

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/01055/FPH	Single storey rear extension.	54 Sparhawke Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4PX

Submitted Plan Nos

54/S/LGC/301 54/S/LGC/100 Rev A 54/S/LGC/101 Rev A 54/S/LGC/102 Rev A 54/S/LGC/200 Rev A
54/S/LGC/201 Re A 54/S/LGC/202 Rev A

1.0 Policies

D1	Sustainable design
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D2 House exts, replcmnt dwellings outbuild

D3 Protecting living conditions

SECN12 Achieving well-designed places

SP1 Sustainable development in North Herts

T2 Parking

2.0 **Relevant Site History**

2.1 86/00555/1 - Erection of two storey rear extension.

2.2 96/00451/1HH - Single storey front and side extensions

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 **Site Notice and Neighbour Consultation** – None received.

3.2 **Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation** – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is an end terrace two storey dwelling on the east side of Sparhawke in a residential part of Letchworth. The site has a detached garage to the side / rear.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Single storey rear extension

4.2.2 The rear extension would be approximately 3.657m deep, 3.153m wide with a lean-to roof with eaves at 2.1m and a peak at 3.45m.

4.2.3 The proposed materials would be facing brickwork, roof tiles to match existing and aluminium double glazed bi-fold doors.

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 Policy D1 of the Local Plan states that development will be granted provided the design of the development appropriately and positively responds to the site's local context together with other criteria to encourage a positive and sustainable form of development. Policy D2 of the Local Plan requires extensions to houses and the erection or replacement of buildings 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 extension would be a subservient addition to the dwelling with a sympathetic roof form, materials and scale. The extension would be sited to the rear and would not be visible from the public realm. In my view, due to the above it would not have an adverse effect on the character of the dwelling as seen from the street scene.

4.3.4 This is considered in line with Section 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policies D1, D2 and D3 of the Local Plan.

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 D3 of the NHLP.

Impact on 56 Sparhawke

4.3.6 The extension would be screened by the existing two storey extension and therefore would not be visible to this neighbour.

Impact on 52 Sparhawke

- 4.3.7 The proposed extension is set of the boundary by 2.5m and the neighbouring dwelling by 4.8m. In any case, the proposed extension has a modest roof form that would not be considered overbearing and no side facing windows.

Impact on future amenity of occupiers

- 4.3.8 The site features a large garden; the acceptable design and modest scale is appropriate for the local context and therefore would not cause any harm on the amenity of future occupiers.
- 4.3.9 The proposal therefore would not harm neighbouring amenity and therefore complies with Policy D3 of the Local Plan.

Highways and Parking:

- 4.3.8 The proposed development would retain the existing driveway and garage which provides 2 off-street vehicle parking spaces. The proposal therefore complies with Policy T2 of the Local Plan.

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)

- 4.3.9 This is a householder application which is exempt from BNG legislation defined under article 2(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.

Environmental Implications:

- 4.3.10 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 North Herts Local Plan, which sets out that development proposal 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.
- 4.3.11 The proposed development, would have no significant implications for the local environment in terms of carbon emissions and therefore would be generally in compliance with Section 14 of the NPPF and Policy D1.

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 NHLP 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.

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: 16 June 2025	