

DELEGATED REPORT

Report by Tom Beirne	Date of report: 09/05/2024	Ref: 70660/FUL
Registration: 10/04/2024	LDFC: 07/05/2024	Expiry Date: 05/06/2024
Site Visit: 30/04/2024	Site Notice: N/A	Press Date: N/A
Objections: 0	Con Area: N/A	Adv Type: NONE
Reason for Delay: N/A		EIA: NA
		Dec Level: DEL
		Stat Class: HOUS

Proposal: Garage conversion to include link to main house with single storey rear extension

Location: 3 Ruth Street, Bury, BL9 6LU

Description

The application relates to a two storey terraced house on the corner of Ruth Street and Hilton Street with Back Walmersley Road East to the rear. The house has a single storey outrigger and garage to the rear. The rear yard via double gates and garage are accessed from Back Walmersley Road East.

The proposal involves demolishing the existing small single storey outrigger at the rear and converting and extending the existing unused garage to form a rear porch and kitchen area. It would be flat roofed with a parapet roof and finished in red brick to match the main house. The existing double gates into the yard would be retained for access and bin access.

Relevant Planning History

70325 - Change of use from residential dwelling (Class C3) to 9 bed HMO (Sui Generis) to include single storey rear extension and loft conversion with front and rear dormers - Withdrawn by Applicant 04/03/2024

Publicity

Immediate neighbours notified by letter dated 16/04/2024. No objections received.

Statutory/Non-Statutory Consultations

N/A

Pre-start Conditions - N/A

Development Plan and Policies

H2/3 Extensions and Alterations
SPD6 Supplementary Planning Document 6: Alterations & Extensions

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), the adopted Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document (PfE) and the saved policies within 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 and PfE Policies 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 - The extension would be modest in scale and at the rear and inside the enclosed yard, not readily viewed from the public arena. In design and appearance the extension and conversion would not be out of keeping with the existing house. The extension would be acceptable and comply with UDP Policy H2/3 and guidance in SPD6 Alterations and Extensions.

Residential Amenity - Given the siting within the rear yard and modest scale of the extension, there are no significant residential amenity issues arising. There are no objections from neighbours. The proposal is acceptable in terms of residential amenity and complies with UDP Policy H2/3 and guidance in SPD6 Alterations and Extensions.

Parking and Access - The double gates would provide access into the rear yard for parking and this is considered acceptable and complies with UDP Policy H2/3 and guidance in SPD6 Alterations and Extensions in relation to parking.

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:

- 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 24-03-04/01, 02 and 03 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 EN1/2 - Townscape and Built Design of Bury Unitary Development Plan.

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