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Applicant: Bridgwood

Site: 11 Wellthorne Lane, Ingbirchworth, Sheffield, S36 7GJ

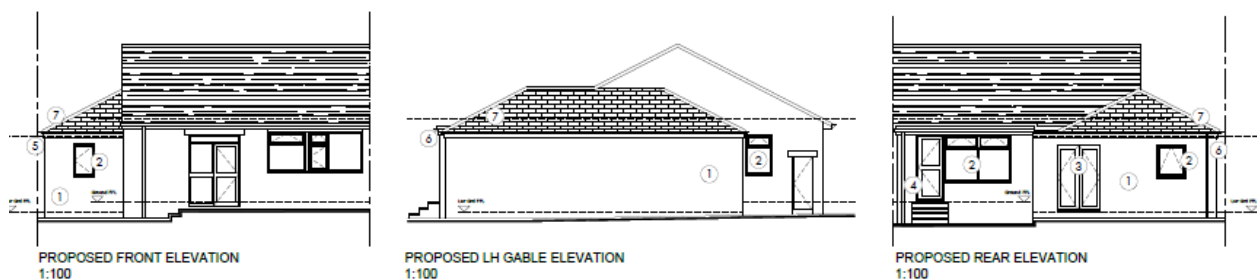
Proposal: Single storey side and rear wrap around extension to dwelling

Site Description

The dwelling is a semi-detached bungalow located in Ingbirchworth, the immediate surrounding area is predominantly residential in character, however there are small commercial sites in the area. Ingbirchworth is within a highly agricultural area with the settlement being surrounded by fields. Ingbirchworth Reservoir is also located nearby. The dwelling fronts onto Wellthorne Lane and backs onto Ings Way, the property benefits from front and rear amenity space and a driveway.

Proposed Development

The applicant is seeking approval for the erection of a wrap round extension to the west/side elevation and rear of the dwelling. The extension would project approximately 2.47m from the side elevation and 2.75m from the rear elevation of the dwelling. The extension has a width of 2.47 at the front elevation and 5.85m on the rear elevation. The extension would also measure approximately 9.3m in length. The side extension will feature a shallow lean-to roof with a hipped roof to the rear and have a ridge height of 4.2m and an eaves height of 2.7 The materials used would match the existing building.



The applicant had amended the plans after contact was made regarding the design of the roof, this was amended to look less contrived and be in keeping with the LPA's policies.

Policy Context

Planning decisions should be made in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise and the NPPF does not change the statutory status of the development plan as the starting point for decision making. The Local Plan was adopted in January 2019 and is also now accompanied by seven masterplan frameworks which apply to the largest site allocations (housing, employment and mixed-use sites). In addition, the Council has adopted a series of Supplementary Planning Documents and Neighbourhood Plans which provide supporting guidance and specific local policies and are a material consideration in the decision-making process.

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 it.

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.

Supplementary Planning Document: House extensions and Other Domestic Alterations

This document establishes the design principles that specifically apply to the consideration of planning applications for house extensions, roof alterations, outbuildings & other domestic alterations. The general principles are that proposals should;

- Be of a scale and design which harmonises with the existing building;
- Not adversely affect the amenity of neighbouring properties;
- Maintain the character of the street scene; and
- Not interfere with highway safety

The above principles are to reflect the revised principles in the NPPF, which promote high quality design and a good standard of amenity for all existing and future occupants of land and buildings.

National Planning Policy Framework

The NPPF sets out the Government's planning policies and how these are expected to be applied. The core of this is a presumption in favour of sustainable development. Proposals that align with the Local Plan should be approved unless material considerations indicate otherwise. In respect of this application, relevant policies include:

Section 12: Achieving well designed places – The Government attaches great importance to the design of the built environment. Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, creates better places in which to live and work and helps make development acceptable to communities. It is important to plan positively for the inclusion of high-quality design for all developments, including individual buildings, public and private spaces and wider area development schemes.

Within section 12, paragraph 139 states that “*development that is not well designed should be refused, especially where it fails to reflect local design policies and government guidance on design, taking into account any local design guidance and supplementary planning documents such as design guides and codes*”.

Provisions under the ‘Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015’

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (GPDO) states that a single-storey extension, extending beyond the rear of the original house by no more than 4 metres (if a detached house) or 3 meters in any other case, that are no more than 4 meters in height and built using matching materials, can be erected without a planning application.

This is an important consideration with this application as it represents a potential fallback position, whereby a single storey rear extension can be erected without planning permission, because the Government considers the impact of such development to be modest.

Consultations

Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth Parish Council – No comments received.

Representations

Neighbour notification letters were sent to surrounding properties, no comments were received.

Assessment

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.

Visual Amenity

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 applicant has stated that the materials would match the existing dwellinghouse.

The extension has been amended and now utilises a shallow lean- to roof design to the side elevation to match the existing dwellinghouse, contact was made with the applicant to amend the plans during the consideration of the application as the proposals were originally submitted with a flat roof design which would have appeared contrived and was not in keeping with the surrounding character. Since the changes have been made, the redesign is akin to the existing roof design and therefore is acceptable. A hipped element is included to the rear elevation of the extension.

The proposed extension conforms to the SPD in terms of its external materials, scale and roof type, as viewed from the street scene therefore it will have little impact upon the character of the street scene due to the harmony with the existing dwelling and being set to the rear of the property. The applicant has stated that the external materials used would match the existing dwelling, as such a condition would be attached to ensure that this is undertaken if approval is granted.

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.

Residential Amenity

The SPD states that the design of a single storey side extension should reflect the design of the existing dwelling in terms of roof style, pitch materials and detailing and should not have an excessive sideways projection (i.e. more than two thirds the width of the original dwelling).

The proposed extensions will not have a significant detrimental impact on any neighbouring property by way of overshadowing or being overbearing and the scheme would comply with the 45-degree code. There would be no detrimental impact on neighbouring properties in regard to overlooking and as such is acceptable.

The proposal is considered to be in compliance with Local Plan Policy GD1: General Development and is acceptable in terms of residential amenity.

Highway Safety

The proposal is set away from the highway and would remove part of the driveway of the property and as such would remove some of the capacity for off street parking. However, the site would still retain enough space for 2 cars to be parked on the drive and as such would have little to no detrimental impact on highway safety.

Conclusion

The proposal is unlikely to have a detrimental impact on the occupiers of the current dwellinghouse and the dwellings in the vicinity. The applicant has made changes to improve upon the design and impact on visual amenity. As such the scheme would comply with the relevant local plan policies and national policies, therefore approval subject to conditions is recommended.

Recommendation

Approve subject to conditions