

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Thomas Howe.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00870/FPH	Single storey side/rear extension, following demolition of outbuilding and alterations to openings on side elevation.	4 Gun Meadow Avenue Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6BS

Submitted Plan Nos

5420-P01G 5420-OS1 5420-OS2-B 5420-E01A

1.0 Policies

D1	Sustainable design
D2	House exts, replcmnt dwellings outbuild

D3	Protecting living conditions
T1	Assessment of transport matters
T2	Parking
SECN12	Achieving well-designed places
SECN14	Meeting climate change,coastal,flooding

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 23/01429/FPH - Single storey side/rear extension following demolition of outbuilding (As amended by plans rec'd 22 August 2023). – Conditional Permission

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 **Neighbour Representations** – None received.

3.2 **Parish Council** – “The Council expressed no objections to this application”

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 No. 4 comprises a detached dwelling off Gun Meadow Avenue, a private residential road in Knebworth.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Single storey side/rear extension, following demolition of outbuilding and alterations to openings on side elevation.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 Principle: Within settlement boundary, modest alteration to an existing dwelling. Complies with Policy SP2 of the Local Plan

- 4.3.2 Design: The proposed built form and materials would be similar to the approved scheme in form and appearance, minimal to no impact upon the character and appearance of the dwelling as seen from the street scene. Complies generally with Policy D1 of the Local Plan and Policy KBBE4 of the Knebworth Neighbourhood Plan.
- 4.3.3 Impact on the street scene: The works are to the rear/side of the dwelling and would therefore be predominantly obscured from view from the public realm. Some views would be gained from neighbouring gardens, though I consider that this would be modest. It is therefore considered that there would be no impact to street scene.
- 4.3.4 Impact on neighbours: Reduced scale compared to approved scheme is considered to reduce impacts to neighbouring occupiers. Would not project significantly beyond the existing rear elevation of the host dwelling and the neighbouring dwellings. Therefore, impacts to light and dominance would not be unacceptable. Outlook would be similar to existing, and therefore privacy concerns are not considered to arise. Complies with Policy D3 of the Local Plan.
- 4.3.5 Parking: No alteration to existing driveway and no loss of parking on-site. Complies with T2 of the Local Plan.
- 4.3.6 BNG: Exempt from BNG requirements.
- 4.3.7 Climate change: Due to the small scale of the proposals and the sustainable location there would be minimal impact on local climate change.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 Acceptable in planning terms.

4.5 **Alternative Options**

- 4.5.1 None applicable

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(s) hereby permitted shall be built in external materials to match the existing dwellinghouse unless otherwise agreed in writing by the LPA.

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. The Council acted proactively through positive engagement with the applicant at the pre-application stage and during the determination process which led to improvements to the scheme. 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  Shaun Greaves Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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