NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

DECISION NOTICE

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Applicant:
Mr & Mrs Hawtin

PARTICULARS OF DEVELOPMENT

Application: 18/00772/FPH

Proposal: Two and a half storey front extension, insertion of gable window on North East elevation and roof lights to facilitate conversion of loft into habitable space.

Location: 15 Benslow Rise, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 9QX,

PARTICULARS OF DECISION

In pursuance of its powers under the above Act and the associated Orders and Regulations, the Council hereby **REFUSE** the development proposed by you in your application received with sufficient particulars on 19 March 2018.

1. The proposed front extension by reason of its height, additional second storey, high eaves line and inappropriate fenestration would not be sympathetic to the design and appearance of the existing building contrary to the criteria set out in Policy 28 of the local plan. In addition the provision of the two and half storey front extension would have result in an incongruous addition to the dwelling when viewed from Benslow Rise adversely affecting the visual amenities of the street scene contrary to Policy 57 of the local plan.

Proactive Statement:

Planning permission has been refused for this proposal for the clear reasons set out in this decision notice. The Council has not acted proactively through positive engagement with the applicant as in the Council's view the proposal is unacceptable in principle and the fundamental objections cannot be overcome through dialogue. Since no solutions can be found the Council has complied with the requirements of the Framework (paragraphs 186 and 187) and in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.

Signed:



Simon Ellis
Development & Conservation Manager
Date: 1 May 2018

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NOTES

1 If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Appeals must be made using a form which you can get from the Planning Inspectorate at Suite C, 4th Floor, Spectrum Building, Bond Street, Bristol, BS1 3LG or online at www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals
The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.
The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.
In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the local planning authority based their decision on a direction given by him.

Purchase Notices

If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council (District Council, London Borough Council or Common Council of the City of London) in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.