

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Vicki Wood.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02902/FPH	Single storey rear and side infill extension following partial demolition of existing detached garage.	43 London Road Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6NB

Submitted Plan Nos

01 02 03 04 05 06

1.0 Policies

1.0 **Local and National Policy**

1.1 **National Planning Policy Framework 2024 (NPPF)**

Section 2 – Achieving sustainable development

Section 12 – Achieving well-designed places

Section 14 - Meeting the challenges of climate change, flooding and coastal change

1.2 **North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011-2031 (NHLP)**

Strategic Policies

Policy SP1 – Sustainable Development in North Hertfordshire

Policy SP2 – Settlement Hierarchy and Spatial Distribution

Policy SP9 – Design and Sustainability

Development Management Policies

Policy D1 – Sustainable design

Policy D2 – House extensions, replacement dwellings and outbuildings

Policy D3 – Protecting living conditions

1.3 **Baldock, Bygrave and Clothall Neighbourhood Plan 2021**

G3 – Creating well-designed places

G4 – Sustainable design

2.0 **Relevant Site History**

2.1 25/02288/LDCP - Hip to gable roof extension, insertion of rear box dormer and 3 no. front rooflights to facilitate loft conversion to habitable space. Granted.

2.2 87/01139/1 - Erection of single storey rear extension. Conditional Permission.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 **Site and Neighbour Consultation** – One comment has been received regarding how rainwater will be drained from the sloped roof at the rear of the property, and how it will be prevented from affecting the party wall with no.45 London Road.

3.2 **Baldock, Bygrave and Clothall PC** – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The site is located on the east side of London Road and comprises of a two-storey, semi-detached residential dwelling house with gardens to front and rear. A detached garage is sited to the north side and rear of the dwelling with off-street parking provided by a driveway.
- 4.1.2 The application site is within the settlement boundary for Baldock where development is generally acceptable subject to policy requirements.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Single storey rear and side infill extension following partial demolition of existing detached garage.

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.
 - The impact that the proposed development would have on the environment.

Design and Appearance

- 4.3.2 The objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) include those seeking to secure the creation of high quality, beautiful and sustainable buildings and places (Section 12 – Achieving well-designed places). Paragraph 131 of the NPPF states that *“Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, creates better places in which to live and work and helps make development acceptable to communities”*. In this regard, Policy D1 and D2 of the Local Plan are consistent with the objectives set out within the NPPF.
- 4.3.3 In order to facilitate a proposed extension, the works involve the reduction in the length of an existing garage and its proposed use as an outbuilding.
- 4.3.4 The proposed extension would extend from the north side flank elevation of the existing dwelling and would extend to the rear for a depth of 7.4 metres, a 1.2 metre extension to the depth of an existing single storey rear extension which is to be demolished, albeit with the retention of an external wall to the party boundary with the attached neighbour no.45 London Road. As a result of the proposed side extension, the overall extension would extend beyond the width of the existing dwelling and would provide for additional habitable accommodation. The roof form would be pitched with a parapet design to the party boundary with no.45 London Road with a part mono pitched roof to the side elevation with no. 41 London Road. Openings would be to the north and rear elevations of the extension. Materials would match those of the existing dwelling.

- 4.3.5 I am satisfied that the scale and design of the proposed extension would be sympathetic to the existing dwelling and would not harm the visual amenity of the locality and would be in accordance with Section 12 of the NPPF and Policies D1 and D2 of the Local Plan.

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 D3 of the Local Plan.
- 4.3.7 Following a comment made by the neighbour at no.45 London Road, I have responded to advise that rainwater from the roof of the proposed extension should be contained within the development and that issues arising in respect of the party boundary would fall outside of planning legislation.
- 4.3.8 I am satisfied that the proposed extension, by virtue of its position on the property would not impact existing residential amenity to any significant degree and would be in accordance with Section 12 of the NPPF and Policy D3 of the Local Plan.

Highways and Parking:

- 4.3.9 The dwelling is served by sufficient off-street parking spaces which would not be affected by the proposed development and is therefore considered to be in accordance with Policy T2 of the Local Plan.

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)

- 4.3.10 This development is not subject to the statutory Biodiversity Gain Plan condition because it is exempt under the statutory exemptions as set out in paragraph 17 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Exemptions) Regulations 2024.

Environmental Implications

- 4.3.11 Section 14 of the NPPF sets out how the planning system should support the transition to a low carbon future. The principles set out in Section 14 are reflected in Policy D1 of the Local Plan, which sets out that development proposals should take all reasonable opportunities to reduce energy consumption and waste, retain existing vegetation and propose new appropriate planting, and future proof for changes in technology and lifestyle.
- 4.3.12 In my view, the proposed development would be unlikely to have any significant implications for the local environment in terms of carbon emissions and therefore would be generally in accordance with Section 14 of the NPPF and Policy D1 of the Local Plan.

4.4 Conclusion

- 4.4.1 The proposed development is considered acceptable and in accordance with Policies SP1, SP9, D1, D2 and D3 of the Local Plan 2011-2031 and Sections 2, 12 and 14 of the NPPF 2024.

4.5 **Alternative Options**

4.5.1 N/A

4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

4.6.1 N/A

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.

3. The extension hereby permitted shall be built in external materials to match the existing dwellinghouse unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To protect the visual amenities of the locality and to comply with Policies D1 and D2 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011 to 2031.

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	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 22 December 2025	