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| <b>Application Reference Number:</b> | 2025/0441  |                |         |
| <b>Application Type:</b>             | Householder  |                |         |
| <b>Proposal Description:</b>         | Erection of side single storey extension to dwelling |                |         |
| <b>Location:</b>                     | 25 Spruce Avenue, Royston, Barnsley, S71 4JL         |                |         |
| <b>Applicant:</b>                    | Andrew Richardson                                    |                |         |
| <b>Third-party representations:</b>  | None   | <b>Parish:</b> | None    |
|                                      |  | <b>Ward:</b>   | Royston |

**Summary:**

This planning application seeks householder planning permission for a single storey side extension.

The site falls within Urban Fabric as allocated by the adopted Local Plan. Development comprising alterations to an existing residential building are considered acceptable in principle if proposals would not significantly adversely affect residential amenity, visual amenity, highway safety, and where satisfactory standards of design are achieved.

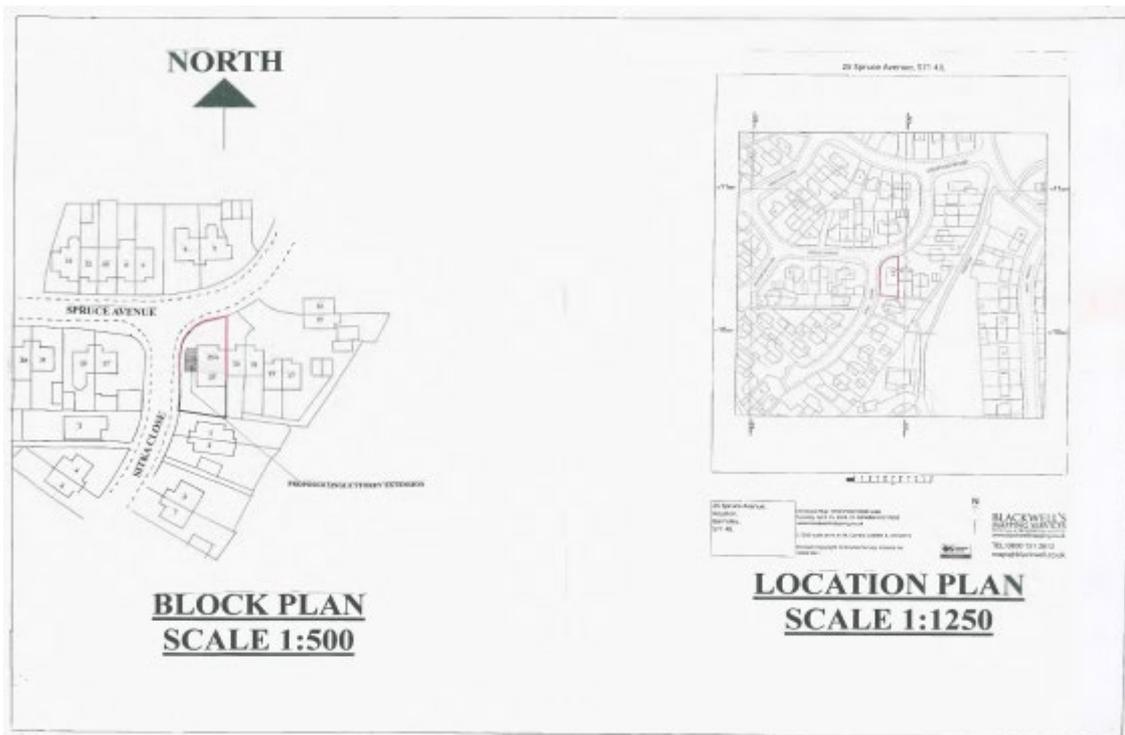
The proposal would have no adverse impact on highway safety, residential or visual amenity and is considered acceptable in policy terms. The proposal is therefore considered to be an acceptable and sustainable form of development in accordance with Section 2 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, 2024).

**Recommendation:**

Approve subject to conditions

## Site Description

The site is a two-storey end terraced dwelling located on a corner plot adjacent to Spruce Avenue to the north and Sitka Close to the west in Royston. The street scene is predominantly residential as there are attached neighbouring properties to the east with dwellings beyond the rear boundary as well as opposite Spruce Avenue and Sitka Close. The property was split into two with a ground floor flat and first floor flat. There is an existing single storey porch and side extension as well as a two-storey extension to the rear. A single storey outbuilding is located in the area of the proposed extension. There is a garden area to the rear and parking area to the side/rear.



## Planning History

There are various planning applications associated with the site.

| Application Reference | Description  | Status                   |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| B/05/1400/RO          | Erection of side single storey and rear first floor extensions to dwelling   | Approved with Conditions |
| 2009/1373             | Conversion of end townhouse to form 2 self contained flats   | Approved with Conditions |
| 2015/1082             | Erection of 1.5 storey side extension to accommodate conversion of existing dwelling to 2 no. self-contained flats | Approved with Conditions |

## Proposed Development

The applicant seeks approval for the erection of a single storey side extension with a side (west) projection of 3.25 metres and a width of 6.5 metres. The extension features a pitched roof with a ridge height of 4.5 metres and an eaves height of 2.3 metres. The materials used will be matching brickwork and roof tiles.



## Relevant Policies

### The Development Plan

Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires proposals to be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The development plan for Barnsley consists of the Barnsley Local Plan (adopted January 2019). The Local Plan review was approved at the full Council meeting on 24th November 2022. The review determined that the Local Plan remains fit for purpose and is adequately delivering its objectives. This means no updates to the Local Plan, in whole or in part, are to be carried out ahead of a further review. The next review is due to take place in 2027 or earlier if circumstances, require.

### **Local Plan Allocation – Urban Fabric**

To the extent that development plan policies are material to an application for planning permission the decision on the application must be taken in accordance with the development plan unless there are material considerations that indicate otherwise (section 70(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004). In reference to this application, the following policies are relevant:

**Policy SD1: Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development** – States that proposals for development will be approved where there will be no significant adverse effect on the living conditions and residential amenity of existing and future residents. Development will be expected to be compatible with neighbouring land and will not significantly prejudice the current or future use of neighbouring land. Policy GD1 below will be applied to all development.

**Policy GD1: General Development** – Development will be approved if there will be no significant adverse effect on the living conditions and residential amenity of existing and future residents. Development will be expected to be compatible with neighbouring land and will not significantly prejudice the current or future use of neighbouring land.

**Policy D1: High quality design and place making** – Development is expected to be of a high-quality design and will be expected to respect, take advantage of and reinforce the distinctive, local character and other features of Barnsley.

**Policy T4: New Development and Transport Safety** – New development will be expected to be designed and built to provide all transport users within and surrounding the development with safe, secure and convenient access and movement.

### National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the National Planning Practice Guidance

In December 2024, The Government published a revised National Planning Policy Framework ("NPPF") which is the most recent revision of the original Framework, published first in 2012 and updated a number of times, providing the overarching planning framework for England. It sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how they are expected to be applied. The NPPF must be taken into account in the preparation of local and neighbourhood plans and is a material consideration in planning decisions. This revised document has replaced the earlier planning policy statements, planning policy guidance and policy letters and circulars, which are now cancelled.

Central to the NPPF is a presumption in favour of sustainable development which is at the heart of the framework (paragraph 10) and plans and decisions should apply this presumption in favour of sustainable development (paragraph 11). The NPPF confirms that there are three dimensions to sustainable development: economic, social and environmental; each of these aspects are mutually dependent. The most relevant sections are:

- Section 2: Achieving sustainable development
- Section 4: Decision making
- Section 12: Achieving well-designed places

The National Design Guidance (2019) is a material consideration and sets out ten characteristics of well-designed places based on planning policy expectations. A written ministerial statement states that local planning authorities should take it into account when taking decisions.

### Supplementary Planning Documents

In line with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, Barnsley has adopted twenty eight Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) following the adoption of the Local Plan in January 2019. The most pertinent SPD's in this case are:

- House extensions and other domestic alterations
- Parking

The adopted SPDs should be treated as material considerations in decision making and are afforded full weight.

### **Representations**

The application has been advertised in accordance with Article 15 of the Town and Country Planning Development Management Procedure (England) Order 2015. Any neighbour sharing a boundary with the site has been sent written notification and the application has been advertised on the Council website; no comments has been received.

### **Consultations**

None

## Assessment

The main issues for consideration are as follows:

- The acceptability of the principle of the development
- The impact on the character of the area and host dwelling
- The impact on neighbouring residential properties
- The impact on the highway network and highways standards

For the purposes of considering the balance in this application the following planning weight is referred to in this report using the following scale:

- Substantial
- Considerable
- Significant
- Moderate
- Modest
- Limited
- Little or no

### Principle of Development

The site falls within urban fabric which has no specific land allocation; however, the site and surrounding area is made up principally of housing. Extensions to residential properties are considered acceptable where they do not have a detrimental impact on the amenity of surrounding residents, visual amenity and highway safety.

### Impact on Neighbouring Residential Amenity

The SPD states that single storey side extensions “*should not have an excessive sideways projection (i.e. more than two thirds the width of the original dwelling)*”. The design is in keeping with the existing dwelling and the proposed extension has a modest projection of 3.25 metres, however this along with the existing side extension is more than two thirds the width of the original dwelling. The total projection of the side elevation is now to be 6.6 metres whereas the width of the original dwelling is only 5.2 metres. It is noted that this is narrow original dwelling due to it being a terraced dwelling. Cumulative with the existing side extension, the proposed side extension exceeds the maximum projection of two-thirds width of the original dwelling as required by the guidance within the SPD. However, the proposed extension is subordinate to the existing dwelling as well as being set back and set down and is uniform with regards the decreasing height of the dwelling to the side.

The proposed extension will not have a significant detrimental impact on any neighbouring property by way of overshadowing or being overbearing due to its modest projection and no dwelling being set to that side. The extension is not of an excessive size or scale and is an extension of the existing building form rather than a separate, stand-alone addition and is therefore subservient to the existing dwelling. Equally, it is not considered overbearing due to its restrained size and massing. Potential overlooking will also be limited. This weighs significantly in favour of the proposal. The proposal is considered to be in compliance with Local Plan Policy GD1: General Development and is acceptable in terms of residential amenity.

### Scale, Design and Impact on the Character of the Dwelling

The SPD states that ‘*materials should normally be of the same type, colour and texture to the existing house or as close a match as possible*’. In this case, the proposed materials for the extension will match the host dwelling with matching brickwork and roof tiles being used which is acceptable. This weighs significantly in favour of the proposal.

The proposed extension utilises a pitched roof which is akin to the existing dwelling's pitched roof and is therefore acceptable. The proposed roof is also set down from the existing side extension's roof and setback 0.65 metres from the existing side extension's front elevation. This weighs significantly in favour of the proposal.

The SPD states that *"where located on a corner plot the sideways projection should not exceed more than half the width of the gap between the side elevation of the original dwellings and the side boundary"*. The existing gap between the dwelling and the side boundary is 4.75 metres and the proposal will exceed more than half of this with the gap measuring 1.5 metres to be retained.

Half the distance to the side boundary would be 2.35 metres which is acknowledged would leave a small extension. Exceeding the recommendation is acceptable in this circumstance because it is noted that an existing outbuilding is present at this location, which is to be removed, and a strong boundary treatment is present that would partially screen the extension.

Furthermore, the adjacent dwelling (27 Spruce Avenue) features a detached garage that is built up to the opposing boundary on a corner plot and can therefore be argued to be just as impactful in the street scene. This weighs modestly in favour of the proposal.

The proposed extension partially conforms to the SPD in terms of its external materials, projection, roof type, set down and setback; however, it will have little impact upon the character of the street scene due to the harmony with the existing dwelling to which the design is maintained. The proposed development is therefore not considered to be contrary to Local Plan Policy D1: High Quality Design and Place Making and is considered acceptable in terms of visual amenity.

#### Highway Safety

There will be no impact upon highway safety. The proposal is not for another bedroom to the dwelling therefore there is no change in parking requirement nor is there any change to the existing parking arrangements. This weighs significantly in favour of the proposal.

#### Planning Balance and Conclusion

For the reasons given above, and taking all other matters into consideration, the proposal complies with the relevant plan policies and planning permission should be granted subject to necessary conditions. Under the provisions of the NPPF, the application is considered to be a sustainable form of development and is therefore recommended for approval.

#### **Recommendation**

Approve subject to conditions

#### **Justification**

#### **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE 35 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE ORDER 2015**

It has not been necessary to make contact with the applicant to request amendments to the proposal during the consideration of the application, as it was deemed acceptable.

Due regard has been given to Article 8 and Protocol 1 of Article 1 of the European Convention for Human Rights Act 1998 when considering objections, the determination of the application and the resulting recommendation. It is considered that the recommendation will not interfere with the applicant's and/or any objector's right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence.