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Two storey rear extension

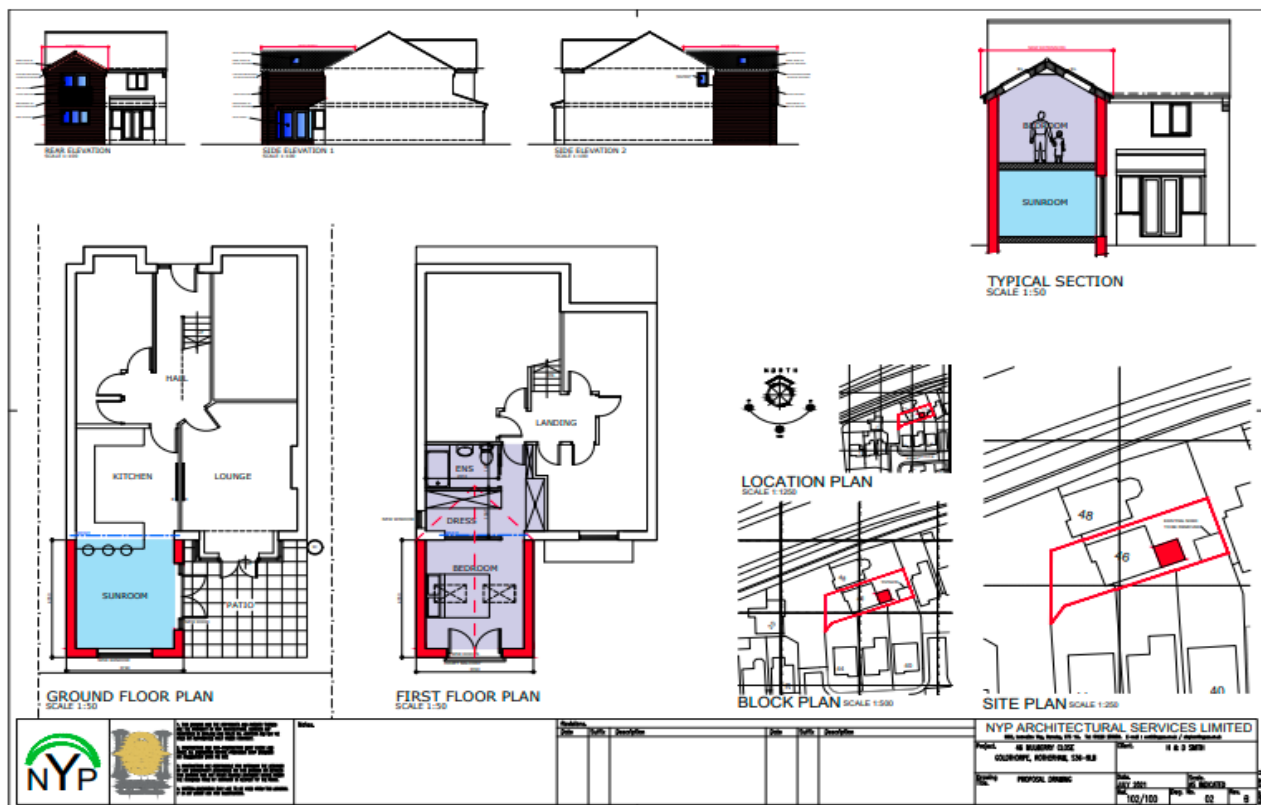
Site Description

The dwelling is a two-storey detached dwelling located in Goldthorpe. Mulberry Close has a consistent street scene featuring similar dwellings to the host dwelling and the surrounding area is solely residential. The dwelling has a modest rear garden and existing detached outbuilding.

Proposed Development

The applicant is seeking approval for the erection of a two-storey rear extension. The extension will project 4 meters from the rear elevation of the dwelling. The extension has a width of 3.74 meters. The extension will feature a pitched roof with a ridge height of 6.38 meters and an eaves height of 5.08 meters. The materials used will be matching brickwork and roof tiles.

N.B.: On 16/09/2021, the proposal was amended. The existing detached outbuilding is now to be demolished as part of the application.



Policy Context

Planning decisions should be made in accordance with the Local Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) does not change the statutory status of the Local Plan as the starting point for decision making.

The Local Authority (LPA) has also adopted a series of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) and Supplementary Planning Guidance Notes, which are other material considerations.

Local Plan Allocation – Urban Fabric

Planning decisions should be made in accordance with the current development plan policies unless material considerations indicate otherwise and the recently revised NPPF does not change the statutory status of the development plan as the starting point for decision making.

The Barnsley Local Plan (BLP) was adopted at the full Council meeting held 3rd January 2019 after it was found to be sound by the appointed Planning Inspector following the examination process. This means that it now takes on full weight for the decision-making process as the development plan for the Borough, superseding the remaining saved policies from the Unitary Development Plan (adopted in 2000) and the Core Strategy (adopted in 2011). 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 – 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 D1: High quality design and place making – Supersedes Core Strategy Policy CSP 29 and sets out the overarching design principles for the borough. Policy D1 States that development is expected to be of high-quality design and will be expected to respect, take advantage of and reinforce the distinctive, local character and 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***
- ***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.

Where a Local Plan is absent or relevant policies are out-of-date, permission should be granted, unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits. This is assessed against the policies in the NPPF as a whole; or where specific policies in the NPPF indicate development should be restricted or 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 134 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”*.

Consultations

No consultees were consulted for this application.

Representations

Neighbour notification letters were sent to surrounding properties, one objection was received and in summary raised the following points;

- The appearance of the proposal is out of character with the locality
- The proposal would constitute an over-development of the rear garden
- The proposal would cause loss of views from neighbouring properties
- The proposal would overlook neighbouring properties

Assessment

Principle of development

The site falls within urban fabric as such, extensions to a domestic property are acceptable in principle provided that they remain subsidiary to the host dwelling, are of a scale and design which is appropriate to the host dwelling and are not detrimental to the amenity afforded to neighbours.

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 proposed materials will match the existing dwelling with matching brickwork and roof tiles being used.

The extension utilises a pitched roof which is akin to the existing dwelling’s pitched roof, with the same eaves height and alignment being used. This alignment allows the proposed extension to be cohesive with the existing dwelling.

The proposed extension conforms to the SPD in terms of its external materials and roof type, therefore it will have little impact upon the character of the street scene due to the harmony with the existing dwelling. Although it will be visible from a cul-de-sac to the rear of the dwelling (also on Mulberry Close) this impact is still minimal due to the matching materials and roof type.

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 *“two-storey rear extensions will be considered on the basis of the extent of overshadowing, loss of privacy and outlook”* and that *“extensions to the rear of detached houses will be considered on their design merits where no adjacent properties are affected”*.

The main issue to consider, is whether or not the extension would be significantly overbearing on the neighbouring properties. The proposed extension will not have a significant detrimental impact on any neighbouring property by way of overshadowing or being overbearing. The extension has a modest projection of 4 meters which considering the property is detached is not significantly disproportionate. The extension is set to the opposite side of the host dwelling to that of the adjacent dwelling. Also, the distance to the neighbouring properties to the south is greater than 12 meters.

The impact of overlooking will not be significantly increased from that what is existing. The proposed rear elevation carries forwards features from the existing rear elevation. The proposed Juliet Balcony whilst increasing overlooking would not be detrimental as it does not directly overlook a neighbouring garden as it faces the side elevation of the dwelling (38 rear boundary) adjacent the rear boundary.

Furthermore, the distance to the rear boundary is approximately 7 meters from the proposed rear elevation of 46 Mulberry Close, therefore less than the advised 10-meter distance. However, the removal of the existing detached outbuilding means that more garden space is accessible than before as the proposed extension has a smaller footprint than the existing outbuilding. The removal of this outbuilding therefore means the site isn't over-developed.

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

There will be no impact upon highway safety. There is off-street parking for two vehicles provided by the existing driveway to the front of the dwelling.

Recommendation

Approve with conditions

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 3 years from the date of this permission.
Reason: In order to comply with the provision of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
2. The development hereby approved shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the amended plans (102/100 Dwg No. 02 Rev. B) and specifications as approved unless required by any other conditions in this permission.
Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the locality in accordance with Local Plan Policy D1 High Quality Design and Place Making.
3. The external materials shall match those used in the existing building.
Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the locality and in accordance with Local Plan Policy D1 High Quality Design and Place Making.

4. The existing detached outbuilding is to hereby be removed prior to the erection of the rear extension.

Reason: To maintain adequate private amenity space and also with regards to visual and residential amenity, in accordance with Local Plan Policies D1 and GD1.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (or any Order revoking or re-enacting that Order with or without modification), no enlargement, improvement or other alteration of the dwellings which would otherwise be permitted by Part 1 of Schedule 2 to that Order shall be carried out without the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority, and no garages or other outbuildings shall be erected.

Reason: To maintain adequate private amenity space and also with regards to visual and residential amenity, in accordance with Local Plan Policies D1 and GD1.