

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...William Thompson.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02167/FPH	Single storey rear extension	36 Farthing Drive Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2TR

Submitted Plan Nos

E01 E02 Rev A E03 Rev A P01 P02 Rev B P03 Rev A

1.0 Policies

D1 Sustainable design

D2 House exts, replcmnt dwellings outbuild

D3 Protecting living conditions

T2 Parking

SECN12 Achieving well-designed places

SECN14 Meeting climate change,coastal,flooding

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 25/01985/LDCP - Single storey rear extension, alterations to fenestration and internal alterations.

Refused

2.2 19/01552/FPH - Single storey rear extension . Installation of solar panels on south roof slope and ancillary works (as amended by plans received 20 January 2020)

Conditional Permission

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 **Neighbour consultations** – 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 a detached bungalow dwelling. The site benefits from a driveway, a garage and front and rear gardens.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Single storey rear extension.

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 impact on the character and appearance of the area.
- The impact of the proposed development on the living conditions of neighbouring properties.
- Access and parking matters.
- The impact of the proposed development on the environment.

Design

- 4.3.2 Policy D1 of the Local Plan requires that development proposals respond positively to the site's local context, retain existing vegetation and minimise the visual impact of street furniture and parking provision. Policy D2 of the Local Plan requires extensions to houses 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 single storey rear extension would have a depth of 3.6m with the width, height and roof form all matching the existing dwelling. The proposed external materials are largely set to match existing with facing brickwork and brown stained barge board for the walls, concrete double roman roof tiles and uPVC double glazed windows. The proposal would be partially visible to the streetscene. The proposal includes new side elevation fenestration.

- 4.3.4 The only element of the proposal that would not constitute permitted development would be the height of the roof at 0.6m too tall. It is considered that the sympathetic design in relation to the design of the existing dwelling would be preferable than what could be completed under permitted development rights.
- 4.3.5 In my view, the scale of the proposed works would be a sympathetic addition to the dwelling. The proposed roof form and materials are considered sympathetic to the dwelling and wider street scene and would not result in an adverse effect on the character of the dwelling.
- 4.3.6 This is considered to be in line with Section 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policies D1 and D2 of the Local Plan.

Impact on Neighbours

- 4.3.7 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.
- 4.3.8 Regarding no.37 Farthing Drive, the southwestern neighbour, the proposed single storey rear extension would be sufficiently offset from the shared boundary line and largely obscured by the garages between the dwellings. Therefore, it is not considered that the proposal would result in unacceptable harm upon no.37's living conditions as to be objectionable in terms of overdominance, shading or overlooking.
- 4.3.9 Regarding no.34 Farthing Drive, the northeastern neighbour, the proposed single storey rear extension would be offset from the shared boundary line by 1.4m. The proposal may cause a slight increase in shading to the garden of no.34 in the afternoon; however, this effect is limited as the extension is single storey. Therefore, it is not considered that the proposal would result in unacceptable harm upon no.34's living conditions as to be objectionable in terms of overdominance, shading or overlooking.
- 4.3.10 This development is therefore considered to be in accordance with Policy D3 of the NHLP and Section 12 of the NPPF.

Highways and Parking:

- 4.3.11 The proposal does not include an increase in the number of bedrooms. Therefore, with regard to Policy T2 of the NHLP, there would be no car parking issues arising from the development.

Environmental Implications

- 4.3.12 The proposed development would be consistent with the criteria set out in Policy D1 of the NHLP '*Sustainable Design*'. There are no other significant environmental implications as a result of the proposed development.

Biodiversity Net Gain:

- 4.3.13 This is a form of development which is exempt from BNG Legislation, defined under article 2(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 due it falling under the scope of the 'de minimis' exemption.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 In the absence of material planning reasons to the contrary it is my view that planning permission is **GRANTED**.

4.5 **Alternative Options**

- 4.5.1 None.

4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

- 4.6.1 None.

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 October 2025	