

Planning

Growth & Development

Delegated officer report for planning application

Application no. 141431/FH/2024
Date registered valid: 4 November 2024
Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing outrigger
Address: 6 Harrison Avenue, Manchester, M19 3DD
Ward(s): Levenshulme Ward

Applicant: Mrs Kimberley Riggs
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Recommendation: Approve
Date of recommendation: 23 December 2024

Application details

Type of application: Full Householder Application

Development type: Householder

Date of site visit: 2 December 2024

Standard consultations:

No consultations have been printed and sent.

Neighbour notifications

Printed: 12 November 2024

Expired: 3 December 2024

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

Description of site / building / area

The application relates to a two-storey, mid-terraced dwellinghouse of red brick construction with grey slate roof, with all round boundary treatment whilst incorporating a gated access to an alleyway which runs along the rear boundary.



(Officer's site visit 02.12.2024)



There are 2no. combined, existing single storey rear lean-to outriggers (which appear to be original and maintain a minimum and maximum separation distance of approximately 1.4 and 2.3 metres from the common shared boundary with no. 8 Harrison Avenue).

The rear garden is sizable for the nature of the property (measuring approximately 5.3 metres deep - minimum x 3.8 meters wide - maximum) and is broadly south facing.

The application site is along a residential street within the Levenshulme ward of Manchester. Greenbank Playing Fields - a recreational open space is broadly to the south-east of the site, with Stockport Road (the A6), to the west, offering a mix of commercial uses, retail, takeaways, leisure, office uses and transport connectivity.

Site Planning History

- 141025/FH/2024 - Erection of a single storey rear extension, WITHDRAWN, 04.11.2024
- 139584/PDE/2024 - Prior notification of proposed larger home extension projecting 4.9m to the rear, with a maximum height of 3.99m and a height at eaves of 2.66m, Turned Away (Legislative) 01.05.2024.

Description of development

The submitted application proposes a single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation. The proposed extension would effectively in-part, result in an in-fill development projecting off the existing rear outriggers.

This application is a revised application following withdrawn planning application ref. no. (141025/FH/2024).

The proposed extension would be sited along the common shared boundary with no. 8 Harrison Avenue, whilst leaving a small gap of approximately 136mm from this boundary. It would then

project approximately 4900mm along this boundary. It then comes forward of the common shared boundary with no. 4 Harrison Avenue approximately 3765mm wide, and then returns forward of the rear building line of the host dwelling approximately 1482mm deep; whilst retaining a small gap of approximately between 113mm - 205mm from the common shared boundary with no. 4 Harrison Avenue.

It would comprise of the lean-to pitched roof, with a maximum proposed roof height not exceeding 4000mm and would include 2no. windows along the roof elevation; together with sliding doors along the rear elevation. It is intended to use matching bricks and dark grey UPVC fenestration.

Consultations & Notification Responses

1. Local residents

Occupiers of properties surrounding the application site were notified of the proposal. No objections, comments, or representations were received.

POLICY

The following guidance and policies are considered to be relevant to the proposed development.

1. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), (July 2021):

- Chapter 12: Achieving well-designed places.

2. Places for Everyone (2022 - 2039)

The Places for Everyone Plan is a Joint Development Plan Document, providing a strategic plan and policies in relation to jobs, new homes and sustainable growth for nine of the 10 boroughs which make up Greater Manchester. The Plan and its policies are a material planning consideration in the determination of planning applications, and therefore be given significant weight in the planning balance. The following policies are considered to be relevant:

- JP-S1 - Sustainable development

3. The Manchester Core Strategy Development Plan Document 2012-2027 ("the Core Strategy") was adopted by the City Council on 11th July 2012:

- Policy DM1 (Development Management)
- Policy SP1 (Spatial Principles)
- Policy EN1 (Design Principles and Strategic Character Areas)
- Policy EN19 (Waste)
- Policy T2 (Accessible areas of opportunity and need)

4. Unitary Development Plan (UDP), (1995) - The UDP has been superseded by the Core Strategy Development Plan.

- Saved Policy DC1 for Residential Extensions is still considered of relevance.

5. Guide to Development in Manchester Supplementary Planning Document and Planning Guidance, Adopted April 2007:

- Chapter 2: Design

ISSUES

Principle

The principle of extending one's home is acceptable, and the planning system accommodates this demand for more living space, while at the same time ensuring that the amenities of neighbours are protected, and that the overall character of the surrounding area is not harmed. The key issues for this application are therefore the impacts on residential and visual amenity.

Residential and visual amenity

Impact of works (single story rear extension) - In this instance, the proposed extension would effectively in-part result in an in-fill development projecting off the existing rear outriggers. Therefore, given the sizable rear garden, and the fact that the rear garden is broadly south facing; together with the existing contextual relationship along the boundaries, and due to the amenity space that would still be retained, coupled with the separation from the alleyway along the rear boundary, it is not considered that the resultant contextual relationship and proposed scale, would be unduly overbearing, overshadowing or present any loss of privacy impacts.

Moreover, whilst the proposed rearward projection along the common shared boundary with no. 8 Harrison Avenue at approximately 4900mm is approximately (1250mm) in excess of the guidance set out in saved UDP policy DC1.3 a) regarding rearward extensions; given the sizable rear garden, and the fact that the rear garden is broadly south facing, and the extension would be single storey, coupled with the proposed roof design, it is not considered that this variance would present any significant adverse impacts to residential amenity in terms of undue overbearing and overshadowing impacts. Furthermore, the proposed rearward projection along the common shared boundary with no. 4 Harrison Avenue at approximately 1482mm is within the guidance set out in saved UDP policy DC1.3 a) regarding rearward extensions, which is considered acceptable.

For these reasons outlined, and on balance, and subject to planning conditions, the proposed single storey rear extension could be accommodated in this location in this instance; pursuant with The Manchester Core Strategy Development Plan Document Policies EN1, SP1 and DM1 and saved Policy DC1 of the Unitary Development Plan.

Impact of works (Design and appearance) - The proposed development is considered to be acceptable in design terms as it would be broadly informed by similar developments and planning approvals within the immediate neighbourhood - i.e. (ref. nos. 130066/FH/202, 038501, F08196). It is also intended to match materials with those of the existing building. However, a materials condition has been attached to ensure that materials are adhered to; pursuant with The Manchester Core Strategy Development Plan Document Policies SP1 and DM1 and saved Policy DC1 of the Unitary Development Plan.

Impact of works (Car parking) - The existing arrangement would be unaffected; pursuant with The Manchester Core Strategy Development Plan Document policy DM1 and saved policy DC1 of the Unitary Development Plan.

Impact of works (Waste management) - The existing arrangement would be unaffected. Wheeled bins could still be stored along the rear yard; pursuant with The Manchester Core Strategy Development Plan Document policy DM1, EN19; and saved policy DC1 of the Unitary Development Plan.

Conclusions - For the reasons outlined above, and subject to planning conditions, it is considered that the proposed development responds positively to The National Planning Policy Framework (2021) chapter 12; policies SP1, DM1, EN1, EN19 of The Manchester Core Strategy Development Plan Document (2012); saved policy DC1 of the Unitary Development Plan (1995); chapter 2 of the Guide to Development in Manchester Supplementary Planning Document and Planning Guidance (2007); policy JP-S1 - Sustainable development of Places for Everyone (2022 - 2039), and no comments or objections have been received in response to this application from local residents.

Other Legislative Requirements

Equality Act 2010

Section 149 (Public Sector Equality Duty) of the Equality Act 2010 requires due regard to the need to: Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act and; Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. The Equality Duty does not impose a legal requirement to conduct an Equality Impact Assessment. Compliance with the Equality Duty involves consciously thinking about the aims of the Equality Duty as part of the process of decision-making.

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

In assessing the merits of a planning application officers will seek to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive manner to seek solutions to problems arising in relation to dealing with the planning application. In this instance, the local planning authority had no issues to raise with the agent but have attached appropriate conditions to the approval.

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:

- Householder Application for Planning Permission for works or extension to a dwelling form, received by the City Council as the Local Planning Authority on 04 November 2024.

- Location Plan with application site edged in red, received by the City Council as the Local Planning Authority on 04 November 2024.
- Existing ELEVATION AND SECTION; Drawing No: 02, received by the City Council as the Local Planning Authority on 04 November 2024.
- Existing FLOOR PLAN; Drawing No: 01, received by the City Council as the Local Planning Authority on 04 November 2024.
- Proposed FLOOR PLAN; Drawing No: 08, received by the City Council as the Local Planning Authority on 04 November 2024.
- Proposed ELEVATIONS; Drawing No: 05, received by the City Council as the Local Planning Authority on 04 November 2024.
- Proposed ELEVATION AND SECTION; Drawing No: 04, received by the City Council as the Local Planning Authority on 04 November 2024.

Reason - To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved plans; pursuant to saved policy DC1 of the Unitary Development Plan for the City of Manchester (1995) and policies SP1 and DM1 of the Core Strategy (2012).

3) The external facing materials to be used on the development hereby approved shall match those of the existing dwellinghouse in terms of type, colour, texture, scale, pointing and coursing and as stated on the submitted information.

Reason - To ensure that the appearance of the building to be extended is not adversely affected by the materials to be used in the construction of the extension, pursuant to saved policy DC1 of the Unitary Development Plan for the City of Manchester (1995) and policy DM1 of Manchester's Local Development Framework: The Manchester Core Strategy (2012).
Materials

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 development hereby approved other than those shown on:

- Proposed FLOOR PLAN; Drawing No: 08, received by the City Council as the Local Planning Authority on 04 November 2024.
- Proposed ELEVATIONS; Drawing No: 05, received by the City Council as the Local Planning Authority on 04 November 2024.
- Proposed ELEVATION AND SECTION; Drawing No: 04, received by the City Council as the Local Planning Authority on 04 November 2024.

Reason - In the interest of residential amenity, pursuant to saved policy DC1 of the Unitary Development Plan for the City of Manchester (1995) and policy DM1 of Manchester's Local Development Framework: The Manchester Core Strategy (2012).

5) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) (or any order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification) no part of the development shall be used for any purpose other than the purpose(s) of Class C3(a) of the Schedule to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) (or in any provision equivalent to that Class in any statutory instrument revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification).

Reason - In the exceptional circumstances of a proliferation of HMO's restricting housing choice and adversely affecting sustainability and in the interests of residential amenity, to safeguard the character of the area and to maintain the sustainability of the local community through provision of accommodation that is suitable for people living as families pursuant to policy 7.4 of the Guide to Development in Manchester: Supplementary Planning Document and Planning Guidance, the National Planning Policy Framework and policies SP1 and DM1 of the Manchester Core Strategy.

Appendix 1 – List of consultees & neighbours notified

4 Harrison Avenue, Manchester, M19 3DD
8 Harrison Avenue, Manchester, M19 3DD
71 Barlow Road, Manchester, M19 3DB
73 Barlow Road, Manchester, M19 3DB

Appendix 2 – Planning constraints

Article 4 Direction - Removal Of PD Rights Change Of Use From Class C3 To Class C4
Area Team Boundary - Name: NORTH AREA