

**WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - PLANNING, PUBLIC PROTECTION AND GOVERNANCE**

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2020/2385/HOUSE
Location: 161 Parkway Welwyn Garden City AL8 6JA
Proposal: Erection of a single story rear extension
Officer: Mrs Kerrie Charles

Recommendation: Granted

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Context			
Site and Application description	<p>No.161 Parkway is a semi-detached dwelling located on the eastern side of Parkway.</p> <p>The proposal is for a single storey rear extension, measuring 3.8m in depth, 7.4m in width and 2.9m in height. The extension will be rendered and incorporate a flat roof.</p>		
Constraints (as defined within WHDP 2005)	<p>CA - Conservation Area: WGC1; - Distance: 0</p> <p>EM - Estate Management - Distance: 0</p> <p>Wards - Handside - Distance: 0</p>		
Relevant planning history	Planning		
Consultations			
Neighbour representations	Support: 0	Object: 0	Other: 0
Publicity	<p>Site Notice Display Date: 21 September 2020</p> <p>Site Notice Expiry Date: 12 October 2020</p> <p>Press Advert Display Date: 30 September 2020</p> <p>Press Advert Expiry Date: 21 October 2020</p>		
Summary of neighbour responses	No responses received.		
Consultees and responses	No responses received.		
Relevant Policies			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NPPF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D2 <input type="checkbox"/> GBSP1 <input type="checkbox"/> GBSP2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M14 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supplementary Design Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supplementary Parking Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interim Policy for car parking and garage sizes Others			
Main Issues			

Is the development within a conservation area?

Yes No

Would the significance of the designated heritage asset be preserved or enhanced?

Yes No

Comment (if applicable):

Would the development reflect the character of the area?

Yes No

Comment (if applicable): Policy D1 requires the standard of design in all new development to be of a high quality and Policy D2 requires all new development to respect and relate to the character and context of the area in which it is proposed. It notes that development proposals should as a minimum maintain, and where possible, should enhance or improve the character of the existing area. Policy GBSP2 requires that 'within specified settlements development will be limited to that which is compatible with the maintenance and enhancement of their character'. The Welwyn Hatfield District Plan Supplementary Design Guidance (SDG) supplements the policies contained in the District Plan.

Section 72 of the Listed Buildings and Conservations Areas Act (1990) states that 'special attention shall be paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or the appearance of that area'.

The proposed extension and alterations would be located to the rear of the host dwelling and would have no visibility within the streetscene. The size and design of the extension would not be an over prominent feature being a single storey extension and as such, neither it, or the replacement of the window with a new door and window, would have be detrimental to the character of the area and existing dwelling.

The proposed extension being single storey would not appear at odds, and would be subordinate to the host dwelling and would extend the existing extension. The proposed materials would match the existing dwelling and therefore, it is considered that the design would relate well to the host dwelling and it follows that there is no conflict with Policies GBSP2, D1 and D2 of the adopted Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005 insofar as these seek to ensure that development is designed to a high quality, respects local character and context and therefore considered to sufficiently preserve the character and appearance of the property and conservation area and is compatible with the character of Welwyn Garden City. The proposal further complies with the National Planning Policy Framework in terms of design.

Would the development reflect the character of the dwelling?

Yes No N/A

Comment (if applicable): As discussed above.

Would the development maintain the amenity of adjoining occupiers? (e.g. privacy, outlook, light etc.)

Yes No N/A

Comment (if applicable): No neighbour representations have been received.

Taking into consideration the extensions' siting, it is not considered that the proposed development being single storey would result in a detrimental impact on the residential amenity of this neighbouring occupier in terms of loss of light, appearing unduly dominant or result in an impact on privacy.

Overall, it is considered that the living conditions of the adjoining occupiers are maintained to an acceptable level in accordance Policy D1 Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005 and Supplementary Design Guidance 2005.

Would the development provide / retain sufficient parking?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Comment (if applicable):	
Any other issues	N/A
Conclusion	
The proposed development would have an acceptable impact on the character and appearance of the existing property, preserve the character of the conservation area, its site and the surrounding area and the proposal would not result in any significantly detrimental impacts on the living conditions of neighbouring occupiers. The proposal is therefore acceptable and is in accordance with Policies D1 and D2 of the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005, the Supplementary Design Guide and the National Planning Policy Framework.	

Conditions:

1. The brickwork, roof tile, bond, mortar, windows, detailing, guttering, soffits and other external decorations of the approved extension/alterations must match the existing dwelling/building in relation to colour and texture.

REASON: To ensure a satisfactory standard of development in the interests of visual amenity in accordance with Policies D1 and D2 of the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2019.

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2. The development/works shall not be started and completed other than in accordance with the approved plans and details:

Plan Number	Revision Number	Details	Received Date
2078-002	A	Proposed Plans & Block Plan	16 November 2020
2078-001		Existing Plans & Location Plan	17 September 2020

REASON: To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved plans and details.

1. POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE STATEMENT

The decision has been made taking into account, where practicable and appropriate the requirements of paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework and material planning considerations do not justify a decision contrary to the development plan (see Officer's report which can be viewed on the Council's website or inspected at these offices).

Informatives:

1. You are advised that whilst Planning Permission/Consent has been granted for the proposed development, Estate Management Consent is also required. You are

advised to not commence with the development hereby approved until that Consent is sought and granted.

2. This permission does not convey any consent which may be required under any legislation other than the Town and Country Planning Acts. Any permission required under the Building Regulations or under any other Act, must be obtained from the relevant authority or body e.g. Fire Officer, Health and Safety Executive, Environment Agency (water interest etc.) Neither does this permission negate or override any private covenants or legal interest (easements or wayleaves) which may affect the land.
3. The granting of this permission does not convey or imply any consent to build upon or access from any land not within the ownership of the applicant.
4. Any damage to the grass verges caused by the development/works hereby approved is the responsibility of the applicant and must be re-instated to their original condition, within one month of the completion of the development/works. If damage to the verges are not repaired then the Council and/or Highway Authority will take appropriate enforcement action to remedy any harm caused.
5. In addition, and separate to your planning permission, for the majority of schemes, you are required by law to appoint a building regulator who will inspect your property at various stages during the course of your building project. This is to ensure it is compliant with the Building Regulations and the Building Act 1984.

The checks the building regulator will carry out include, but are not limited to, the structure, foundations, fire precautions and escape routes, electrical and plumbing compliance and other issues such as drainage and insulation. The objective of these checks is to ensure that your building is safe to live in, accessible and environmentally sustainable.

Once all build stages are checked and the works are finished, a Completion Certificate is issued confirming that these objectives have been met. You will also need the Completion Certificate, should you sell the property, as it will confirm to future owners that the work has been carried out in compliance with the Regulations.

As the owner of the property, you are responsible for Building Regulations compliance so we would urge you to decide which regulator to use, as opposed to leaving your builder or architect to make the choice. This is so that you can be sure the building regulator is truly independent and working to protect you from any breach or omission during the works.

Hertfordshire Building Control Limited are a Company wholly owned by eight local authorities in Hertfordshire including Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council. Please contact them on 01438 879990 or at buildingcontrol@hertfordshirebc.co.uk to discuss the process and all that is involved. Or alternatively refer to the Homeowner Information section on their website at www.hertfordshirebc.co.uk

Determined By:

Mr Michael Robinson
16 November 2020