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

| APPLICATION<br>REFERENCE | BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF<br>DEVELOPMENT | APPLICATION SITE                                                                          |
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| 25/01668/FPH             | Single storey rear orangery         | 50 Cotswold Drive<br><br>Great Ashby<br><br>Stevenage<br><br>Hertfordshire<br><br>SG1 6GT |

**Submitted Plan Nos**

Location Plan Block Plan P1 Existing Ground Floor; Elevations, and Roof Plans P2 Proposed Ground Floor; Elevations, and Roof Plans

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| 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 None relevant

## 3.0 **Representations**

3.1 **Neighbour consultations** – None received.

3.2 **Great Ashby Community Council** – None received.

## 4.0 **Planning Considerations**

#### 4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The site is a link-detached, two-storey dwelling on the east side of Cotswold Drive, Great Ashby. The site benefits from a driveway and a rear garden.

#### 4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Single storey rear orangery.

#### 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 rear extension would have a width of 4.6m, a depth of 3.0m and have a flat roof with a height of 3.0m. No part of the proposed extension would extend beyond the side most or rear most wall of the existing dwelling. The proposal includes 2no. rooflights. The external materials would be facing brick to match existing, EPDM flat roof, white uPVC windows to match existing and white aluminium bi-fold door.

- 4.3.4 In my view, the scale of the proposed works would be a sympathetic addition to the dwelling and would not be considered disproportionate. The proposed roof form and materials are considered sympathetic to the dwelling and would not result in an adverse effect on the character of the dwelling.
- 4.3.5 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

- 4.3.6 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.
- 4.3.7 Given the existing built form, the proposal's siting and massing and the fact that it would not extend beyond the side most or rear most wall of the existing dwelling, it is not considered that the proposal would result in unacceptable harm upon neighbour amenity in terms of overdominance, shading or overlooking.
- 4.3.8 This development is therefore considered to be in accordance with Policy D3 of the NHLP and Section 12 of the NPPF.

#### Highways and Parking:

- 4.3.9 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

- 4.3.10 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:

- 4.3.11 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 The proposed development is considered acceptable and in accordance Policies D1, D2, D3, T2 of the NHLP 2011-2031 and Sections 12 and 14 of the NPPF.

## 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.

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| <div>Determining Officer</div> <div>Date: 5 August 2025</div>                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                     |