

Planning

Growth & Development

Delegated officer report for planning application

Application no. 139328/FH/2024
Date registered valid: 26 February 2024
Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation.
Address: 12 Wembley Grove, Manchester, M14 6EJ
Ward(s): Old Moat Ward

Applicant: Mr John McGonigle
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Recommendation: Approve
Date of recommendation: 16th April 2024



Application details

Type of application: Full Householder Application

Development type: Householder

Date of site visit: 18 March 2024

Standard consultations:

No consultations have been printed and sent.

Neighbour notifications

Printed: 26 February 2024 Expired: 18 March 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

The site relates to a two storey semi detached end property in the Old Moat ward area of Manchester. Bay windows and porch are to the front with attached garage to the side and single storey rear outrigger with square brick bay on the ground and first floor rear. The property features hardstanding to the front accommodating off road car parking and large garden to the rear. A brick outbuilding is located along the site boundary on the southern side of the site facing Wellington Road.



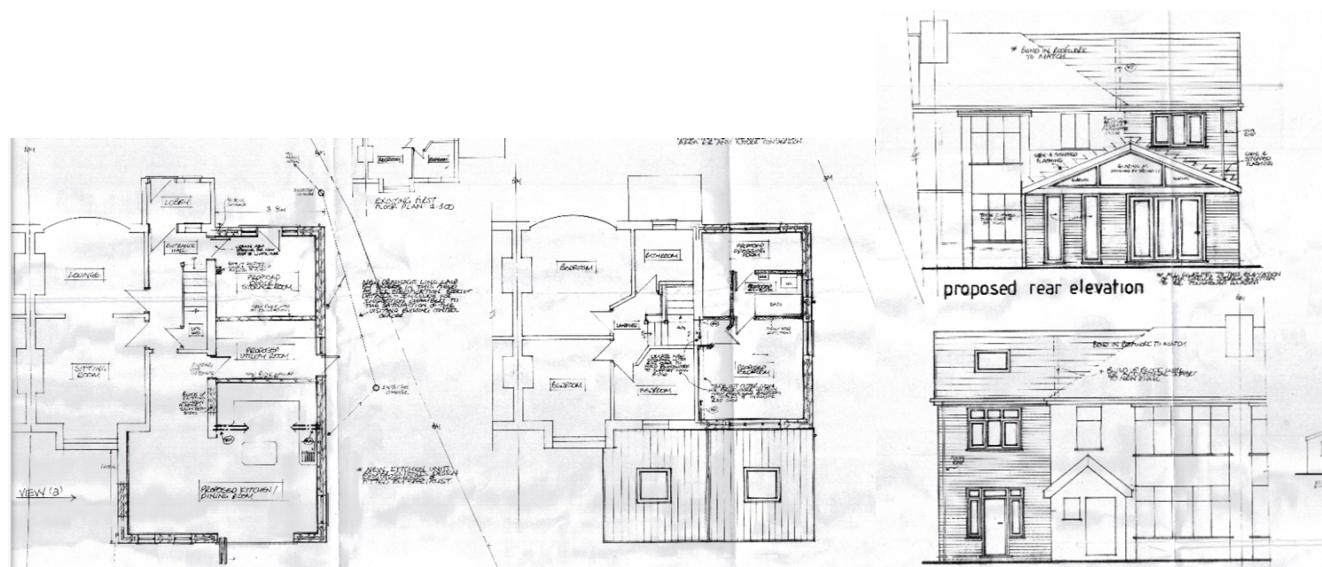
Listed building: Not applicable
Conservation area: Not applicable
Tree Preservation Order: Not applicable

Description of area

The area is predominantly residential in nature

Description of development

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



Consultations & Notification Responses

Local residents ; No comments have been received as a result of this proposal.

Policy and Issues

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

- o Unitary Development Plan (UDP) - The UDP has been superseded by the Core Strategy Development Plan.
- o Policy DC1 for Residential Extensions is still considered of relevance, in particular policy DC1.5 - The Council will consider on their merits exemptions to the above policies in the case of applications from disabled people who may require particular adaptations to their homes.
- o The Manchester Core Strategy Development Plan Document 2012-2027 ("the Core Strategy") was adopted by the City Council on 11th July 2012.
- o Policy DM 1 - Development Management
- o Policy SP1 - Spatial Principles
- o Policy EN1 - Design Principles
- o Policy EN 19 - Waste Management
- o The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Places for Everyone

The Places for Everyone Plan is a Joint Development Plan Document, providing a strategic plan and policies, for nine of the 10 boroughs which make up Greater Manchester. Once the Places for Everyone Plan is adopted it will form part of Manchester's development plan.

The Inspectors' Report on the examination of the Places for Everyone plan was published on 15 February 2024. The Inspectors' Report sets out and justifies their recommendations in relation to the plan, and they have concluded that all legal requirements have been met and that with the recommended main modifications set out in the appendix to their report, the Places for Everyone plan is 'sound'.

The nine constituent local authorities will now consider the Inspectors' Report and the adoption of Places for Everyone, with the plan going to the Full Council meeting in Manchester on 20 March 2024. The first Council meetings to approve the plan will be Salford and Wigan (28 February). There will be a period of six-week post adoption (i.e. from 21 March) when a judicial review challenge may be made. This will trigger a process of consideration by the Courts as to whether a JR is sufficient grounds to be heard (there is a one-step oral hearing appeal process if a Judge decides to reject the ground for a JR from the outset).

Given the stage the Plan has reached, the Plan and its policies is now a material planning consideration in the determination of planning applications. The Plan and its policies must therefore be given significant weight in the planning balance.

For reasons to be outlined below, it is considered the proposal accords with the principles of this policy document.

The City Council will consider on their merits exemptions to the above policies in the case of applications from disabled people who may require particular adaptations to their homes.

Principle

Policies SP1 and DM1 of the Manchester Core Strategy 2012 (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 1995 (UDP) 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 (NPPF) which seeks a high standard of design in new developments which provides a good standard of amenity of all existing and future occupiers.

The principle of allowing residents to extend their homes to provide enlarged or improved accommodation is generally acceptable provided that there is no overriding, undue impact upon either the character of the property or upon the residential and visual amenity of nearby residential occupiers.

In this instance the principle of the proposal is considered acceptable, and it is not believed that there are any factors of sufficient weight in amenity terms that would warrant refusal of the application.

On balance, the proposed extension is deemed to accord with saved policy DC1 of the UDP and policies DM1 and SP1 of the Manchester Core Strategy.

History

Previous planning applications relating to this site as follows:

125109/FH/2019 - Application Approved - 08.01.2020 - Erection of a detached garage

F11881 - Application Approved - 31.10.1979 - Kitchen extension rear of dwellinghouse.

Residential amenity

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

Ground Floor

The ground floor would be set back marginally from the front wall of the property extending off the side wall measuring 3.8 m width retaining gap to site boundary. The proposal would extend rearwards with a wrap around to a width across the rear measuring 7.3m approximately retaining a large gap to the shared boundary with no. 10 Wembley Grove. The roof would have a glazed gable with the inclusion of two roof lights.

Proposed is a door on the front elevation, door and window on the side elevation and bi folding doors with two elongated windows on the rear elevation. There would be no overlooking as there are no properties to the side elevation north of the site.

First Floor

The first floor would be set back from the front wall of the property marginally extending rearwards and ending in line with the rear wall of the property. The width would measure 3.8m in line with the ground floor. The roof would be slightly set down from the existing ridge height of the property and would have a gable roof with the inclusion of a roof light to the front.

Windows are proposed on the front, side and rear, however, given that there are no properties facing the side of the property, there would be no overlooking or loss of privacy by the addition of windows in this location.

Given the orientation of the property, it is not considered that the proposal would provide any undue harm caused by overshadowing or loss of light to the existing residential amenities for the occupiers of surrounding properties particularly no. 10 Wembley Grove as the property has an existing single storey rear projection.

There is no potential to create terracing as the property is situated on the end of the Grove and therefore is not a consideration in this case. The impression of subservience has also been provided by the reduction in ridge height of the extension to the original ridge height.

Overall, the footprint is not considered to create a bulky or disproportionate scale addition to the property. The extension would be visible from the public highway and therefore would feature within the street scene, however, the character of the area would be retained although some of the houses in the immediate vicinity are themselves altered and extended. Therefore, the appearance is acceptable and its impact upon visual amenity is considered negligible.

On balance, the extension is considered comparable in terms of size and its position to others found in the immediate area, therefore it is felt that the proposal can be acceptably accommodated at the application property.

Siting, scale and massing

The size and footprint of the proposed extension is comparable in size to many others found in the area and is not believed to provide an overbearing impact upon the residential amenities of surrounding properties. The appearance is acceptable and its impact upon visual amenity is considered negligible.

It is therefore considered that the scale and mass of the proposed extensions are satisfactory and are considered to accord with the principles for residential extensions set out in saved UDP policy DC1, DM1 and EN1 of the Core Strategy.

Design

The design of the proposal would be in keeping with the existing and surrounding properties in the area. In terms of the proposed materials, it is intended to use matching brick and tiles as specified in the application form. The design of the extension has been tailored to fit the shape of the existing property/plot and respect the relationship with the neighbouring property at the side and rear and is considered acceptable and detailed as what is normally expected of such a structure.

On balance it is considered that the design and appearance of the proposed development accords with Core Strategy Policies DM1 and EN1 and in general the design is considered acceptable.

Refuse Bins

The movement and storage of refuse bins would not be affected by this proposal as there is sufficient space along the side of the property. Therefore, the storage of refuse bins accords with policy EN19 of the Core Strategy.

Parking

Off street car parking would be retained to the site and therefore it is considered that the current car parking arrangements are not affected by this proposal.

Conclusion

Although the proposal would be visible from the public highway and therefore would be a feature within the street scene, the character of the area is still retained. The proposal has been sited and designed to ensure that it is subservient to the original dwelling house and the proposal is considered acceptable in this location, in terms of design, scale and massing, allowing the occupiers to adapt their home to meet their needs, without unduly detrimentally affecting the amenities of the occupiers of surrounding properties, or the character and appearance of the surrounding street scene, and there are no material considerations of sufficient weight to indicate otherwise.

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

Positive and proactive working - 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.

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:

Received on 15th February 2024 numbered 001 Revision B Proposed Floor Plans and Elevations

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 on the external surfaces of the extension hereby permitted shall match those of the existing building in type, size, colour and texture. For avoidance of doubt, the arrangement and finishes of all bricks to external elevations of the extension shall match the corresponding facing brick of the elevation of the original dwelling at ground and first floor.

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 policies DC1.1, DC1.2 and DC1.4 of the Unitary Development Plan for the City of Manchester and policy DM1 of the Manchester Core Strategy.

Appendix 1 – List of consultees & neighbours notified

13 Wembley Grove, Manchester, M14 6EJ

10 Wembley Grove, Manchester, M14 6EJ

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 Zone - All Exceeding 90M

Susceptible to Surf Water Flood (Less) -

Susceptible to Surf Water Flood (Less) -

Area Team Boundary - Name: SOUTH AREA