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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
18/01148/FPH	Two storey front extension including front dormer window and single storey rear extension.	8 Convent Close Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1QN

Submitted Plan Nos

P1 P2 P3

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 06/00997/1HH - First floor front extension over existing garage – Granted Conditional Permission on 10/08/2006.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 **Site Notice:**

Start Date: Expiry Date:

3.2 **Press Notice:**

Start Date: Expiry Date:

3.3 **Neighbouring Notifications:**

The owners/occupiers of No. 7 and 9 Convent Garden were notified on 09/05/2018. No neighbouring representations have been received.

3.4 **Parish Council / Statutory Consultees:**

N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 No. 8 is a two storey detached dwelling situated on Convent Garden within a predominately residential area of Hitchin. The property features a brick finish with uPVC fenestration and off-street car parking.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Planning permission is sought for the erection of a single storey rear extension and two storey front extension including dormer window at first floor level.

4.2.2 The single storey rear extension would measure approximately 1m in depth, 7.8m wide and 3.3m in height with 2.3m to the eaves. The front extension would measure 2.6m in depth, 2.6m wide and features a height of 2.5m to the eaves. The dormer would measure 1.8m in height, 1.6m wide and 2.8m in depth.

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 two storey front extension would feature a cat slide roof form with a small dormer window within the front facing roofslope. It is considered that the roof form would be appropriate within the context of the locality. Furthermore, the extension would remain subservient to the appearance of the host dwelling. It is considered the front extension would be appropriate.

4.3.4 The single storey rear extension would be very limited in depth and scale against that of this host dwelling. It is therefore considered that the rear extension would remain subservient and in keeping with the application property.

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 Given the limited depth and scale of the proposed development to the front and rear of the application site, it is considered that there would be no detrimental impact upon the light, privacy or amenity of neighbouring occupiers.

4.3.8 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.

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Determining Officer	SG6 3JF
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