

DELEGATED REPORT

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Ref:67850/FUL

Registration: 30/11/2021

LDFC: 01/01/2022

Expiry Date: 25/01/2022

Site Visit: 10/12/2021

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 rear extension

Location: 23 The Square, Whitefield, Manchester, M45 7UL

Description

The application relates to a two-storey mock Georgian character style terraced house on a residential cul-de-sac of similar properties. The rear of this row of houses is staggered by design. Both neighbours have a single-storey rear extension on the far side, both built within the line of the protruding elevation. The neighbours to the rear have extensive trees and shrubs on the boundary, beyond which there is a public right of way (PROW 28WHI) although there is no direct line of sight.

Planning permission is sought for a single-storey extension that would project out 2.5m from the recessed elevation but no further than the protruding elevation and have a flat roof similar to that two doors down. There would be a separation of 11.7m to the rear boundary with no changes to boundary treatment.

Relevant Planning History

None.

Publicity

Immediate neighbours notified by letter dated 08/12/2021 sent to 2 (two) neighbours. One objection was received.

Objections -

Concerns are summarised below:

- Concern re reduction of light to our living room. Light path studies in summer and winter would help evaluate these concerns.
- Detailed measurements of the proposed building are needed.
- Details of patio interface finish
- Party wall agreement needed.

Relevant concerns of the neighbours have been addressed in this report.

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

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 - In terms of design and appearance the extension is generally in-keeping with the existing house. Situated at the rear, the extension would not be readily visible from the public arena. Materials would match existing. In this respect the extension complies with UDP Policy H2/3 and associated guidance in SPD6.

Residential amenity - In terms of overlooking and privacy to the rear, the 11.7m separation distance to the rear boundary from the extension is considered to be acceptable

and complies with adopted guidance in SPD6. The existing tree and shrub planting along the rear boundary would further reduce the impact on the residents to the rear.

The extension is acceptable in relation to the attached neighbour as it complies with the '45-degree rule' within SPD6.

In terms of the general prominence and impact on daylight the single storey extension is set off the shared side boundary and is to the east of No.14. Any overshadowing would not be seriously excessive above and beyond the existing situation. The extension would be acceptable and comply with UDP Policy H2/3 and associated guidance in SPD6.

Highways – No proposed changes.

Note to neighbours – The proposed development has been checked with regard to the footprint and eaves with neither overlapping the site boundary. Details of materials are provided in the application form. A sunlight assessment was not considered necessary given this is a single storey proposal projecting less than 3m on a flat elevation.

Conclusion – In consideration of the above, it is considered that the proposed development would be acceptable in terms of the design, and sitting, 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:

- 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 drawing 274 3-003 Rev B: A as submitted on 10/01/2022 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>
SGR	18/02/2022	DM	22/02/2022