**DELEGATED FILE NOTE**

**CASE OFFICER:** ...Ben Glover.....

| APPLICATION REFERENCE | BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT | APPLICATION SITE |
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| 18/00320/FPH | Single storey rear extension. | 10 Pirton Road<br>Hitchin<br>Hertfordshire<br>SG5 2BD |

**Submitted Plan Nos**

DP-904 01; DP-904 02

**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

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 03/00551/1HH – Two storey rear extension and rear conservatory – Conditional Permission granted on 16/06/2003.

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. 8, 12 Pirton Road and No. 7 Walsh Close were notified on 08/02/2018. 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. 10 is a two storey semi-detached dwelling situated on the north side of Pirton Road within a predominately residential area of Hitchin. The property features a pebble dash finish with uPVC fenestration and a detached garage to the rear. Off-street car parking is available with space for approximately two to three cars.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Planning permission is sought for the erection of a single storey rear extension. The extension would measure approximately 5m in depth, 6.4m in width and 3.6m in height with 2.3m to the eaves. The extension would feature an L-shaped form with part of the extension measuring 3m 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 development would be sited to the rear of the application dwelling and well screened from view of the surrounding street scene. Furthermore, the extension would be of an appropriate scale to that of the host dwelling and therefore remaining subservient. The materials proposed would be appropriate to those used in the host dwelling.

4.3.4 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:

4.3.5 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.

4.3.6 The application site is neighboured by No. 8 and 12 Pirton Road. The development would not project more unacceptably beyond neighbouring rear elevations and therefore not result in any unacceptable overbearing impact upon the occupiers of neighbouring dwellings. It is considered that the proposal would be in compliance with policies set out within the Local Plan and the core principles of the NPPF.

Highways and Parking:

4.3.7 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 completed before the expiration of 3 years from the date of this decision notice.

   Reason: As required by the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q.2.-(3)

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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| Signed<br><br>Simon Ellis<br><br>Determining Officer | Development Management<br>North Hertfordshire District Council<br>Council Offices<br>Gernon Road<br>Letchworth<br>Herts<br>SG6 3JF |
| **Date:** 19 March 2018 | |