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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
18/01270/FPH	Single storey rear extension and front entrance porch	13 Whitegale Close Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9LP

Submitted Plan Nos

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1.0 Policies

1.1 **North Hertfordshire District Local Plan No.2 with Alterations**

Policy 28 – House Extensions
Policy 55 – Car Parking Standards
Policy 57 – Residential Guidelines and Standards

1.2 **National Planning Policy Framework**

Chapter 7 – Requiring good Design

1.3 **North Hertfordshire Draft Local Plan 2011-2031 - (Approved by Full Council April 2017)**

D1 – Sustainable Design
D2 – House Extensions and Replacement Dwellings
D3 – Protecting Living Conditions
T2 – Parking

1.4 **Supplementary Planning Document**

Vehicle Parking at New Development SPD (2011

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 No previous relevant planning history.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 **Neighbouring Notifications:**

The owners/occupiers of No. 12, 14 Whitegale Close and No. 7, 8 Orlando Close were notified on 07/06/2018. No neighbouring representations have been received.

3.2 **Parish Council / Statutory Consultees:**

N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 No. 13 is a semi-detached chalet bungalow situated on Whitegale Close within a predominately residential area of Hitchin. The property features a brick finish with uPVC fenestration and an existing rear dormer window.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Planning permission is sought for the construction of a single storey front and single storey rear extension. The single storey rear extension would measure approximately 2m in depth, 5.3m wide and in 2.7m in height. The front extension would measure approximately 750mm in depth, 2.3m wide and 2.7m in height.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues for consideration are as follows:

--The acceptability of the design of the proposed development and its resultant impact on the character and appearance of the area.

--The impact that the proposed development would have on the living conditions of neighbouring properties.

--The impact that the proposed development would have on car parking provision in the area.

Design and Appearance:

4.3.2 The objectives of the NPPF include those seeking to secure high quality design and a good standard of amenity (Section 7 - Requiring good design). In this regard, Policy 28 and 57 of the Local Plan is consistent with the NPPF.

4.3.3 The proposed development would be limited in scale to both the front and rear of the property. The single storey front extension would be contained within the eaves of the existing roof of the property. The single storey rear extension, whilst featuring a flat roof design, would remain subservient to the appearance of the host dwelling. It is considered that the proposed would not result in any unacceptable impact upon the character of the property in this location.

4.3.5 Given the above, it is considered that the proposed development would not result in an unacceptable impact upon the character and appearance of the host property and would therefore be compliant with Policy 28 and 57 of the District Local Plan and the core principles set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

Impact on Neighbouring Properties:

4.3.6 A core planning principle set out in the NPPF is to always seek to secure a good standard of amenity for all existing and future occupants of land and buildings. This principle is reflected in the provisions of Policy 28 of the Local Plan.

4.3.7 The application site is neighboured by No. 12 and 14 Whitegale Close. The proposed development would feature limited rearward projections beyond the rear and front elevations of neighbouring properties. Given the limited scale of the extension proposed, it is considered that there would be no unacceptable impact upon the light, privacy or amenity of the neighbouring occupiers.

4.3.8 Given the above, it is considered that the proposed development would result in no unacceptable overbearing impact upon neighbouring occupiers and is therefore compliant with Policy 28 of the District Local Plan and the aims of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Highways and Parking:

4.3.9 The proposed development does not include an increase in the number of bedrooms, therefore there would be no car parking issues arising from the proposed development.

4.4 Conclusion

4.4.1 The proposed development is considered acceptable and are considered to comply with the necessary provisions of both the existing and emerging Local Plan policies and the National Planning Policy Framework. Grant conditional permission.

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.

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 (paragraphs 186 and 187) and in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.

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