

Planning

Growth & Development

Delegated officer report for planning application

Application no. 132378/FH/2021

Date registered valid: 30 November 2021

Proposal: Erection of part single, part two storey side and rear extension and erection of front porch to form additional living accommodation,

Address: 17 Bridport Avenue, Manchester, M40 3WP

Ward(s): Moston Ward

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Recommendation: Approve

Date of recommendation: 18 January 2022

Application details

Type of application: Full Householder Application

Development type: Householder

Date of site visit:

Standard consultations:

No consultations have been printed and sent.

Neighbour notifications

Printed: 6 December 2021 Expired: 27 December 2021

Site notice

No site notice has been produced

Press advert

No press advert had been published

Departure from Development Plan: No

Environmental Statement: Not required

Description of site/building

Listed building: Not applicable

Conservation area: No

Tree Preservation Order: NO

The property that is the subject of this planning application is a 2-storey red brick semi-detached property, currently in use as a single family dwellinghouse. It has garden area to the front rear and side, with the rear garden being larger than average with landscaping and pergola at the very end.

The property is located within a predominantly residential area with properties of a similar style and footprint. A great many of them have had the benefit of a variety of extensions and detached buildings within the garden.

The proposal comprises of the erection of part single, part two storey side and rear extension and erection of front porch to form additional living accommodation. The ground extension creates a living/dining room and a WC and first floor creates two additional bedrooms and a storage room.

A previous application for the same scheme was approved under reference no: 117959/FH/2017 with the exception the current proposal has larger setback at front ground floor level.

Consultations & Notification Responses

Local residents were informed- no representations have been received.

Environmental Health raise no objections subject to the gas membrane being carried out in accordance with the information provided.

Issues

POLICIES

National Planning Policy Framework

Sets out the Government's Planning Policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. It states that the purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. It states that the planning system should perform:

- o An economic role - contributing to build a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land, of the right type is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth and innovation; and by identifying and co-ordinating development requirements, including the provision of infrastructure;
- o A social role - supporting strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by providing the supply of housing required to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by creating a high quality built environment, with accessible local services that reflect the community's needs and supports its health, social and cultural well-being; and
- o An environmental role - contributing to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; and, as part of this, helping to improve biodiversity, use natural resources prudently, minimise waste and pollution, and mitigate and adapt to climate change including moving to a low carbon economy

Pursuing sustainable developments involves seeking positive improvements in the quality of the built, natural and historic environment, as well as in people's quality of life, including (but not limited to):

- making it easier for jobs to be created in cities, towns and villages;
- moving from a net loss of bio-diversity to achieving net gains for nature;
- replacing poor design with better design;
- improving the conditions in which people live, work, travel and take leisure, and
- widening the choice of high quality homes.

There should be a presumption in favour of sustainable development and plans and decisions need to take local circumstances into account, so that they respond to the different opportunities for achieving sustainable development in different areas.

UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN SAVED POLICIES

DC1.1 states that in determining planning applications for extensions to residential properties, the Council will have regard to:

- a. The general character of the property;
- b. The effect upon the amenity of the neighbouring occupiers;
- c. The desirability of enabling people to adapt their houses in appropriate ways to meet changing household needs;
- d. The overall appearance of the proposal in the a street scene;
- e. The effect of the loss of any on-site car parking.

DC1.2 states that extensions to residential properties will be allowed subject to compliance with other relevant policies of the Plan and the following criteria:

- a. They are not excessively large or bulky (for example resulting in structures which are not subservient to original houses or project out too far in front of original buildings);
- b. They do not create undue loss of sunlight, daylight or privacy;
- c. They are not out of character with the style of development in the area or the surrounding scene by virtue of design, use of materials or construction details.

DC1.3 Notwithstanding the generality of the above policies, the council will not normally approve:

- a) rearward extensions greater than 3.65m (12ft) in length
- b) 2 storey extensions with a flat roof, particularly those which would be visible from the public highway
- c) 2 storey extensions to terraced properties which occupy the full width of the house
- d) flat roofed extensions to bungalows
- e) extensions which conflict with the councils guidelines on privacy distances (which are published as supplementary guidance)

DC1.4 In considering proposals for 2 storey side extensions, the council will have regard to the general guidance above and also to supplementary guidance to be issued. In particular, the council will seek to ensure that:

- a) the development potential of the gap between detached and semi-detached houses is capable of being shared equally by the owners or occupiers of the two properties concerned
- b) the actual or potential result of building the extension will not be the creation of a terracing effect, where this would be unsympathetic to the character of the street as a whole
- c) the actual or potential result of building the extension will not be the creation of a very narrow gap between the properties, or any other unsatisfactory visual relationships between elements of the buildings involved

As a guide and without prejudice to the generality of this policy, the council will normally permit 2 storey house extensions which, when built, would leave a minimum of 1.52m (5ft) between the side wall and the common boundary, and which meet the other requirements of this policy. Proposals which cannot meet these requirements will be judged on their merits, but with weight being given to (a) and (c) above.

Local Development Framework Core Strategy Development Plan Document (Adopted 11 July 2012)

Policy SP1 identifies the City Council's Core Development Principles and states that development in all parts of the City should:-

Make a positive contribution to neighbourhoods of choice including:-

- Creating well designed places that enhance or create character
- Making a positive contribution to the health, safety and wellbeing of residents
- Considering the needs of all members of the community regardless of age, gender, disability, sexuality, religion, culture, ethnicity or income.
- Protect and enhance the built and natural environment

Minimise emissions, ensure efficient use of natural resources and reuse previously developed land wherever possible.

Improve access to jobs, services, education and open space by being located to reduce the need to travel and provide good access to sustainable transport provision.

Policy DM 1 states that all development should have regard to the following specific issues for which more detailed guidance may be given within a supplementary planning document:-

- Appropriate siting, layout, scale, form, massing, materials and detail.
- Impact on the surrounding areas in terms of the design, scale and appearance of the proposed development. Development should have regard to the character of the surrounding area.
- Effects on amenity, including privacy, light, noise, vibration, air quality and road safety and traffic generation. This could also include proposals which would be sensitive to existing environmental conditions, such as noise.
- Accessibility: buildings and neighbourhoods fully accessible to disabled people, access to new development by sustainable transport modes.
- Community safety and crime prevention.
- Design for health.
- Adequacy of internal accommodation and external amenity space.
- Refuse storage and collection.
- Vehicular access and car parking.
- Effects relating to biodiversity, landscape, archaeological or built heritage.
- Green Infrastructure including open space, both public and private.
- Flood risk and drainage.
- Existing or proposed hazardous installations.

City Councils Guide to Development in Manchester 2: Supplementary Planning Document and Planning Guidance Adopted April 2007. The Guide aims to support and enhance the on going shaping of the City by providing a set of reasoned principles which will guide developers, designers and residents to the sort of development we all want to see in Manchester. Part 1 of the Supplementary Planning Document, Chapter 2 Design, Character and Context: A place with its own identity, paragraph 2.3 states the following;

2.3 'A high quality environment is created by buildings which reflect their purpose and respect the place in which they are located. Different parts of the City, its neighbourhoods and streets have distinct or individual characters which are a product of the design of their buildings, the nature of the streets, the quality of the landscape or the nature of their activities. Such positive characteristics should be recognised and enhanced by new development. Each new development should be designed having full regard to its context and the character of the area. This should be demonstrated in planning submissions by way of design statements and where appropriate, visual means such as models and photomontages'.

ISSUES

RESIDENTIAL/VISUAL AMENITY

The submitted application is for the erection of a two storey side and rear extension to form additional living accommodation. To the ground floor, the proposed extension is set back considerably from the existing front wall of the property. It extends sideways towards the boundary with number 19 Bridport Avenue by 1.2 metres and runs along that side boundary and wraps around at ground floor. The maximum rearward projection is 3.5 metres with the minimum projection being 2 metres rearward projection for the last 2 metres where it abuts the boundary with number 15 Bridport Avenue. The first-floor extension is set in off the boundary with number 15 Bridport Avenue by 2 metres, and projects rearwards by 3.5 metres, it then returns for a rearward projection along the boundary with number 19 Bridport Avenue by 2.5 metres

Given that the proposal is single storey along one boundary and has the same projection as the neighbouring property to the other it is not considered the proposal would have a detrimental impact upon the neighbouring properties. The proposal is also set back well from the frontage, and as such when viewed within the street scene the proposal would not result in the terracing effect.

Due to the setback, overall size, height, scale and massing it is not considered that the proposal creates a significant visual impact within the character of the general street scene, therefore the proposal on balance appears to be acceptable.

The positioning of the proposed windows ensures that there would be no loss of privacy arising from overlooking, and there would be no significant impact in terms of overlooking or privacy issues with the adjoining neighbours.

The extension is not considered to be detrimental to the character of the area or result in an overbearing feature that would impact on the visual amenity of the area.

Overall, the proposed extension is considered to be subservient to the existing property and would not cause a significant reduction in the amount of amenity space around the house due to the size of the garden. There is sufficient off street car parking space and area for bins within the curtilage of the site. The proposal is not seen to be contrary to the saved policies of the Unitary Development plan for Manchester and therefore on balance recommended for approval.

DESIGN & APPEARANCE

The proposed extension is in keeping with the original property and the applicant intends to match the existing materials with that of the house, therefore it is considered that the proposal is acceptable in design terms.

Human Rights Act 1998 considerations

This application needs to be considered against the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998. Under Article 6, the applicants (and those third parties, including local residents, who have made representations) have a right to a fair hearing and to this end the local planning authority must give full consideration to their comments.

Protocol 1 Article 1, and Article 8 where appropriate, confer(s) a right of respect for a person's home, other land and business assets. In taking account of all material considerations, including Council policy as set out in the Core Strategy and saved policies of the Unitary Development Plan, the Director of Planning, Building Control & Licensing has concluded that some rights conferred by these articles on the applicant(s)/objector(s)/resident(s) and other occupiers and owners of nearby land that might be affected may be interfered with but that that interference is in accordance with the law and justified by being in the public interest and on the basis of the planning merits of the development proposal. She believes that any restriction on these rights posed by the recommendation given is proportionate to the wider benefits of and that such a decision falls within the margin of discretion afforded to the Council under the Town and Country Planning Acts.

Recommendation: Approve

Article 35 Declaration

The proposal was assessed with regards to policies outlined in the National Planning Policy Framework, Unitary Development Plan Saved Policies, Local Development Framework Core Strategy Development Plan and other material considerations. In this instance officers have worked with the agent in a positive and proactive manner by requesting further information relating to the scheme and appropriate conditions to the approval have also been attached.

Condition(s) to be attached to decision for approval OR Reasons for recommendation to refuse

1) The development must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this permission.

Reason - Required to be imposed pursuant to Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2) The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the following drawings and documents:

The Location Plan/Site Plan, stamped as received on the 30 November 2021 and the Gas Membrane drawing, received electronically on the 12 January 2022 and REV.01 Rev 2, stamped as received on the 17 January 2022

Reason - To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved plans. Pursuant to policies SP1 and DM1 of the Core Strategy.

3) The materials to be used in the construction of the extension hereby approved, including bricks and roof tiles, together with the method of coursing and pointing, shall match the existing dwellinghouse, in terms of colour, texture and appearance.

Reason - In the interests of visual amenity and character of the area, pursuant to policies SP1 and DM1 of the Core Strategy for the City of Manchester.

4) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (or any order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification) no windows or doors shall be inserted into the elevations of the extension hereby approved other than those shown on the approved drawings.

Reason - In the interests of residential amenity pursuant to policy SP1 and DM1 Core Strategy for the City of Manchester.

Appendix 1 – List of consultees & neighbours notified

152 Broadway, Manchester, M40 3WN
19 Bridport Avenue, Manchester, M40 3WP
150 Broadway, Manchester, M40 3WN
15 Bridport Avenue, Manchester, M40 3WP
20 Bridport Avenue, Manchester, M40 3NQ
18 Bridport Avenue, Manchester, M40 3NQ
16 Bridport Avenue, Manchester, M40 3NQ

Appendix 2 – Planning constraints

Article 4 Direction - Removal Of PD Rights Change Of Use From Class C3 To Class C4
Aircraft Safeguarding Zone - Aircraft Safeguarding - Not Affected
Coal Authority - Development Low Risk - Name: DEVELOPMENT_LOW_RISK_AREA
Coal Authority - Surface Coal Resources - Name: Coal bearing strata at surface
Historic Landfill Site 250m Buffer -
Historic Landfill Site 250m Buffer -
Susceptible to Surf Water Flood (Less) -
Area Team Boundary - Name: NORTH1