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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/01923/FPH	Rear roof extension including insertion of rear dormer window and side rooflights to facilitate additional accommodation at first floor level following removal of existing rear dormer window.	23 Watton Road Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6AH

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan ELA/1 ELA/2 ELA/3 ELA/5 ELA/6 ELA/7 ELA/8

1.0 Policies

D1 Sustainable design

D2	House exts, replcmnt dwellings outbuild
D3	Protecting living conditions
T2	Parking
SECN12	Making effective use of land
SECN14	Achieving well-designed places
NP5	Knebworth NP

2.0 **Site History**

- 2.1 05/01675/1HH - Single storey rear extension. Raising of roof of existing bungalow to create living accommodation in roof space. Insertion of dormer windows to front and rear roof space (as amplified by street scene plan received 9 December 2005, and amended and amplified by plans received 23 December 2005). – Conditional Permission
- 2.2 05/00704/1HH - Single storey rear extension. Raising of roof of existing bungalow to create living accommodation in roof space. Insertion of dormer windows to front and rear roof space – Conditional Permission

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 Neighbour Representations – None received.
- 3.2 Parish Council – No comments or objections.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 No. 23 comprises a detached chalet bungalow along Watton road, Knebworth.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Planning Permission is sought for:

Rear roof extension including insertion of rear dormer window and side rooflights to facilitate additional accommodation at first floor level following removal of existing rear dormer window.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 **Principle:** Within the settlement boundary of Knebworth, and would comprise an alteration to an existing dwelling. Complies with Policy SP2 of the Local Plan.

4.3.2 **Design:** The proposed built form and materials would be similar to the existing dwelling and would therefore result in minimal to no impact upon the character and appearance of the dwelling as seen from the street scene. Complies generally with Policy D1 of the Local Plan and Policy KBBE4 of the Knebworth Neighbourhood Plan.

4.3.3 **Impact on the street scene:** The works are to the rear of the dwelling and would therefore be predominantly obscured from view from the public realm. Some views would be gained from neighbouring gardens, though I consider that this would be modest. It is therefore considered that there would be no unacceptable impact to the street scene. Complies with Policy D1 of the North Herts Local Plan and Policy KBBE4 of the Knebworth Neighbourhood Plan.

4.3.4 **Impact on neighbours:** None. Would not project beyond the existing rear elevation of the host dwelling and the neighbouring dwellings and would not project significantly above the existing bulk of the dwelling. Therefore, impacts to light and dominance would not be unacceptable. Outlook would be similar to existing, and therefore privacy concerns are not considered to arise. Side rooflights would incorporate a suitable windowsill height to mitigate overlooking. Complies with Policy D3 of the Local Plan.

4.3.5 **Parking:** No alteration to existing driveway and no loss of parking on-site. Complies with T2 of the Local Plan.

4.3.6 **BNG:** Exempt from BNG requirements.

4.3.7 **Climate change:** Due to the small scale of the proposals and the sustainable location there would be minimal impact on local climate change.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 Acceptable in planning terms.

4.5 **Alternative Options**

4.5.1 None applicable

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 That planning permission be **GRANTED** subject to the following conditions:

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 3 years from the date of this permission.

Reason: To comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country

Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out wholly in accordance with the details specified in the application and supporting approved documents and plans listed above.

Reason: To ensure the development is carried out in accordance with details which form the basis of this grant of permission.

3. The extension(s) hereby permitted shall be built in external materials to match the existing dwellinghouse unless otherwise agreed in writing by the LPA.

Reason: To protect the visual amenities of the locality and to comply with Policies D1 and D2 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011 to 2031.

Proactive Statement:

Planning permission has been granted for this proposal. Discussion with the applicant to seek an acceptable solution was not necessary in this instance. The Council has therefore acted proactively in line with the requirements of the Framework (paragraph 38) and in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.

Signed  Shaun Greaves Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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