

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Alex Howard.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00459/FPH	Front porch extension.	14 Sayer Way Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6BN

Submitted Plan Nos

DD3624-0 SHT 1/1 Location Plan DD3624-1 SHT 1/1

1.0 Policies

D1	Sustainable design
D2	House exts, replcmnt dwellings outbuild
D3	Protecting living conditions

2.0 **Planning History**

2.1 N/A

3.0 **Representations**

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

3.2 **Knebworth Parish Council** – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site is a semi-detached dwelling located on the north side of Sayer Way, Knebworth.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Planning permission is sought for the erection of a front porch extension.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key considerations are design and the impact on the amenities of neighbouring properties.

Design

4.3.2 Policy D1 of the Local Plan states that planning permission will be granted provided that development responds positively to the site's local context in addition to other criteria. Policy D2 of the Local Plan states that planning permission for house extensions will be granted if the extension is sympathetic to the existing house in height, form, proportions, roof type, window details, materials; the orientation of the main dwelling and if it does not dominate adjoining properties. These considerations are echoed in Section 12 of the NPPF.

4.3.3 The proposal incorporates a single storey front porch extension, which seeks to infill an existing gap on the front element. This would match what has already happened next door at No.16. The extension will be finished in materials that match the host dwelling, with matching eaves.

4.3.4 It is considered that the design of the proposal is acceptable in planning terms. The extension is a modest addition that will match the host dwelling and remain subordinate to the main property. This will ensure symmetry with the other semi-detached dwelling, which is acceptable.

- 4.3.5 The proposal is therefore deemed acceptable in design terms and in accordance with Policies D1 and D2 of the Local Plan and Section 12 of the NPPF.

Impact on Neighbours

- 4.3.6 Policy D3 of the Local Plan states that planning permission will be granted for development proposals which do not cause unacceptable harm to living conditions.
- 4.3.7 The proposal, given its modest scale and front location, is such that no adverse impacts are expected on the amenities and reasonable living conditions of neighbours.
- 4.3.8 Therefore, the proposal will not cause unacceptable harm to living conditions, in line with Policy D3 of the Local Plan.

Biodiversity Net Gain

- 4.3.9 The proposal is exempt from the mandatory 10% BNG.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The proposal is considered acceptable in planning terms and in accordance with Policies D1, D2 and D3 of the Local Plan, as well as Section 12 of the NPPF.

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: 12 May 2025	