

## Report of the Head of Planning & Enforcement Services

**Address** 43 PRINCES PARK LANE HAYES

**Development:** Single storey side/ rear extension.

**LBH Ref Nos:** 34778/APP/2011/302

**Drawing Nos:** Site & Location Plan Rev A  
Ground Floor Plan & Front Elevation Rev A  
Side & Rear Elevations Rev A

**Date Plans Received:** 11/02/2011 **Date(s) of Amendment(s):** 23/05/2011

**Date Application Valid:** 30/03/2011

### 1. CONSIDERATIONS

#### 1.1 Site and Locality

The application site comprises a two storey, semi detached house located on the east side of Princes Park Lane at the junction of Princes Park Parade.

Near by development is typically made up of terraced and semi detached 2 storey dwellings.

The location of the site mean that its front and side elevations face road ways and are easily visible.

#### 1.2 Proposed Scheme

Planning permission is sought for the erection of a single storey extension to the side and rear of the existing house to provide a new bedroom with en-suite shower room and a kitchen and dining area to the rear.

The extension would align with the front main wall of the house and project 4 metres from the side of the house.

It would extend for the full depth of the house and a further 3.6 metres from the existing rear wall (wrapping around the dwelling). It would incorporate a dummy pitch roof to a height of 3.4 metres.

#### 1.3 Relevant Planning History Comment on Planning History

Planning permission was granted on appeal on 4 June 2010 for the erection of a detached 2 bedroom single dwelling on part of the rear gardens of 41 and 43 Princes Park Lane with access from Princes Park Parade (Ref. 65520/APP/2009/1116). This permission has not been implemented yet.

## **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 neighbouring occupiers were notified of the application. 4 replies including a petition signed by 25 persons have been received objecting to the proposal on the following grounds:

1. The site already has permission for the erection of a detached house in the rear garden adjacent to 1 Princes Park Parade.
2. The proposal would result in the retention of insufficient garden area for 43 Princes Park Lane resulting in the site being overdeveloped and out of keeping with the surrounding houses.
3. The occupiers of 43 Princes Park Lane would be overpowered by the side wall of the new house to be constructed in the rear garden and have all their light taken away.
4. The proposed development does not meet the guidelines in the Hillingdon Design and Accessibility Statement by reason of its depth and width.
5. Larger houses mean more cars in an already congested area for parking and therefore a vehicle crossover should be a condition if planning permission is granted. In addition, soft landscaping should be provided around the parking spaces.
6. Should the applicant give up his right to erect the new dwelling, then we would be willing to reconsider the above objections, subject to the extension complying with the requirements of the Hillingdon Design and Accessibility Statement.
7. The depth of the rear extension exceeds 3 metres.
8. The proposed side extension should be subservient in width to the original house. Therefore only around 2.5 metres should be allowed.
9. The extension should only cover a maximum of 50% of the rear garden and given that part of the rear garden is already earmarked for the new house, this rule cannot be met.
10. The rear window and door in the extension would only be 8-9 metres from the new house in the rear garden and even closer to the side amenity space for the new house.
11. The rear garden area will be less than the required 100 sq metres for a 4 bed house.
12. The right to light for rear windows in the extension will be challenged because of the proximity of the new house in the rear garden.
13. The proposed development would be built above existing manhole covers and exacerbate existing drainage problems.

The issues set out above are acknowledged. These are discussed and dealt with in detail in the body of the report.

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

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

Part 1 Policies:

PT1.10 To seek to ensure that development does not adversely affect the amenity and the character of the area.

Part 2 Policies:

BE15 Alterations and extensions to existing buildings  
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.

## 5. MAIN PLANNING ISSUES

Policy BE15 of the Hillingdon Unitary Development Plan Saved Policies (September 2007) states that proposals for alterations and extensions to existing buildings will be permitted where they harmonise with the scale, form, architectural composition and proportions of the original building. The proposed extension would incorporate a dummy pitch roof to match the hipped roof of the existing dwelling and be finished in matching materials. As such, it is considered that it would harmonise with the design of the existing dwelling in accordance with this policy.

Policy AM14 of the Hillingdon Unitary Development Plan Saved Policies (September 2007) states that new development will only be permitted where it is in accordance with the Council's adopted car parking standards. Since the number of dwellings is not increasing, the Council's car parking standards do not require any additional car parking facilities to be provided in this instance.

Paragraph 3.3 of the Hillingdon Design and Accessibility Statement Residential Extensions Supplementary Planning Document (December 2008) states that a single storey rear extension up to 3.6m deep is acceptable on a semi-detached house on a plot more than 5m wide. Paragraph 3.7 further states that where a pitched roof is provided this should not exceed 3.4m at its highest point. The existing house has a plot width of approximately 12m. The depth of the extension would not exceed 3.6m and its overall height would not exceed 3.4m in accordance with the aforementioned guidelines.

Paragraph 4.5 further states that in respect of side extensions, in order to appear subordinate, the width and height of the extension should be considerably less than that of the main house and be between half and two-thirds of the original house width depending on the plot size and character of the area. The height of the extension would be considerably less than that of the main house. Whilst the width of the extension would exceed two-thirds of the original house by approximately 0.4 metres, in view of the overall plot width of 13 metres at this point and the fact that a return building line of 3.8 metres would be maintained to Princes Park Parade, it is not considered that the proposed side extension would appear unduly intrusive in the street scene. It is therefore considered that the scheme would be in accordance with the above guideline.

Policy BE19 of the Hillingdon Unitary Development Plan Saved Policies (September 2007)

states that the Local Planning Authority will seek to ensure that new development within residential areas complements or improves the amenity and character of the area. Policy BE21 further states that planning permission will not be granted for new buildings or extensions, which by reason of their sting, bulk and proximity, would result in a significant loss of residential amenity.

In this connection, Paragraph 4.9 of the Hillingdon Design and Accessibility Statement Residential Layouts Supplementary Planning Document states that where a two or more storey building abuts a property or its garden, adequate distance should be maintained to overcome possible over domination. The distance provided will be dependent on the bulk and size of the building but generally, 15m will be the minimum acceptable distance. The two storey flank wall of the approved dwelling on part of the rear gardens of 41 and 43 Princes Park Lane would directly abut the rear garden of 43 and be approximately 10 metres away from the dining room and kitchen windows in the rear elevation of the proposed extension. It is considered that this would result in the over domination of these windows to the detriment of the occupiers and contrary to the aforementioned policies and guideline. It is therefore recommended that planning permission be refused for this reason

Policy BE19 of the Hillingdon Unitary Development Plan Saved Policies (September 2007) states that the Local Planning Authority will seek to ensure that new development within residential areas complements or improves the amenity and character of the area. Policy BE23 further states that new residential buildings or extensions should provide or maintain external amenity space which is sufficient to protect the amenity of the occupants of the proposed and surrounding buildings, and which is usable in terms of its shape and siting. Paragraph 4.9 of the Hillingdon Design and Accessibility Statement Residential Extensions Supplementary Planning Document states that sufficient garden space should be retained as a consequence of an extension. Two bedroom houses should retain at least 40 sq metres of private usable rear garden space, 3 bed houses at least 60 sq metres and 4 bed houses at least 100 sq metres. The existing house would retain a rear garden area of approximately 107 sq m in the event of both the proposed single storey rear extension and the approved dwelling on part of the rear gardens of 41 and 43 Princes Park Lane being constructed. It is considered that this would be adequate to provide a satisfactory site layout and adequate living conditions for the occupiers in accordance with the aforementioned policies and guideline

#### Other Issues.

The planning permission for the erection of the new dwelling on part of the rear gardens of 41 and 43 Princes Park Lane remains extant. It is unlikely that the applicant would forgo the right to implement this permission.

The issue of drainage is dealt with under the Building Regulations.

## 6. RECOMMENDATION

### REFUSAL for the following reasons:

1 R3 Overdomination to rear windows

The close proximity of the rear extension to the two storey flank wall of the approved

dwelling, Appeal Reference APP/R5510/A/09/2115264/NWF, on part of the rear gardens of 41 and 43 Princes Park Lane, would result in an unacceptable loss of light into and unacceptable outlook from the rear windows to the dining room and kitchen in the proposed extension, resulting in a poor standard of amenity for the occupiers. As such, the proposal would fail to accord with the aims of Policies BE19 and BE21 of Hillingdon Unitary Development Plan Saved Policies (September 2007) and Paragraph 4.9 of the Hillingdon Design and Accessibility Statement Residential Layouts Supplementary Planning Document (July 2006).

## INFORMATIVES

### Standard Informatives

- 1 The decision to REFUSE 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 REFUSE 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.

BE15	Alterations and extensions to existing buildings
BE20	Daylight and sunlight considerations.
BE21	Siting, bulk and proximity of new buildings/extensions.
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