MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

Planning

Growth & Development

Delegated officer report for planning application

Application no.	140715/FH/2024
Date registered valid:	7 August 2024
Proposal:	Erection of single storey side and rear extension to form additional living accommodation
Address:	104 Longford Road, Manchester, M21 9NP
Ward(s):	Chorlton Ward
Applicant:	Ms Baljinder Brennan
Agent (if any):	Mr V Alyas, Architek
Case officer:	Holly Wright Tel: 0161 219 6381 Email: holly.wright@manchester.gov.uk
Recommendation:	Approve
Date of recommendation:	**25 September 2024**

Application details

Type of application: Full Householder Application

Development type: Householder

Date of site visit: 30 August 2024

Standard consultations: No consultations have been printed and sent.

Neighbour notifications: Printed: 21 August 2024 Expired: 12 September 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: Not applicable

Tree Preservation Order: Not applicable

The application relates to a two-storey end-terraced C3 dwellinghouse of redbrick with a grey slate dual pitch roof. The property features white uPVC windows, including a ground floor bay to the front, a front porch canopy, a modest front garden bordered by a mid-level redbrick wall with hedging, a part-single / part-two storey rear outrigger, an L-shaped rear dormer, and a rear garden.















Description of area

Longford Road is a residential street situated within the Chorlton ward of Manchester, close to Ryebank Fields, St John's RC Primary School, and Longford Park. The area is predominantly residential in terms of its character, consisting of semi-detached and terraced dwellinghouses, and benefits from its proximity to public outdoor amenity and green spaces.

Description of development

The applicant is seeking permission for the erection of a single storey side and rear extension to form additional living accommodation.

Planning history

124387/FH/2019 - Erection of ground floor wrap-around side extension and installation of rear dormer with associated Juliette balcony – **APPROVED** (07.10.2019).

131668/FH/2021 - Erection of single storey side and rear extension to form additional living accommodation – **APPROVED** (11.11.2021).

139470/FH/2024 - Erection of single storey side and part single, part two storey rear extension – **APPROVED** (02.05.2024).

Consultations & Notification Responses

Local residents, as per appendix 1 – no comments or objections received.

Policies

The following policies are considered relevant in the consideration of this application.

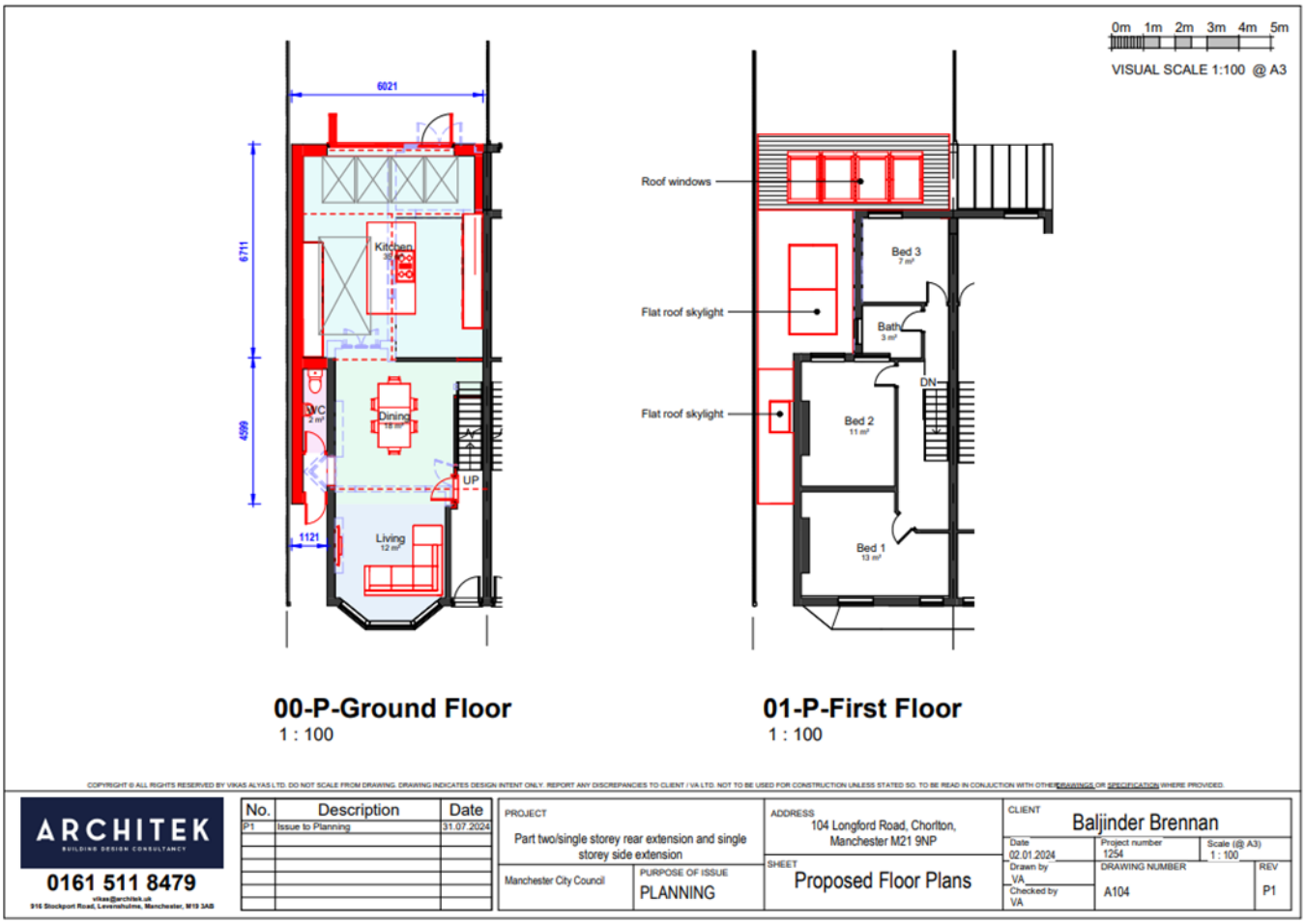
Unitary Development Plan (UDP) – The UDP has been superseded by the Core Strategy Development Plan, but certain policies are still considered of relevance:
- Policy DC1 – Residential Extensions

The Manchester Core Strategy – Development Plan Document 2012-2027 ("the Core Strategy")
was adopted by the City Council on the 11th of July 2012:
- Policy DM1 – Development Management
- Policy SP1 – Spatial Principles
- Policy EN19 – Waste

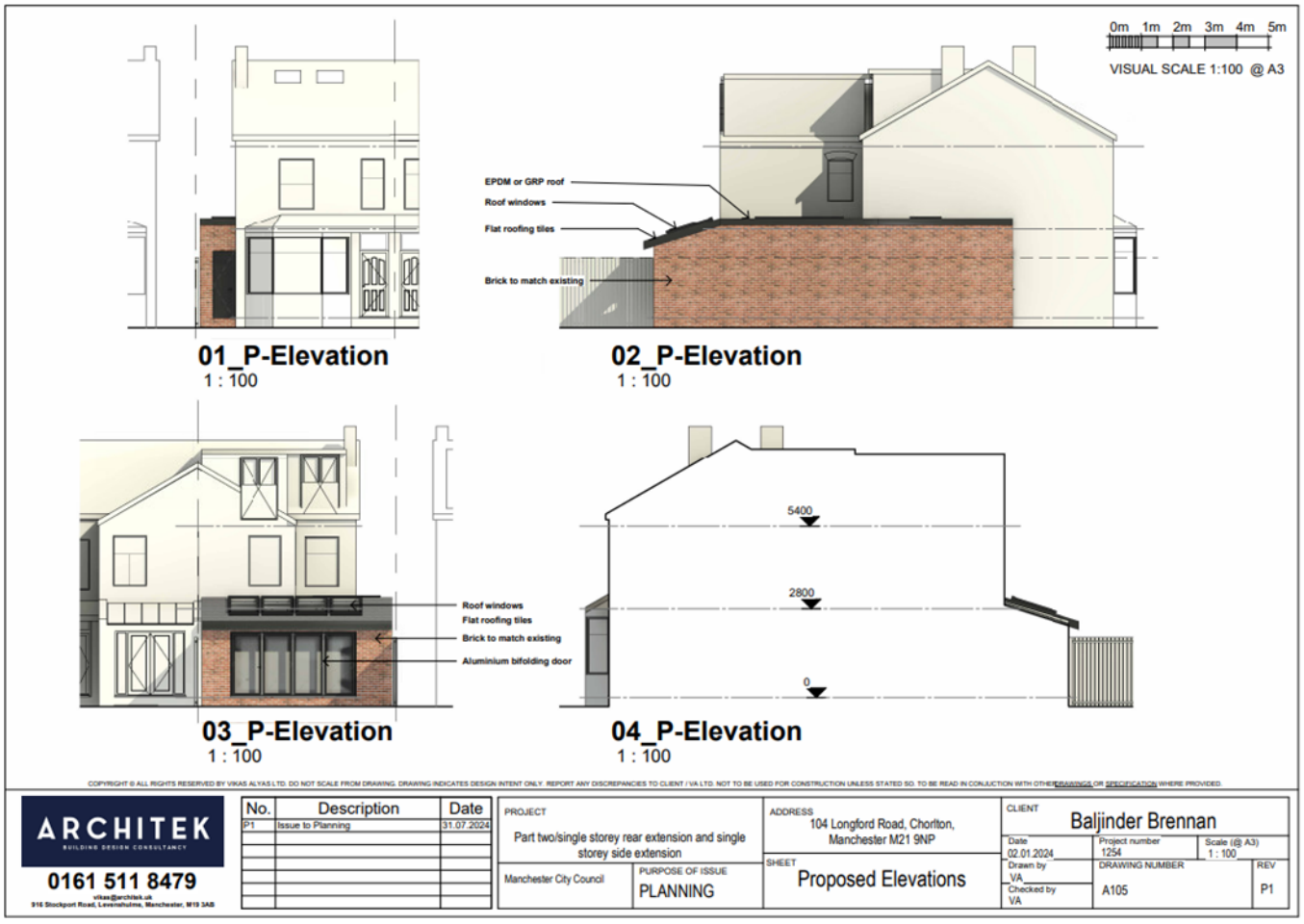
The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, 2021)
- Chapter 12 – Achieving Well-Designed Places

Places for Everyone - is a long-term plan of nine Greater Manchester districts for jobs, new homes, and sustainable growth. It has been published by the GMCA on behalf of the nine districts and took effect and became part of the statutory development plan on March 21, 2024.

- Policy JP-P1 – Sustainable Places



Submitted proposed plans



Submitted proposed elevations

Issues

Policies SP1 and DM1 of the Manchester Core Strategy seek to ensure that new development enhances or creates character, protects, and enhances the built environment; and that the design, scale, and appearance of the proposed development is appropriate to its context. Policies DC1.1, DC1.2, DC1.3 and DC1.4 of the Unitary Development Plan for the City of Manchester relate specifically to residential extensions and set out a number of criteria against which proposals for extensions will be assessed. Although these latter policies are now of some age, they are consistent with the guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework which seeks a high standard of design in new developments to ensure a good standard of amenity for all existing and future occupiers.

Principle – the principle of erecting a single storey side and rear extension to provide additional living accommodation for a family dwellinghouse is acceptable given that many individuals prefer to extend and alter their homes to meet changing household needs rather than move. However, consideration must be given to the proposal's siting, scale and massing, appearance and impact upon visual amenity, residential amenity, waste storage, and parking.

Siting, scale, and massing – the single storey extension would be sited at the side and rear of the property, adjoining the existing two-storey rear outrigger, wrapping around its northern and western elevations. It would project 2.061m rearwards from the host dwellinghouse, with a length/depth of 11.308m (setback 3.095m from the front of the property), sideward projection of 1.121m, width of 6.021m, mono pitch roof height of 3.475m and eaves height of 2.505m to the rear, and a flat roof height of 3.475m to the side. It would be sited along the boundary shared with No.102 Longford Road and a gap of 0.15m would be maintained to the boundary shared with No.106 Longford Road.

The overall siting, scale, and massing of the proposal is considered to be acceptable as the extension is understood as being subservient to the host dwellinghouse in terms of its dimensions, would avoid resulting in an ‘excessively large or bulky’ addition to the property, and would not cause undue harm to the residential amenity of neighbouring occupiers in terms of introducing an overbearing feature into the area. Sufficient private outdoor amenity space would also be retained to the rear.

The proposal therefore accords with policies DM1 and SP1 of the Core Strategy.

Appearance and visual amenity – the extension would be built of brickwork, roof tiles, windows, and doors to match the existing. It would feature 1no. window to the front, 1no. outward-opening door and a set of bi-folding doors to the rear and blank side elevations. Its rear-facing roof slope would feature 4no. skylights (projecting 0.087m), whilst its flat roof form would feature 2no. skylights (projecting 0.054m).

The proposal is relatively standard in terms of its design and scale for developments of this type and would be in-keeping with the existing precedent of residential extensions in this locale. Sited at the side and rear of the property, elements of the proposal would be visible within the street scene and public realm, however, its use of matching materials should provide a blended appearance with the host dwellinghouse, ensuring that the extension does not form a prominent visual feature. Hence, the overall character of the property and its surrounding area should not be significantly harmed by these works.

The design and appearance of the extension therefore accords with Core Strategy policies DM1 and SP1 as well as chapter 12 of the NPPF.

Residential amenity – given that the extension would be single storey with a maximum roof height of 3.475m, it is considered that it should not cause issues associated with overshadowing, loss of light, or loss of outlook, nor should it introduce an overbearing presence into the area. Moreover, its blank side elevations should ensure that the privacy of neighbouring occupiers is not infringed upon.

The proposal therefore accords with policies SP1 and DM1 of the Core Strategy.

Waste storage – external access to the rear of the property would be lost as a result of the proposal, however sufficient space would be retained along the side of the property to allow for refuse bins to be stored away from the street and public highway/footpath.

The proposal therefore accords with policies SP1 and DM1 of the Core Strategy.

Parking – the current parking arrangements would be unaffected by this proposal.

Other matters – no elevational alterations proposed.

Conclusion – given the above issues, it is considered that the proposal is acceptable in terms of its principle, standard of accommodation, siting, scale and massing, appearance, impact upon visual and residential amenity, waste storage and parking as it broadly complies with policy DC1 of the UDP, policies DM1 and SP1 of the Core Strategy and chapter 12 of the NPPF.

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 polices 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

Officers have worked with the applicant in a positive and proactive manner based on seeking solutions to problems arising in relation to dealing with the planning application. No significant problems have arisen during the consideration of this application and the application has been determined in a timely manner, in accordance with the policies with the Development Plan.

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 permission.

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

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

'Proposed Floor Plans', numbered 'A104 REV P1', stamped as received by the City Council as Local Planning Authority on the 7th August 2024.
'Proposed Elevations', numbered 'A105 REV P1', stamped as received by the City Council as Local Planning Authority on the 7th August 2024.

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

3) The materials to be used on the external surfaces of the single storey side and rear extension hereby permitted shall match those of the existing dwellinghouse in type, size, colour and texture.

Reason- To ensure 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 and policy DM1 of the Manchester Core Strategy.

4) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) Order 2015 (or any 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 plans.

Reason - In the interests of residential amenity pursuant to saved policy DC1 of the Unitary Development Plan for the City of Manchester and policies DM1 and SP1 of the Manchester Core Strategy.

Appendix 1 – List of consultees & neighbours notified

106 Longford Road, Manchester, M21 9NP
St Johns RC Primary School, Chepstow Road, Manchester, M21 9SN
93 Longford Road, Manchester, M21 9WW
97 Longford Road, Manchester, M21 9WW
102 Longford Road, Manchester, M21 9NP
95 Longford Road, Manchester, M21 9WW

Appendix 2 – Planning constraints

Article 4 Direction - Removal Of PD Rights Change Of Use From Class C3 To Class C4
Susceptible to Surf Water Flood (Less) -
Area Team Boundary - Name: SOUTH AREA