

**KIRKLEES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
INVESTMENT & REGENERATION SERVICE**

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) – SECTION 70

DELEGATED DECISION TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Reference No:	2024/62/92695/E
Site Address:	8, White Horse Close, Birstall, Batley, WF17 0LB
Description:	Erection of two storey side extension
Recommending Officer:	Jennifer Booth

DECISION – Conditional Full Permission

I hereby authorise the approval of this application for the reasons set out in the officer's report and recommendation annexed below in respect of the above matter.

Sarah Longbottom

AUTHORISED OFFICER

Date: 21-Nov-2024

OFFICER REPORT

Site Description

8 White Horse Close is a brick built, semi-detached dwelling with gardens to the front, side and rear. The property has a drive to the front and side leading to a detached double garage.

The property backs onto a wooded area with similar residential properties to the front and side.

Description of Proposal

The applicant is seeking permission for a two storey side extension.

The extension is proposed to project 5m from the original side wall of the dwelling and would extend the depth of the property with a pitched roof form. The ground floor would provide a garage.

The walls would be constructed using brick with tiles for the roof covering.

Relevant Planning History

None

Representations

The application was advertised by neighbour letters, which expired on 08/11/2024.

As a result of the above publicity, no representations have been received.

Consultation Responses

None

Policy

Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that planning applications are determined in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The statutory Development Plan for Kirklees is the Local Plan (adopted 27th February 2019).

The site is UNALLOCATED on the Kirklees Local Plan Proposals Map

On 12th November 2019, the Council adopted a target for achieving 'net zero' carbon emissions by 2038, with an accompanying carbon budget set by the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research. National Planning Policy includes a requirement to promote carbon reduction and enhance resilience to

climate change through the planning system and these principles have been incorporated into the formulation of Local Plan policies. The Local Plan predates the declaration of a climate emergency and the net zero carbon target; however, it includes a series of policies which are used to assess the suitability of planning applications in the context of climate change. When determining planning applications, the Council will use the relevant Local Plan policies and guidance documents to embed the climate change agenda.

Kirklees Local Plan Policies

- **LP 1** – Achieving sustainable development
- **LP 2** – Place shaping
- **LP 22** – Parking
- **LP 24** - Design
- **LP 30** – Biodiversity
- **LP 53** - Contaminated land

Kirklees Council adopted supplementary planning guidance on house extensions on 29th June 2021 which now carries full weight in decision making. This guidance indicates how the Council will usually interpret its policies regarding such built development, although the general thrust of the advice is aligned with both the Kirklees Local Plan (KLP) and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), requiring development to be considerate in terms of the character of the host property and the wider street scene. As such, it is anticipated that this SPD will assist with ensuring enhanced consistency in both approach and outcomes relating to house extensions.

National Policies and Guidance:

National planning policy and guidance is set out in National Policy Statements, primarily the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) published December 2023, and the Planning Practice Guidance Suite (PPGS) first launched 6th March 2014 together with Circulars, Ministerial Statements and associated technical guidance.

The NPPF constitutes guidance for local planning authorities and is a material consideration in determining applications.

- Chapter 12 – Achieving well-designed and beautiful places
- Chapter 14 – Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change
- Chapter 15 – Conserving and enhancing the natural environment

Assessment

Principle of development:

The site is without notation on the Kirklees Local Plan (KLP). Policy LP1 of the KLP states that when considering development proposals, the Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable

development contained in the NPPF. In terms of extending and making alterations to a property, Policy LP24 of the KLP is relevant, in conjunction with the House Extensions & Alterations SPD and Chapter 12 of the NPPF, regarding design. In this case, the principle of development is considered acceptable, and the proposal shall now be assessed against all other material planning considerations, including visual and residential amenity, as well as highway safety.

Impact on visual amenity:

Key Design Principle 1 of the House Extensions & Alterations SPD states that extensions and alterations to residential properties should be in keeping with the appearance, scale, design and local character of the area and the street scene. Furthermore, Key Design Principle 2 of the House Extensions & Alterations SPD goes on to state that extensions should not dominate or be larger than the original house and should be in keeping with the existing building in terms of scale, materials and details.

Paragraphs 5.15, 5.19 & 5.21 of the House Extensions & Alterations SPD are of relevance with regards to the side extension as they require the development proposed to be located and designed to minimise the impact on the character of the area, reflect the original building in terms of materials and detailing and ensure adequate space is retained to provide a sense of space.

It is normally required for a side extension to be designed to include a set back from the front and a set down of the ridgeline from that of the host dwelling to ensure the extension is subservient and retain the sense of space between dwellings in the street. However, the host property in this instance is located in a corner position within the cul de sac. As such, the space between the properties would be retained. As the extension is smaller than the host dwelling and given the position within the street, the extension is considered to be subservient. The materials proposed include the use of brick for the walling with tiles for the roof covering which would match the main house. The detailing is considered to form an appropriate relationship with the host property. The side extension is therefore considered to be acceptable in terms of visual amenity.

Having taken the above into account, the proposals would not cause any significant harm to the visual amenity of either the host dwelling or the wider street scene, complying with Policy LP24 of the Kirklees Local Plan (a) in terms of the form, scale and layout and (c) as the extension would form a subservient addition to the property in keeping with the existing building, KDP 1 & 2 of the House Extensions & Alterations SPD and the aims of chapter 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Impact on residential amenity:

Consideration in relation to the impact on the residential amenity of neighbouring occupants shall now be set out, taking into account policy LP24 c), which sets out that proposals should promote good design by, amongst

other things, extensions minimising impact on residential amenity of future and neighbouring occupiers. The House Extensions & Alterations SPD goes into further detail with respect to Key Design Principle 3 on privacy, Key Design Principle 5 on overshadowing/loss of light and Key Design Principle 6 on preventing overbearing impact.

There are no properties to the front or rear which could be affected by the works proposed.

Impact on 10 White Horse Close

The extension is proposed to be constructed on the opposite side of the host property to the adjoining dwelling and as such would have no impact on the amenities of the occupiers of the adjoining house in terms of overbearing, overshadowing or overlooking.

With regards to the impact on the adjoining 10 White Horse Close, the scheme has been considered in terms of KDP3 – privacy, KDP5 – overshadowing and KDP 6 – overbearing impact of the House Extensions & Alterations SPD, policy LP24 of the KLP c) in term of minimising impact on neighbouring occupiers and advice within chapter 12, paragraph 135 of the NPPF and the proposals are considered to be acceptable.

Impact on 318-320 Leeds Road

The two cottages to the south occupy a lower land level with the rear elevations facing towards the side of the host property. As such, the extension proposed would reduce the space between the properties. However, there are limited openings within the rear elevations of the cottage. No.320 has a bathroom window facing the site, which is not considered to be habitable and No.318 has no openings. Furthermore, the strip of land to the rear of the cottages is not a usable amenity space. As such, the proposed side extension would not result in any overlooking, overshadowing or overbearing.

With regards to the impact on the neighbouring 318 & 320 Leeds Road, the scheme has been considered in terms of KDP3 – privacy, KDP5 – overshadowing and KDP 6 – overbearing impact of the House Extensions & Alterations SPD, policy LP24 of the KLP c) in term of minimising impact on neighbouring occupiers and advice within chapter 12, paragraph 135 of the NPPF and the proposals are considered to be acceptable.

Impact on 6 White Horse Close

The neighbour to the south west occupies an angled position relative to the host property which would prevent any overlooking, overshadowing or overbearing.

With regards to the impact on the neighbouring 6 White Horse Close, the scheme has been considered in terms of KDP3 – privacy, KDP5 – overshadowing and KDP 6 – overbearing impact of the House Extensions &

Alterations SPD, policy LP24 of the KLP c) in term of minimising impact on neighbouring occupiers and advice within chapter 12, paragraph 135 of the NPPF and the proposals are considered to be acceptable.

Having considered the above factors, the proposals are not considered to result in any adverse impact upon the residential amenity of any surrounding neighbouring occupants, complying with Policy LP24 of the Kirklees Local Plan (b) in terms of the amenities of neighbouring properties, Key Design Principles 3, 5, 6 & 7 of the House Extensions & Alterations SPD and Paragraph 135 (f) of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Impact on highway safety:

The proposals will result in some intensification of the domestic use. However, there is sufficient space to the front of the property for parking which can be considered to represent a sufficient provision. Bin storage for the dwelling would not be moved as part of the proposals. As such the scheme would not represent any additional harm in terms of highway safety and as such complies with Policy LP22 of the Kirklees Local Plan along with Key Design Principles 15 & 16 of the House Extensions & Alterations SPD.

Other matters:

Biodiversity

After a visual assessment of the building by the officer, it appears that the building is in good order, well-sealed and unlikely to have any significant bat roost potential. Even so, a cautionary note should be added that if bats are found during the development, then work must cease immediately, and the advice of a licensed bat worker sought.

Contaminated Land

The property is close to a potential source of contaminated land. However, given the limited scale of the domestic development, it is considered to be sufficient to include a condition regarding the reporting of unexpected contamination to comply with LP53 of the KLP.

Carbon Budget

The proposal is a small scale domestic development to an existing dwelling. As such, no special measures were required in terms of the planning application with regards to carbon emissions. However, there are controls in terms of Building Regulations which will need to be adhered to as part of the construction process which will require compliance with national standards.

There are no other matters for consideration.

Representations:

None

Negotiations:

None

Proposed conditions

Along with the standard timescale condition, which is a requirement of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, it is considered appropriate to add the following conditions.

Accordance with the approved plans to ensure the development is carried out in line with the officer's assessment.

Matching materials to ensure that the extensions harmonise with the host property as using alternative materials would look out of place within the street scene.

As the site is close to a source of potential land contamination, it is considered to be reasonable and necessary to include a condition regarding the reporting of unexpected contamination.

Conclusion:

This application to erect a two storey extension to the side of 8 White Horse Close has been assessed against relevant policies in the development plan as listed in the policy section of the report, the House Extensions & Alterations SPD, the National Planning Policy Framework and other material considerations. Given the acceptable design and lack of harm in terms of visual and residential amenity, the proposals are considered to be acceptable.

The NPPF has introduced a presumption in favour of sustainable development. The policies set out in the NPPF taken as a whole constitute the Government's view of what sustainable development means in practice.

As set out above, this application has been assessed against relevant policies in the development plan and other material considerations. It is considered that the development would constitute sustainable development and is therefore recommended for approval.

Recommendation

Approve

Decision Authorisation - Delegated Powers

Application Number: 2024/92695

Officer Recommendation: Approve

Conditions and Reasons

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun within three years of the date of this permission.

Reason: Pursuant to the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in complete accordance with the plans and specifications schedule listed in this decision notice, except as may be specified in the conditions attached to this permission, which shall in all cases take precedence.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt as to what is being permitted and so as to ensure the satisfactory appearance of the development on completion, and to accord with Policy LP24 of the Kirklees Local Plan, Key Design Principles of the House Extensions & Alterations SPD and the aims of the National Planning Policy Framework.

3. The external walls and roofing materials of the extension hereby approved shall in all respects match those used in the construction of the existing building.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and to accord with Policy LP24 of the Kirklees Local Plan, Key Design Principles of the House Extensions & Alterations SPD and the aims of chapter 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

4. In the event that contamination not previously identified by the developer prior to the grant of this planning permission is encountered during the development, all groundworks in the affected area (except for site investigation works) shall cease immediately and the Local Planning Authority shall be notified in writing within 2 working days. Groundworks in the affected area shall not recommence until either (a) a Remediation Strategy has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority or (b) the Local Planning Authority has confirmed in writing that remediation measures are not required.

The Remediation Strategy shall include a timetable for the implementation and completion of the approved remediation measures. Thereafter remediation of the site shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the approved Remediation Strategy. Following completion of any measures identified in the approved Remediation Strategy a Validation Report shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, no part of the site shall be brought into use until such time as the site has been remediated in accordance with the approved Remediation Strategy and a Validation Report in respect of those works has been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: So as to protect the development from any potential contaminated land and to comply with Policy LP53 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapter 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

NOTE: All contamination reports shall be prepared in accordance with *Model Procedures for the Management of Land Contamination – Contaminated Land report 11 (CLR11)*, National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Council’s Advice for Development documents or any subsequent revisions of those documents.

NOTE: Due to its location, a bat roost may be present on site. Bats are a European protected species under regulation 41 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. It is an offence for anyone intentionally to kill, injure or handle a bat, disturb a roosting bat, or sell or offer a bat for sale without a licence. It is also an offence to damage, destroy or obstruct access to any place used by bats for shelter, whether they are present or not.

If bats are discovered on site development shall cease and the applicant is advised to contact Natural England for advice.

NOTE: The granting of planning permission does not override any private legal rights or consents that may be required. It is the responsibility of the applicant / developer to ensure that all appropriate consents are in place prior to any development commencing; during the period of construction existing access for neighbouring properties is maintained; and no damage is caused to the access driveway or surrounding properties.

NOTE: To minimise noise disturbance at nearby premises it is generally recommended that activities relating to the erection, construction, alteration, repair or maintenance of buildings, structures or roads shall not take place outside the hours of:

07.30 and 18.30 hours, Mondays to Fridays
08.00 and 13.00hours, Saturdays

With no working Sundays or Public Holidays

In some cases, different site specific hours of operation may be appropriate. Under the Control of Pollution Act 1974, Section 60 Kirklees Environment and Transportation Services can control noise from construction sites by serving a notice. This notice can specify the hours during which the works may be carried out.

Plans and specifications schedule: -

Plan Type	Reference	Web ID	Date Received
Location plan	-	1059629	23/09/2024
Block plan	-	1059630	23/09/2024
Existing plans	-	1059631	23/09/2024
Proposed plans	-	1059632	23/09/2024
Climate change statement	-	1059636	23/09/2024

Pursuant to article 35 (2) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015 and guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework, the Local Planning Authority have, where possible, made a pre-application advice service available, complied with the Kirklees Development Management Charter 2015 and otherwise actively engaged with the applicant in dealing with the application.

As the submitted plans were considered to be acceptable, no changes were sought.

Report Dated

19/11/2024
