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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00424/FPH	Insertion of dormer to existing rear roofslope to facilitate conversion of loftspace into habitable accommodation.	32 Chauncy Gardens Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6SZ

Submitted Plan Nos

AS-2409-PL001 - Rev A AS-2409-PL101 - Rev A AS-2409-PL110 AS-2409-PL201 - Rev B AS-2409-PL210 -
Rev B AS-2409-PL215 Rev B

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 22/00067/FPH - Single storey side extension with rooflight to front and dormer to rear elevation roof slope to facilitate conversion of loft space into habitable accommodation following demolition of existing single storey side extension. Condition Permission.

3.0 **Representations**

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

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

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The application site comprises of an end of terrace chalet style bungalow located to the east side of Chauncy Gardens. The property benefits from works undertaken as a result of planning approval 22/00067/FPH. The attached neighbour to the north is a two-storey dwelling.
- 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 Insertion of dormer to existing rear roof slope to facilitate conversion of loft space into habitable accommodation.

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 North Hertfordshire Local Plan are consistent with the objectives set out within the NPPF.
- 4.3.3 The proposed dormer would reflect an existing dormer to the rear roof slope with materials matching those of the existing dwelling. The development is of a minor scale having an acceptable design which is sympathetic to the existing dwelling and in accordance with Policies D1 and D2 of the Local Plan and Section 12 of the NPPF.

Impact on Neighbouring Properties:

- 4.3.4 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.
- 4.3.5 No objections have been received, and I am satisfied there would be no harm to existing residential amenity as a result of the proposed development which is in accordance with Policy D3 of the Local Plan and Section 12 of the NPPF.

Highways and Parking:

- 4.3.6 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.

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)

- 4.3.7 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:

- 4.3.8 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.
- 4.3.9 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 Policy D1 of the Local Plan and Section 14 of the NPPF.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The proposed development is considered acceptable and in accordance with Policies SP1, SP2, SP9, D1, D2 and D3 of the Local Plan 2011-2031 and Sections 2, 12 and 14 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.

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: 2 April 2025	