

Planning

Growth & Development

Delegated officer report for planning application

Application no. 135940/FH/2023
Date registered valid: 11 January 2023
Proposal: Erection of single storey side and rear extension to form additional living accommodation
Address: 49 Saddlewood Avenue, Manchester, M19 1QW
Ward(s): Didsbury East Ward

Applicant: S Russell
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Recommendation: Approve
Date of recommendation: 6th March 2023



Application details

Type of application:	Full Householder Application
Development type:	Householder
Date of site visit:	28 February 2023
Standard consultations:	No consultations have been printed and sent.
Neighbour notifications	Printed: 19 January 2023 Expired: 9 February 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

The site relates to a two storey semi detached residential property in the Didsbury East ward area of Manchester. The property features boxed bay windows to the front with gable timber clad roof above. The remaining roof is hipped with a two storey side addition featuring a carport at ground floor. A single storey projection is to the rear.



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

Description of area

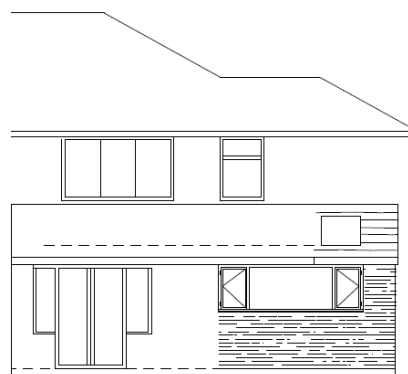
The area is predominantly residential in nature

Description of development

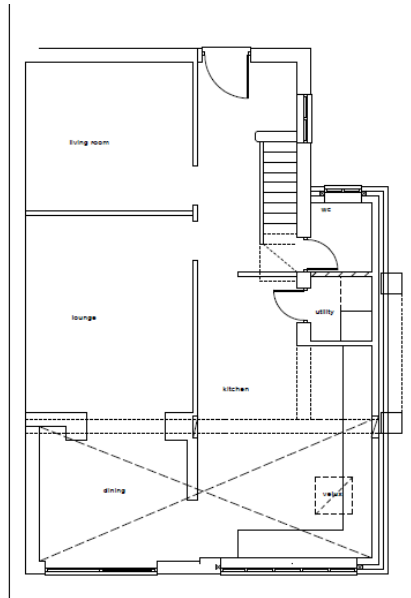
The applicant is seeking planning permission for the erection of a single storey side and rear extension to form additional living accommodation.



Front



Rear



Consultations & Notification Responses

Local residents - as per Appendix 1 - Occupiers of properties surrounding the application site were notified of the proposal. There have been no comments in respect 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- o Unitary Development Plan (UDP) - The UDP has been superseded by the Core Strategy Development Plan.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 EN19 Waste
- o The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

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

Principle

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:

Planning reference number: 095981/FH/2011/S2 – Erection of 2-storey side extension incorporating carport. This application was approved on 10th May 2011.

Residential amenity

The applicant is seeking planning permission for the erection of a single storey side and rear extension. The property benefits from a carport with extension over and the applicant is proposing to infill the ground floor by setting back the proposal from the front wall of the principle elevation and extending towards the side boundary and retaining a gap along the side. The proposal would extend rearwards and adjoin an existing single storey rear projection providing a flush rear projection across the back wall.

Windows are proposed on the front and rear; no windows are proposed along the side. The roof would be mono pitch sloping to the front and rear with the inclusion of a roof light on the rear.

Given the retained gap to the shared boundary with no. 47 Saddlewood Avenue together with the fact that the proposal is single storey, it is not considered that the addition of a single storey side and rear extension would provide any undue harm caused by overshadowing or loss of light to the existing residential amenities for the occupiers.

In terms of residential amenity, it is not considered that there will be any significant impact and the proposed development therefore accords with Core Strategy Policy DM1 and saved policy DC1 of the UDP.

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 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.

Disabled access

Not applicable

Refuse Bins

Although access along the side would be removed, there is still suitable space at the side of the property for the storage of bins and therefore the storage of refuse bins accords with policy EN19 of the Core Strategy.

Parking

Off street car parking would be unaffected by the proposal and would be retained on the front driveway.

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. The application has been determined in a timely manner and in accordance with the policies within 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 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 11th January 2023 Proposed Elevations

Received on 11th January 2023 Proposed Floor Plans

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 hereby permitted shall match those as specified on the application form and drawings 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 structure, pursuant to policy DM1 of the Manchester Core Strategy.

Appendix 1 – List of consultees & neighbours notified

52 Saddlewood Avenue, Manchester, M19 1QN
47 Saddlewood Avenue, Manchester, M19 1QW
51 Saddlewood Avenue, Manchester, M19 1QW
50 Saddlewood Avenue, Manchester, M19 1QN

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 (Middle) -
Area Team Boundary - Name: SOUTH AREA