

Planning

Growth & Development

Delegated officer report for planning application

Application no. 134871/FH/2022

Date registered valid: 5 September 2022

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation

Address: 14 Tunstead Avenue, Manchester, M20 1JY

Ward(s): Didsbury West Ward

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Recommendation: APPROVE

Date of recommendation: 27.10.2022

Application details

Type of application: Full Householder Application

Development type: Householder

Date of site visit: 27 September 2022

Standard consultations:

No consultations have been printed and sent.

Neighbour notifications

Printed: 9 September 2022

Expired: 30 September 2022

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

Listed building: Not applicable

Conservation area:

Tree Preservation Order:

Description of Site/Area

The application property relates to a terraced property of eight houses and is situated within an established residential area which is predominantly characterised by family dwelling houses, many with original boundary treatments, such as the red-brick boundary walls.

The area benefits from being a short distance to West Didsbury District Centre, which contains a variety of retail services and amenities, together with a number of local schools and green spaces, and within walking distance to the Withington tram stop.

Description of development

The application is seeking planning permission for the erection of a single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation. The proposed rear extension accommodates an extended kitchen and living room including one rear elevation window and rear elevation door. The proposed extension incorporates a flat roof with approx. dimensions of Height 3.1m x Width 5.2m x Depth 2.4m. The extension would run alongside the shared boundary with no.16 Tunstead Avenue and retain a gap of 0.15metres from the shared boundary with no. 12 Tunstead Avenue.

Consultations & Notification Responses

Local residents were notified however none responded.

Policy

The following policies are considered relevant to provide guidance and consideration to this application:

- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
- Saved policy DC1 of the UDP
- DM1, SP1, EN19 of the Manchester Core Strategy

The National Planning Policy Framework sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these should be applied. It provides a framework within which locally-prepared plans for housing and other development can be produced. The following specific policies are considered to be particularly relevant to the proposed development:

Chapter 8: Promoting health and safe communities

91. Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which: promote social inclusion, are safe and accessible and enable and support healthy lifestyles.

Chapter 12: Achieving well-designed places

124: The creation of high quality buildings and places is fundamental to what the planning and development process should achieve. Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, creates better places in which to live and work and helps make development acceptable to communities.

Unitary Development Plan Saved Policies

A number of UDP policies have remained until replaced by further development plan documents to accompany the Core Strategy. The following remaining policies are considered relevant to this application:

DC1.2 states that extensions to residential properties will be allowed subject to compliance with other relevant policies of the Plan and the following criteria:

- a. They are not excessively large or bulky (for example resulting in structures which are not subservient to original houses or project out too far in front of original buildings);
- b. They do not create undue loss of sunlight, daylight or privacy;
- c. They are not out of character with the style of development in the area or the surrounding scene by virtue of design, use of materials or construction details.

DC1.3 Notwithstanding the generality of the above policies, the council will not normally approve:

- a) rearward extensions greater than 3.65m (12ft) in length
- b) 2 storey extensions with a flat roof, particularly those which would be visible from the public highway
- c) 2 storey extensions to terraced properties which occupy the full width of the house
- d) flat roofed extensions to bungalows

Core Strategy

Manchester's Core Strategy was adopted on 11th July 2012 and is the Key Development Plan Document in the Local Development Framework. It states that all new developments should

follow the 'Development Principles' and accord with the design guidance set out in the Supplementary Planning Documents.

Policy SP 1 - Specifies the Core Development Principles for parts of the City. In this case the relevant principles relate to the extent to which the development:

- Makes a positive contribution to neighbourhoods of choice including the creation of well-designed places that enhance or create character; making a positive contribution to the health, safety and well-being of residents,
- Minimise emissions, ensure efficient use of natural resources and reuse previously developed land wherever possible;

Policy DM 1 Development Management- All development should have regard to the following specific issues for which more detailed guidance may be given within a supplementary planning document:

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

Issues

Principle

The proposed development is a single storey rear extension to a residential dwelling, this is considered acceptable as many people prefer to extend their home rather than move in order to meet the changing residential needs of families. However, consideration must be given to the proposal's appearance, impact on the visual amenity of the area and impact on the neighbouring's properties' residential amenity.

Residential and Visual Amenity

It is not considered that the proposed single storey rear extension would give rise to any significant residential or visual amenity to the neighbouring properties. As stated above the rear extension would have approx. dimensions of Height 3.1m x Width 5.2m x Depth 2.4m. The extension would run alongside the shared boundary with no.16 Tunstead Avenue and retain a gap of 0.15metres from the shared boundary with no. 12 Tunstead Avenue. It should be noted that both adjoining properties (no. 12 Tunstead Avenue's application ref. 125987/FO/2020) have single storey rear extensions that project the same or further than what is proposed on the application site, therefore it is not considered that the extension would create an overbearing feature along the boundary. Additionally, given the orientation of the application site it is considered that marginal overshadowing would occur to the adjoining properties however as a consequence of the neighbours' extensions it is not considered that the overshadowing implications would have an adverse harmful impact on the properties.

The proposed fenestration elements are in keeping with the existing fenestration in the property in terms of visual amenity and appear to be acceptable in character of the property. The new fenestration elements are situated along the rear elevation overlooking the rear garden. Therefore, it is considered that the proposal is acceptable in design terms and would not have any adverse impact on the character of the property or surrounding area, and would maintain existing privacy levels of neighbouring properties.

The proposal will have an acceptable impact on visual amenity. It is designed to be subservient to the main dwelling and is of a relatively modest scale which does not amount to an overdevelopment when seen in the local context.

The extension will not be visible from the front elevation or local street scene and is designed to form a seamless relationship with the original. This will be achieved by completing the development in the proposed matching brick which is conditioned to match on any approval of the scheme.

Design and Appearance

It is not considered that the proposed development would unduly harm the character of the building or the general area. The roof profile constitutes a contemporary flat roof design and the extension's footprint is not considered to create a bulky or disproportionate scale addition to the property. The materials of the extension will match the existing, with the roof materials consisting of EDPM rubber membrane which is common choice of materials for a flat roof development seen in the local vicinity. Although it is recommended a materials condition is attached to ensure that the materials are adhered to, pursuant with the requirements of Core Strategy DM1, EN1 and SP1 and saved UDP Policy DC1.

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

Officers have worked with the agent/applicant in a positive and proactive manner based on seeking solutions to problems arising in relation to dealing with the planning applicant. 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 date of three years beginning with 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:

Drawing- The Location Plan

Drawing- Site Plan ref. 01

Drawing- Elevations ref. 03

All stamped as received by the City Council, as Local Planning Authority on 05 September 2022.

Email from agent regarding the roof materials received by the City Council, as Local Planning Authority on 27 October 2022.

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 be implemented in accordance with the approved details set out in the documents and drawings as specified in Condition 2 of this approval.

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.

- 4) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act (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 extension hereby approved other than those shown on the approved drawings:

Drawing- Elevations ref. 03

All stamped as received by the City Council, as Local Planning Authority on 05 September 2022.

Reason- In the interest of residential amenity pursuant to policy SP1 and DM1 of the Manchester Core Strategy.

Appendix 1 – List of consultees & neighbours notified

11 Bradwell Avenue, Manchester, M20 1JX
13 Tunstead Avenue, Manchester, M20 1JY
10 Tunstead Avenue, Manchester, M20 1JY
16 Tunstead Avenue, Manchester, M20 1JY
15 Tunstead Avenue, Manchester, M20 1JY
12 Tunstead Avenue, Manchester, M20 1JY
15 Bradwell Avenue, Manchester, M20 1JX
13 Bradwell Avenue, Manchester, M20 1JX

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
Area Team Boundary - Name: SOUTH AREA