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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/01986/FPH	Two storey and part single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory. Alterations to fenestration and installation of rear patio.	93 Wellingham Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2UN

Submitted Plan Nos

L01 L02

1.0 Policies

D1 Sustainable design

D2 House exts, replcmnt dwellings outbuild

D3 Protecting living conditions

T2 Parking

SECN12 Achieving well-designed places

SECN14 Meeting climate change,coastal,flooding

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 None relevant

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 **Neighbour consultations** – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The application site is a two-storey, semi-detached dwelling. The site benefits from a driveway, a garage and front and rear gardens.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Two storey and part single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory. Alterations to fenestration and installation of rear patio.

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 impact on the character and appearance of the area.
- The impact of the proposed development on the living conditions of neighbouring properties.
- Access and parking matters.
- The impact of the proposed development on the environment.

Design

- 4.3.2 Policy D1 of the Local Plan requires that development proposals respond positively to the site's local context, retain existing vegetation and minimise the visual impact of street furniture and parking provision. Policy D2 of the Local Plan requires extensions to houses to incorporate design that is sympathetic to the main dwelling in terms of its scale, form and orientation and does not harm the character and appearance of the locality around the site. These policies are broadly consistent with Section 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 4.3.3 The proposed two storey and part single storey rear extension would have a depth of 3.3m with the single storey element parapet wall and roof overhang extending a further 0.65m and a width of 3.8m to meet the eastern side elevation wall. The proposed two-storey extension would have a dual pitched gable end roof with an eaves height of 4.8m and a ridge height of 6.7m. The proposed single storey element would have a flat roof with a height of 2.9m with the parapet wall extending a further 0.3m. The proposal includes 1no. rooflight on the single storey element. The proposed external materials are facing brickwork for the walls to match existing, concrete roof tiles to match existing and flat roofing, colour coated uPVC windows and powder coated aluminium doors.

- 4.3.4 Alterations to fenestration include a replacement first floor rear window servicing a bedroom and a new first floor eastern side elevation window servicing a stairwell. The proposal also includes a rear patio area.
- 4.3.5 In my view, the scale of the proposed works would be a sympathetic addition to the dwelling. The proposed roof form and materials are considered sympathetic to the dwelling and would not result in an adverse effect on the character of the dwelling.
- 4.3.6 This is considered to be in line with Section 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policies D1 and D2 of the Local Plan.

Impact on Neighbours

- 4.3.7 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 D3 of the NHLP.
- 4.3.8 Regarding no.95 Wellingham Avenue, the adjoining neighbour, the proposed two-storey extension would be offset from the shared boundary line by 1.75m and would extend to a similar depth as the existing built form at no.95. While a maximum depth of 3.95m may be considered too deep and a parapet wall height of 3.2m too tall, given the existing built form at no.95, it is not considered that the proposal would result in unacceptable harm upon no.95's living conditions as to be objectionable in terms of overdominance, shading or overlooking.
- 4.3.9 Regarding no.91 Wellingham Avenue, the non-adjoining neighbour, the proposed two-storey extension would be offset from the shared boundary line by 2.6m and have an appropriate depth of 3.3m. The proposed first-floor side elevation window would serve a stairwell and does not appear as though it would overlook any habitable room windows. As such, it is not considered that the proposal would result in unacceptable harm upon no.91's living conditions as to be objectionable in terms of overdominance, shading or overlooking.
- 4.3.10 This development is therefore considered to be in accordance with Policy D3 of the NHLP and Section 12 of the NPPF.

Highways and Parking:

- 4.3.11 The proposal includes an increase in the number of bedrooms from 3no. to 4no. However, parking provision would remain unaffected, retaining sufficient space for a minimum of 2no. parking spaces. Therefore, with regard to Policy T2 of the NHLP, there would be no car parking issues arising from the development.

Environmental Implications

- 4.3.12 The proposed development would be consistent with the criteria set out in Policy D1 of the NHLP '*Sustainable Design*'. There are no other significant environmental implications as a result of the proposed development.

Biodiversity Net Gain:

- 4.3.13 This is a form of development which is exempt from BNG Legislation, defined under article 2(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 due it falling under the scope of the 'de minimis' exemption.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The proposed development is considered acceptable and in accordance Policies D1, D2, D3, T2 of the NHLP 2011-2031 and Sections 12 and 14 of the NPPF.

4.5 **Alternative Options**

- 4.5.1 None.

4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

4.6.1 None.

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 (paragraph 38) and in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.

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