## Report of the Head of Planning & Enforcement Services

Address 96 LONG DRIVE RUISLIP

**Development:** Erection of a single storey rear extension.

LBH Ref Nos: 7280/APP/2010/1418

**Drawing Nos:** LD-L-100603

Location Plan to Scale 1:2500 1:1250 Tree Location Plan

LD-S/B-100603

LD-S/LP-photos-100515

LD-EFP-100515 LD-EEP-100515 LD-PFP-100515 LD-PEP-100515

Date Plans Received: 17/06/2010 Date(s) of Amendment(s):

Date Application Valid: 08/07/2010

## 1. CONSIDERATIONS

## 1.1 Site and Locality

The application site is located on the north west side of Long Drive and comprises a two storey semi-detached house with a front porch. The attached house, 98 Long Drive, lies to the north east and has a single storey rear extension. To the south west lies a shared driveway with 94 Long Drive beyond, a two storey semi-detached house with a detached garage in the rear garden along the side boundary with the application site. The street scene is residential in character and appearance comprising two storey semi-detached houses, some with rear extensions and the application site lies within the developed area as identified in the adopted Hillingdon Unitary Development Plan (Saved Policies September 2007).

## 1.2 Proposed Scheme

Planning permission is sought for the erection of a single storey rear extension. The proposed extension would measure 5.7m wide, for the full width of the application property, 3.6m deep, and be finished with a mono-pitched roof, 2.4m high at eaves level and 3.4m high at its highest point.

# 1.3 Relevant Planning History Comment on Planning History

None

## 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

67 adjoining owner/occupiers and the South Ruislip Residents' Association consulted. No comments received.

NATS: No safeguarding objections.

MOD Safeguarding: No safeguarding objections.

## 4. UDP / LDF Designation and London Plan

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

Part 1 Policies:

## Part 2 Policies:

New development must harmonise with the existing street scene.
Alterations and extensions to existing buildings
New development must improve or complement the character of the area.
Daylight and sunlight considerations.
Siting, bulk and proximity of new buildings/extensions.
Requires the provision of adequate amenity space.
Requires new development to ensure adequate levels of privacy to neighbours.
New development and car parking standards.
Hillingdon Design & Accessibility Statement (HDAS): Residential Extensions (adopted in August 2006 and to form part of the emerging Local Development Framework documents): 3.0 Rear Extensions and Conservatories: Single Storey

## 5. MAIN PLANNING ISSUES

LPP 4A.3

The main issues for consideration relate to the effect of the proposal on the character and appearance of the original house, on the surrounding area generally, and on residential amenity.

London Plan Policy 4A.3 - Sustainable Design and Construction.

The proposed single storey rear extension by reason of its size, siting, design, appearance and length of projection is considered to harmonise with the character, proportions and appearance of the original house. It would appear subordinate, as it

would be set sufficiently below the cill of the rear first floor windows. The proposed rear extension would not be out of character with the surrounding area as there are other single storey rear extensions to houses in the terrace, notably at nos. 98 and 100 Long Drive. It is therefore considered that the proposal would comply 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: Residential Extensions.

The proposed single storey rear extension would not be more than 3.6m deep and 3.4m high in accordance with paragraph 3.3 and 3.7 of the Hillingdon Design & Accessibility Statement: Residential Extensions. This length of projection and height are considered to be sufficient to ensure that the proposal would not have a visually intrusive and overdominant impact on the residential amenities of the occupiers of 94 and 98 Long Drive.

No windows are proposed facing 98 Long Drive and the existing rear extension at that house would screen the impact of any increase in overshadowing onto that house. Two high level side windows are proposed facing 94 Long Drive, however these are shown fitted with obscure glass to prevent overlooking. Furthermore, as that property lies to the south west of the application property, no overshadowing will result.

It is therefore considered that the proposal would not harm the residential amenities of nearby residential properties, in accordance with policies BE20, BE21 and BE24 of the adopted Hillingdon Unitary Development Plan (Saved Policies September 2007). The new windows would provide an adequate outlook and natural light to the rooms they would serve, in accordance with London Plan Policy 4A.3.

Over 60sq.m of private amenity space would be retained and off-street parking will not be affected by the proposed development in accordance with policies BE23 and AM14 of the adopted Hillingdon Unitary Development Plan (Saved Policies September 2007).

For the reasons outlined above, and given that the development complies with the aforementioned policies of the adopted Hillingdon Unitary Development Plan (Saved Policies September 2007), this application is recommended for approval.

## 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-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).

## 3 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 Policy BE13 of the Hillingdon Unitary Development Plan Saved Policies (September 2007).

#### 4 HH-RPD1 No Additional Windows or Doors

Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (or any order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification), no additional windows, doors or other openings shall be constructed in the walls or roof slopes of the development hereby approved facing 94 and 98 Long Drive.

#### **REASON**

To prevent overlooking to adjoining properties in accordance with policy BE24 of the Hillingdon Unitary Development Plan Saved Policies (September 2007).

## 5 HH-RPD2 Obscured Glazing and Non-Opening Windows (a)

The windows facing 94 Long Drive shall be glazed with permanently obscured glass and non-opening below a height of 1.8 metres taken from internal finished floor level for so long as the development remains in existence.

#### **REASON**

To prevent overlooking to adjoining properties in accordance with policy BE24 of the Hillingdon Unitary Development Plan Saved Policies (September 2007).

#### **INFORMATIVES**

#### **Standard Informatives**

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).

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
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.
AM14	New development and car parking standards.
HDAS	Hillingdon Design & Accessibility Statement (HDAS): Residential Extensions (adopted in August 2006 and to form part of the emerging Local Development Framework documents): 3.0 Rear Extensions and Conservatories: Single Storey
LPP 4A.3	London Plan Policy 4A.3 - Sustainable Design and Construction.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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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