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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
18/00171/FPH	Single side and rear extensions.	18 Sanfoine Close Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0NP

Submitted Plan Nos

Location Plan; 1802.01

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**

The Local Plan has now been submitted to the Secretary of State, following completion of the final public consultation exercises and having been agreed and approved by Full Council in April 2017. The policies of the Draft Local Plan therefore carry limited weight at this stage, however the policies are to be afforded increased weight and consideration at each stage of the process up until full adoption. The policies of relevance in this instance are as follows:

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 06/02676/1HH – Single storey side and part rear extension following demolition of existing outbuilding (as amended by plans received 11.12.06) – Granted Conditional Permission on 23/01/2007.

2.2 14/01513/1HH – Replacement Porch – Granted Conditional Permission on 15/07/2014.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 **Site Notice:**

Start Date: N/A Expiry Date: N/A

3.2 **Press Notice:**

Start Date: N/A Expiry Date: N/A

3.3 **Neighbouring Notifications:**

The owners/occupiers of No. 16, 20 Sanfoine Close and No. 39, 40 Purwell Close were notified on 29/01/2018. 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. 18 is a two storey semi-detached dwelling situated on the south side of Sanfoine Close within a predominately residential area of Hitchin. The property features a brick finish with uPVC fenestration, wooden outbuilding and raised decking to the rear. The local characteristics of this part of Sanfoine Close consist of predominately semi-detached dwellings of similar character and appearance to that of the application site.

4.2 Proposal

4.2.1 The proposed single storey side and rear extension would wrap around the existing host dwelling. The rear element would project approximately 3.5m rearward along the party boundary. The side extension would sit flush with the front elevation. The development as a whole would measure a mono-pitched roof form and materials to match those of the existing dwellinghouse.

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 application property occupies a large site with an existing detached outbuilding and raised patio. The development would replace the outbuilding and patio with a single storey wrap around extension. The proposed extension would feature a pitched roof design with a large rearward facing bi-fold door and rooflights.

4.3.4 The proposed development would be visible from within the surrounding street scene however, given the single storey nature of the development and appropriate design, it is considered that the development would not result in an adverse impact upon the character and appearance of both the surrounding street scene and host dwelling.

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. 16 and 20 Sanfoine Close. No. 16 is detached from the application site and features an existing single storey side garage. The proposed development would not result in any unacceptable overbearing impact upon the occupiers of No. 16 given the single storey nature of the development.

4.3.8 No. 20 Sanfoine Close forms the other half of this pair of semi-detached dwellings and features no existing alterations. The proposed development would extension rearward along the party boundary for approximately 3.5m. Given the limited depth of the rearward projection, it is considered that the extension would result in no unacceptable impact upon the light, privacy or amenity to the occupiers of No. 20.

4.3.9 The development would incorporate rooflights within the proposed side and rear roofslopes. It is considered that the proposed rooflights would provide only limited oblique views of neighbouring properties and therefore have no unacceptable harm on the properties within the immediate locality of the application site.

4.3.10 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:

4.3.11 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.