

DELEGATED REPORT

Report by Tom Beirne	Date of report: 15/04/2026	Ref: 72889/FUL
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Site Visit: 15/04/2026	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: First floor/two storey side extension

Location: 26 Rhodes Drive, Bury, BL9 8NH

Description

The application relates to a two storey, detached house with integral garage on a residential road of similar styled properties. Paved frontage with a dropped kerb in front of garage. The neighbour to the north has gable up to the side boundary and the neighbour to the south is set off the side boundary by approx 1m and set back from the applicant's front extension by approximately 1.5m.

The proposed side extension would be above the existing garage and run from the front elevation, back 9.7m to the rear elevation with the last section at the rear being two storey. The new roof would be pitched and carried over to the main roof at the same ridge height. The new gable would have no windows. The garage would be converted to living space with an extra bedroom formed at first floor level. Finished in brick and tile to match the house.

Relevant Planning History

N/A

Publicity

Immediate neighbours notified by letter dated 11/03/2026. 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 and streetscape - The extension, in line with the front and rear elevations and running off the roof at the same height, is in keeping with the existing property. With the immediate neighbour to the south set back 1.5m at the front and other properties along the row contributing to articulation along the road, the extension would appear appropriate within the streetscape and mitigate any appearance of terracing. Further, with a 1m gap along the side boundary, the immediate neighbour is unlikely to extend to the boundary. With a finish of red brick and tile, the proposal would be acceptable in terms of visual amenity and comply with UDP Policy H2/3 and guidance in SPD6 relating to extensions and alterations.

Residential amenity - Given the siting, the extension would not raise any residential amenity issues with regard to immediate neighbours and it is noted that there are no objections. The proposal is considered to be acceptable in terms of residential amenity and complies with UDP Policy H2/3 and guidance in SPD6.

Parking - Although the garage is being converted, there is parking on the paved frontage, clear of the highway and this would be unaffected. As such the proposal is acceptable in terms of parking and complies with UDP Policy H2/3 and 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 drawings numbered DR302/P2, P-02 and P-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 and Places for Everyone Joint 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>
Tom Beirne	15/04/2026	DM	17.04.2026