## **Report of the Head of Planning & Enforcement Services**

Address168 WHITBY ROAD RUISLIPDevelopment:Single storey side extension to existing propertyLBH Ref Nos:38420/APP/2011/2410Drawing Nos:Location Plan to Scale 1:1250<br/>2011/77/01Date Plans Received:05/10/2011Date(s) of Amendment(s):Date Application Valid:05/10/2011

## 1. CONSIDERATIONS

## 1.1 Site and Locality

The application property is an end of terrace, two storey dwelling situated on the southeastern side of Whitby Road. It is sited adjacent to a vehicular access that leads to the rear garages of the properties in the road, and an area of open space beyond.

The property has been extended from it original state in the form of a conservatory and single storey rear and part side extension.

The streetscene is residential in character and appearance comprising two storey terraced houses and the application site lies within the Developed Area as identified in the saved UDP, September 2007.

#### 1.2 Proposed Scheme

The application is for a single storey side extension to the property. The extension would be sited to the front of the existing single storey part side and rear extension, effectively coninuing that original extension to the front and set slightly behind the front elevation of the main house.

Due to the splayed nature of the plot the extension would be angled to reflect that of the side boundary. It would have a 2.7m high flat roof with rendered elevations to match the existing house.

# 1.3 Relevant Planning History Comment on Planning History

There is no planning history of relevance to this application.

# 2. Advertisement and Site Notice

- 2.1 Advertisement Expiry Date:- Not applicable
- **2.2** Site Notice Expiry Date:- Not applicable

# 3. Comments on Public Consultations

6 adjoining and nearby properties notified of the application by means of a letter dated 11th October 2011. No responses have been received.

The Eastcote Residents Association have been consulted on the application although no comments have been received.

This application is reported to committee as the applicant is an employee of the Council.

#### 4. UDP / LDF Designation and London Plan

The following UDP Policies are considered relevant to the application:-

Part 1 Policies:

## Part 2 Policies:

- BE13 New development must harmonise with the existing street scene.
- BE15 Alterations and extensions to existing buildings
- BE19 New development must improve or complement the character of the area.
- BE20 Daylight and sunlight considerations.
- BE21 Siting, bulk and proximity of new buildings/extensions.
- BE23 Requires the provision of adequate amenity space.
- BE24 Requires new development to ensure adequate levels of privacy to neighbours.
- BE38 Retention of topographical and landscape features and provision of new planting and landscaping in development proposals.
- AM14 New development and car parking standards.
- HDAS-EXT Residential Extensions, Hillingdon Design & Access Statement, Supplementary Planning Document, adopted December 2008
- LPP 5.3 (2011) Sustainable design and construction

#### 5. MAIN PLANNING ISSUES

The main planning issues are the impact of the development on the character of the house and the area in general, and also the impact on the amenities of the adjoining occupiers. The impact on parking provision and amenity space also needs to be considered.

With regard to the impact of the development on the streetscene and the character of the house the proposal meets with the requirements of the Council's HDAS document. It is of a scale, form and width that is appropriate to the house and the area, and it would not detract from the character of the house or adversely affect the visual amenities of the area.

HDAS suggests that flat roofs on extensions are acceptable up to 3m in height (with parapet up to 3.1m) or that pitched roofs are acceptable up to 3.4m in height. The proposal accords with this guidance.

The proposal would result in the loss of some shrubs that exist along the side access road. However, such a loss would not be detrimental to the character of the area. The extension would effectively be a continuation of the existing extension and brick wall and fence that exists along parts of this boundary and would therefore not look unduly out of place.

Therefore, in streetscene and character terms it is considered that the proposal would not unduly detract from the visual amenities of the surrounding area. It would be in compliance with policies BE13, BE15 and BE19 of the adopted Hillingdon Unitary Development Plan(Saved Policies, September 2007) and section 3.0 of the Hillingdon Design & Accessibility Statement (HDAS): Residential Extensions.

Given the relationship with the neighbouring properties and the side access, there would be no adverse impact on the amenities of the adjoining occupiers. There would be no significant adverse impact in terms of loss of light or privacy, or overlooking or any overbearing impact or visual intrusion that would justify a refusal of planning permission.

As such, the proposal would not represent an unneighbourly form of development and in this respect would be in compliance with policies BE20, BE21 and BE24 of the adopted Hillingdon Unitary Development Plan (Saved Policies, September 2007) and section 3.0 of the Hillingdon Design & Accessibility Statement (HDAS): Residential Extensions as well as the London Plan (2011).

The proposal would not adversely affect the amount of private amenity space for the property, and would effectiely utilise an otherwise redundant area of space. The remaining space is considered adequate for the enlarged property and would be in compliance with paragraph 3.13 of the HDAS: Residential Extensions and policy BE23 of the saved UDP September 2007.

There would be no impact on parking or vehicular access arrangements which are at the rear of the property. The proposal would not therefore conflict with policy AM14 of the saved UDP, September 2007.

## 6. **RECOMMENDATION**

## **APPROVAL** subject to the following:

**1** HH-T8 Time Limit - full planning application 3 years

The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

#### REASON

To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2 HH-OM1 Development in accordance with Approved Plans

The development shall not be carried out otherwise than in strict accordance with the plans hereby approved unless consent to any variation is first obtained in writing from the

Local Planning Authority.

# REASON

To ensure that the external appearance of the development is satisfactory and complies with Policies BE13 and BE15 of the Hillingdon Unitary Development Plan Saved Policies (September 2007).

# **3** HH-M2 External surfaces to match existing building

The materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the development hereby permitted shall match those used in the existing building.

## REASON

To safeguard the visual amenities of the area and to ensure that the proposed development does not have an adverse effect upon the appearance of the existing building in accordance with Policy BE15 of the Hillingdon Unitary Development Plan Saved Policies (September 2007).

## INFORMATIVES

## **Standard Informatives**

- 1 The decision to GRANT planning permission has been taken having regard to all relevant planning legislation, regulations, guidance, circulars and Council policies, including The Human Rights Act (1998) (HRA 1998) which makes it unlawful for the Council to act incompatibly with Convention rights, specifically Article 6 (right to a fair hearing); Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life); Article 1 of the First Protocol (protection of property) and Article 14 (prohibition of discrimination).
- 2 The decision to GRANT planning permission has been taken having regard to the policies and proposals in the Hillingdon Unitary Development Plan Saved Policies (September 2007) set out below, and to all relevant material considerations, including Supplementary Planning Guidance: **Policy No.** 
  - BE13 New development must harmonise with the existing street scene.
  - BE15 Alterations and extensions to existing buildings
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- 3 You are advised this permission is based on the dimensions provided on the approved drawings as numbered above. The development hereby approved must be constructed precisely in accordance with the approved drawings. Any deviation from these drawings requires the written consent of the Local Planning Authority.
- 4 You are advised that if any part of the development hereby permitted encroaches by either its roof, walls, eaves, gutters, or foundations, then a new planning application will have to be submitted. This planning permission is not valid for a development that results in any form of encroachment.
- 5 Your attention is drawn to the need to comply with the relevant provisions of the Building Regulations, the Building Acts and other related legislation. These cover such works as - the demolition of existing buildings, the erection of a new building or structure, the extension or alteration to a building, change of use of buildings, installation of services, underpinning works, and fire safety/means of escape works. Notice of intention to demolish existing buildings must be given to the Council's Building Control Service at least 6 weeks before work starts. A completed application form together with detailed plans must be submitted for approval before any building work is commenced. For further information and advice, contact - Planning, Enviroment and Community Services, Building

Control,

3N/01 Civic Centre, Uxbridge (Telephone 01895 250804 / 805 / 808).

- 6 You have been granted planning permission to build a residential extension. When undertaking demolition and/or building work, please be considerate to your neighbours and do not undertake work in the early morning or late at night or at any time on Sundays or Bank Holidays. Furthermore, please ensure that all vehicles associated with the construction of the development hereby approved are properly washed and cleaned to prevent the passage of mud and dirt onto the adjoining highway. You are advised that the Council does have formal powers to control noise and nuisance under The Control of Pollution Act 1974, the Clean Air Acts and other relevant legislation. For further information and advice, please contact - Environmental Protection Unit, 4W/04, Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge, UB8 1UW (Tel. 01895 250190).
- 7 The Party Wall Act 1996 requires a building owner to notify, and obtain formal agreement from, any adjoining owner, where the building owner proposes to:

- carry out work to an existing party wall;
- build on the boundary with a neighbouring property;
- in some circumstances, carry out groundworks within 6 metres of an adjoining building.

Notification and agreements under this Act are the responsibility of the building owner and are quite separate from Building Regulations, or Planning Controls. The Building Control Service will assume that an applicant has obtained any necessary agreements with the adjoining owner, and nothing said or implied by the Council should be taken as removing the necessity for the building owner to comply fully with the Party Wall Act. Further information and advice is to be found in "the Party Walls etc. Act 1996 - explanatory booklet" published by the ODPM, available free of charge from the Planning, Environment and Community Services Reception, Civic Centre, Uxbridge, UB8 1UW.

- 8 Your attention is drawn to the fact that the planning permission does not override property rights and any ancient rights of light that may exist. This permission does not empower you to enter onto land not in your ownership without the specific consent of the owner. If you require further information or advice, you should consult a solicitor.
- 9 Nuisance from demolition and construction works is subject to control under The Control of Pollution Act 1974, the Clean Air Acts and other related legislation. In particular, you should ensure that the following are complied with: -

A) Demolition and construction works should only be carried out between the hours of 08.00 hours and 18.00 hours Monday to Friday and between the hours of 08.00 hours and 13.00 hours on Saturday. No works shall be carried out on Sundays Bank and Public Holidays.

B) All noise generated during such works should be controlled in compliance with British Standard Code of Practice BS 5228: 1984.

C) The elimination of the release of dust or odours that could create a public health nuisance.

D) No bonfires that create dark smoke or nuisance to local residents.

You are advised to consult the Council's Environmental Protection Unit, 3S/02, Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge, UB8 1UW (Tel.01895 277401) or to seek prior approval under Section 61 of the Control of Pollution Act if you anticipate any difficulty in carrying out construction other than within the normal working hours set out in (A) above, and by means that would minimise disturbance to adjoining premises.

10 You are advised that care should be taken during the building works hereby approved to avoid spillage of mud, soil or related building materials onto the pavement or public highway. You are further advised that failure to take appropriate steps to avoid spillage or adequately clear it away could result in action being taken under the Highways Act.

- 11 To promote the development of sustainable building design and construction methods, you are encouraged to investigate the use of renewable energy resources which do not produce any extra carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, including solar, geothermal and fuel cell systems, and use of high quality insulation.
- 12 You are advised that care should be taken during the building works hereby approved to ensure no damage occurs to the verge or footpaths during construction. Vehicles delivering materials to this development shall not override or cause damage to the public footway. Any damage will require to be made good to the satisfaction of the Council and at the applicant's expense. For further information and advice contact - Highways Maintenance Operations, Central Depot - Block K, Harlington Road Depot, 128 Harlington Road, Hillingdon, Middlesex, UB3 3EU (Tel: 01895 277524).

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