



MANCHESTER
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Planning

Growth & Development

Delegated officer report for planning application

Application no. 138470/FH/2023

Date registered valid: 14 November 2023

Proposal: Erection of garden fence at a maximum height of 2.3metres

Address: 48 Old Moat Lane, Manchester, M20 3FL

Ward(s): Old Moat Ward

Applicant: Mr Tony Robertson

Agent (if any):

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Recommendation: Approve

Date of recommendation: 13/12/2023

Application details

Type of application: Full Householder Application

Development type: Householder

Date of site visit: 16/11/2023

Standard consultations:

Printed: 14 November 2023

Expired: 5 December 2023

Neighbour notifications

Printed: 14 November 2023

Expired: 5 December 2023

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

Proposal relates to an end of terrace dwelling house on the corner of Old Moat Lane and St Brendan's Road North. The property has a one-story extension, a separate garage, and space for parking vehicles.

Listed building: Not applicable

Conservation area: Not applicable

Tree Preservation Order: Not applicable



Figure 1. Street Scene (proposal already built)



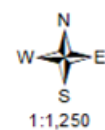
Figure 2. Street Scene (St Brendan Road North)

Description of area

The property is in a mostly residential area of Manchester's Old Moat Ward.



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Description of development

The applicant proposes the erection of garden fence at a maximum height of 2.3metres.

The proposed development is already in-situ.

Planning History

138429/THEDG/2023

Description: Hedgerow regulation application

Decision: Returned

ENF/15649/23

Description: Enforcement Enquiry - Unauthorised erection of fencing exceeding 1m in height

Decision: Pending Consideration

It is of note this application relates to the Enforcement notice under consideration.

Consultations & Notification Responses

Consultations

Manchester City Council Highways Services

Manchester City Council Highways Service were consulted on this application.

After further clarification on the development highways had no objection to the proposed development.

Notifications

Local Residents

As per Appendix 1, Occupiers of properties surrounding the application site were notified of the proposal.

No comments, objections, or representations in respect of this application was received.

Policies & Principle

Summary of relevant policy

Planning law requires that applications for planning permission be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.:

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

- [The Manchester Core Strategy Development Plan Document 2012-2027](#) ("the Core Strategy") was adopted by the City Council on 11th July 2012 and is the key document in the Manchester Local Plan. It sets the out the long-term strategic policies for Manchester's future development and forms the framework that planning applications are assessed against. The following Core Strategy Policies are considered relevant to this proposal:
 - DM 1 - Development Management
 - SP 1 - Spatial Principles
 - EN 1 - Design Principles and Strategic Character Areas
- [Places for Everyone Plan -](#) 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 National Planning Policy Framework \(The NPPF\)](#) - The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was first published on 27 March 2012 with the latest version published 05 September 2023. This sets out the government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. The following sections are considered relevant to this proposal:
 - Section 4 – Decision-making
 - Section 12 – Achieving well-designed places

Principle of development

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 development is deemed to accord with all relevant policy of the Manchester Core Strategy, Extant UDP and the NPPF as assessed in the following sections of this report.

The Manchester Core Strategy Development Plan (2012-2027)

The proposal has been assessed against the following policies of the Core Strategy:

DM 1 – Development Management

All new developments should follow the ‘Development Principles’ and accord with the design guidance set out in the Supplementary Planning Documents.

The proposal has been assessed against the following issues:

Appropriate siting, layout, scale, form, massing, materials, and detail

The applicant is seeking the Erection of garden fence at a maximum height of 2.3metres.

The garden fence sits above a rebuilt brick wall after the removal of a hedge causing damage to the old wall.

The proposal standard fencing material and is of a design in keeping with the area.

Overall, it is considered that the proposed development has appropriate siting, layout, scale, form, massing, materials, and detail and is therefore in accordance with the development management principle.

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.

The proposal is visible from the street scene however given the use of material and design, the effect on the character of the street is minimal.

Visual impacts in connection with the proposed development are not considered to have any significant impacts to the character of the area, and therefore the appearance is acceptable.

The proposal is considered acceptable and detailed as what is normally expected of such a structure.

Overall, it is considered that the proposed development has minimal impact on the surrounding areas in terms of the design, scale, and appearance and is therefore in accordance with the development management principle.

Effects on amenity, including privacy, light, noise, vibration, air quality, odours, litter, vermin, birds, road safety and traffic generation.

The proposal has minimal effect on privacy.

The proposal is expected to have a negligible effect on Air Quality.

The proposal in of itself has a negligible effect on local noise levels.

The fence replaces existing hedges to the boundary. The street scene features wide pavements to the highways. Given the large pavements and the cut off corner to the boundary wall the proposed development would have minimal impact on the visibility splay from St Bernards Road North especially given the road is a Cul-de-sac. Highways confirm they have no objection the proposed development. The proposal therefore has minimal effect on road safety.

On balance the proposal has minimal effect on privacy, local light, noise, vibration, air quality, odours, litter, vermin, and birds and is therefore in accordance this development management principle.

Accessibility: buildings and neighbourhoods fully accessible to disabled people, access to new development by sustainable transport modes.

The proposal does not alter the existing access to the premises or create an unnecessary barrier to access and egress.

The proposal is therefore in accordance with this development management principle.

Vehicular access and car parking

The proposal has no effect on the existing vehicle access and car parking at the property and is therefore in accordance with this development management principle.

Effects relating to biodiversity, landscape, archaeological or built heritage

No ground contamination, groundwater contamination and/or ground gas relevant to the site or ground stability issues have been identified.

On balance the proposal has minimal effect on local biodiversity, landscape, archaeological or built heritage and is therefore in accordance with this development management principle.

Green Infrastructure including open space, both public and private

The proposal has negligible impact on green infrastructure and balances development with existing green space.

The proposal is therefore in accordance with this development management principle.

Flood risk and drainage.

The site does not sit in a flood risk area and therefore no flood statement or assessment was required.

The proposal has a negligible impact on drainage using the existing drainage on site.

The proposal is therefore in accordance with this development management principle.

SP 1 - Spatial Principles

This policy outlines the guiding spatial principles and core development principles of Manchester City Council.

Most notably the core development principles highlight development should 'make a positive contribution to neighbourhoods of choice'.

This proposal is considered to accord with the principles of this policy.

EN 1 – Design Principles and Strategic Character Areas

This policy outlines key design principles for development in Manchester most notably that all development in Manchester will be expected to follow the seven principles of urban design.

This proposal sits within the 'Southern Character Area'.

This proposal is considered to accord with the principles of this policy.

Places for Everyone Plan

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.

To date, five consultations have taken place in relation on the Plan. The Examination of Plan, following its submission in February 2022, began in November 2022. Following the completion of the Examination of the Plan, main modifications have now been proposed which will now become the subject of further public consultation.

The City Council's Executive agreed the Main Modification on 4 October 2023 and endorsed an 8-week period of public consultation on the Main Modifications commencing no earlier than 9 October 2023.

Any representations will be forwarded to the Examination team managing the Plan. The Inspectors will consider all representations on the proposed Modifications before finalising the examination report.

Given the stage the Plan has reached, and level of public consultation and scrutiny it has received, 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.

This proposal is considered to accord with the aspirations of the Places for Everyone Plan.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The National Planning Policy Framework sets out the government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied.

The NPPF has been adhered to and considered at all stages of the application.

Section 4 - Decision-making

Section 4 of the NPPF outlines how local planning authorities should approach decisions on proposed development in a positive and creative way.

Section 4 of the NPPF has been adhered to and considered at all stages of the proposal.

Section 12 - Achieving well-designed places

Section 12 of the NPPF outlines the need to achieve well-designed places.

This proposal is considered to accord with the principles of these policies.

Other Material Considerations

Other material considerations & policy may be relevant to the proposal as follows:

- [Guide to Development in Manchester Supplementary Planning Document and Planning Guidance \(April 2007\)](#)
- [Manchester Residential Quality Guide \(July 2016\) \(MRQG\)](#)
- [Manchester, Salford, and Trafford Strategic Flood Risk Assessment](#)
- [Manchester City Council Highways Developer Design Guidance – Sustainable Drainage Systems](#)
- [Manchester City Council Planning and Noise Technical Guidance \(2022\)](#)
- [Air Quality & Planning Technical Guidance \(2022\)](#)
- [Planning and Contaminated Land Technical Guidance \(2021\)](#)
- [Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan Document \(GMJWDPD\)](#)
- [Waste Storage and Collection Guidance for New Developments \(2017\)](#)
- [Hot Food Takeaway Supplementary Planning Document \(2017\)](#)
- [Manchester City Council Houses in Multiple Occupation Guidance and Amenity Standards \(2020\)](#)
- [Manual for Streets \(2007\)](#)
- [National design guide & National Model Design Code \(2021\)](#)
- [Outdoor advertisements and signs: a guide for advertisers \(2007\)](#)

Relevant policy and guidance have been considered within policies of the Core Strategy and Extant UDP.

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.

Conclusion

The proposal is considered acceptable in this location, in terms of design, scale and massing, 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. For the above reasons, the proposal is unlikely to have any detrimental impact and therefore accords with the relevant Core Strategy, Extant UDP, NPPF policies and other material considerations.

Recommendation: Approve

Article 35 Declaration

Officers have collaborated with the applicant in a positive and proactive manner. 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. No significant problems have arisen during the consideration of this application.

Condition(s) to be attached to decision for approval

1. 3-year time limit

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. Specified plans

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

- a. Drawing - Location Plan 10 Nov 2023

Reason - To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved plans, pursuant to policies DM 1, SP 1 and EN 1 of the Core Strategy.

3. Specified materials

The materials to be used on the external surfaces hereby permitted shall match those as specified on the application form in type, size, colour, and texture.

Reason - To ensure the appearance of the development is not adversely affected by the materials to be used in the construction of the structure. Pursuant to policies DM 1, SP 1 and EN 1 of the Core Strategy.

Appendix 1 – List of consultees & neighbours notified

Highway Services

2 St Brendan's Road North, Manchester, M20 3FE

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Top Flat, 2 St Brendan's Road North, Manchester, M20 3FE

46 Old Moat Lane, Manchester, M20 3FL

53 Old Moat Lane, Manchester, M20 3EE

55 Old Moat Lane, Manchester, M20 3EJ

50 Old Moat Lane, Manchester, M20 3FL

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