were incorporated into the scheme and/or have been secured by planning condition. 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:

- 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 AC-100, AC-102 and AC-200 received on 30/06/2022 and revised proposed drawing numbered AC-202 received on 25/08/2022 as modified by the email from JSA Design dated 25/08/2022. The development shall not be carried out except in accordance with the details hereby approved.
Reason. For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure a satisfactory standard of design pursuant to the policies of the Bury UDP Policy H2/3 - Extensions and Alterations and the guidance in Supplementary Planning Document 6 – Alterations and Extensions to Residential Properties.
- 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.

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