

Planning

Growth & Development

Delegated officer report for planning application

Application no.	133833/FH/2022
Date registered valid:	23 May 2022
Proposal:	Erection of a single storey rear extension and associated terracing, following demolition of existing conservatory and elevational alterations to existing garage
Address:	6 Oaker Avenue, Manchester, M20 2XH
Ward(s):	Didsbury West Ward
Applicant:	Drs Jean and Stephen Wells 6 Oaker Avenue, Manchester, M20 2XH
Agent (if any):	Jonathan Hart Jonathan Hart ARB 29 Pine Road, Didsbury , Manchester, M20 6UZ
Case officer:	David Lawless Tel: 0161 234 4543 Email: david.lawless@manchester.gov.uk
Recommendation:	Approve
Date of recommendation:	8 July 2022

Application details

Type of application: Full Householder Application

Development type: Householder

Date of site visit: 24 June 2022

Standard consultations:

No consultations have been printed and sent.

Neighbour notifications

Printed: 26 May 2022 Expired: 16 June 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

Description of site/building/area

6 Oaker Avenue is a large white rendered detached dwellinghouse sat in maturely landscaped gardens. The neighbourhood is predominantly residential in nature.

Listed building: no
Conservation area: no
Tree Preservation Order: no

Description of development

The applicant is seeking retrospective permission for the erection of a single storey rear extension, to form an orangery and enlarged kitchen, along with a terrace and access ramp. The existing conservatory was demolished to facilitate the proposal.



The elevational alterations to the garage consisted of removing the wooden cladding and installing replacement bricks and tiles where necessary.

Consultations & Notification Responses

Local Residents – No comments received.

West Didsbury Residents Association – No objection to the proposal.

Policies

Core Strategy Development Plan Document – The Core Strategy Development Plan Document 2012 -2027 ("the Core Strategy") was adopted by the City Council on 11th July 2012. It is the key document in Manchester's Local Development Framework. The Core Strategy replaces significant elements of the Unitary Development Plan (UDP) as the document that sets out the long term strategic planning policies for Manchester's future development.

A number of UDP policies have been saved until replaced by further development plan documents to accompany the Core Strategy. Planning applications in Manchester must be decided in accordance with the Core Strategy, saved UDP policies and other Local Development Documents. Relevant policies in the Core Strategy are detailed below:

Policy SP1, *Spatial Principles* – Development in all parts of the City should make a positive contribution to neighbourhoods of choice including creating well designed places that enhance or create character and protect and enhance the built and natural environment.

Policy DM1, Development Management – This policy states that all development should have regard to a number of specific issues, the most relevant of which in this instance are:

- 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.
- Effects on amenity, including privacy, light, noise, vibration, air quality, odours, litter, vermin, birds, road safety and traffic generation. This could also include proposals which would be sensitive to existing environmental conditions, such as noise.
- Accessibility: buildings and neighbourhoods fully accessible to disabled people, access to new development by sustainable transport modes.
- Community safety and crime prevention.
- Adequacy of internal accommodation and external amenity space.
- Refuse storage and collection.
- Vehicular access and car parking.
- Effects relating to biodiversity and landscape.
- Green Infrastructure including open space, both public and private.
- Flood risk and drainage.

Saved UDP Policy DC1, Residential Extensions – Policy DC1.1 states that in determining planning applications for extensions to residential properties, the Council will have regard to:

- the general character of the property;
- the effect upon the amenity of neighbouring occupiers;
- the desirability of enabling people to adapt their houses in appropriate ways to meet changing household needs;
- the overall appearance of the proposal in the street-scene;
- the effect of the loss of any on-site carparking.

Issues

Principle of the Proposal – The principle of the proposal is considered acceptable, notwithstanding this, the potential impact upon existing levels of residential and visual amenity must be assessed.

Design – The single storey extension is constructed from brick with large elements of glazing. Despite not being rendered like the main building it is considered that the extension complements the original dwelling. The access ramp, required as the applicant has Parkinson's disease, is also constructed from matching brick. Overall the design of the proposal is considered acceptable.

Residential Amenity – Given the design and siting of the proposal it is not considered that the proposal would lead to a loss of privacy or excessive levels of overshadowing. As such it is not considered that it would lead to an undue reduction in the current levels of residential amenity enjoyed by neighbouring residents.

Visual Amenity – Given the design and siting of the extension it is not considered that the proposal would have an unduly detrimental impact upon the levels of visual amenity enjoyed within the vicinity of the property.

Pedestrian and Highway Safety – The proposal will not have a detrimental impact upon the levels of pedestrian and highway safety enjoyed within the vicinity of the site.

Car Parking – Sufficient off-street car parking would remain for the occupants of the property.

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 applicant in a positive and proactive manner to resolve any matters arising in relation to dealing with the planning 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 drawings stamped as received on 23 May 2022.

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

Appendix 1 – List of consultees & neighbours notified

West Didsbury Residents Association
15 Ashwood Avenue, Manchester, M20 2YB
13 Ashwood Avenue, Manchester, M20 2YB
11 Ashwood Avenue, Manchester, M20 2YB
8 Oaker Avenue, Manchester, M20 2XH
6 Oaker Place, Oaker Avenue, Manchester, M20 2XS
9 Ashwood Avenue, Manchester, M20 2YB

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