OFFICER REPORT

Case No: 25/00284/HHFUL Householder (Full)

Proposal: Double storey side extension

Location: 28 Hillside Walk Yaxley Peterborough

Applicant: Andrew Braybrook

Grid Ref: 519194 292770

DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND APPLICATION

The application site at 28 Hillside Walk is occupied by a two-storey semi-detached dwellinghouse located in a residential area within Yaxley. The site is in Flood Zone 1 of the Environment Agency's Flood Map for Planning and there are no constraints relative to the site.

This application seeks permission for the erection of a double storey side extension.

Officers have scrutinised the plans and have familiarised themselves with the site and surrounding area.

NATIONAL GUIDANCE

The National Planning Policy Framework (December 2024) (NPPF 2024) sets out the three objectives - economic, social and environmental - of the planning system to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. The NPPF 2024 at paragraph 10 provides as follows: 'So that sustainable development is pursued in a positive way, at the heart of the Framework is a presumption in favour of sustainable development (paragraph 11).'

The NPPF 2024 sets out the Government's planning policies for (amongst other things):

* delivering a sufficient supply of homes;
* building a strong, competitive economy;
* achieving well-designed, beautiful and safe places;
* conserving and enhancing the natural, built and historic environment.

Planning Practice Guidance and the National Design Guide 2021 are also relevant and material considerations.

For full details visit the government website: https://www.gov.uk

PLANNING POLICIES

Huntingdonshire's Local Plan to 2036 (Adopted 15th May 2019)

LP11: Design Context
LP12: Design Implementation
LP14: Amenity

Huntingdonshire Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (2017):

* Place Making Principles parts 3.7 Building Form and 3.8 Building Detailing

Huntingdonshire Landscape and Townscape Supplementary Planning Document (2022)

Local policies are viewable at https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

8501387FUL - Extension to dwelling, 28 Hillside Walk, Yaxley (Permission)

CONSULTATIONS

Yaxley Parish Council - Support the application.

REPRESENTATIONS

None received at the time of determination.

SUMMARY OF ISSUES

The main issues to consider in the determination of this application are:

- Design and Visual Amenity
- Residential Amenity

*Design and Visual Amenity

The application site at 28 Hillside Walk is a two-storey semi-detached dwellinghouse located within a residential area in Yaxley. The application seeks permission for the erection of a two-storey extension to the side of the dwelling. When considering the proposed extension to the form of the existing dwelling, the extension is minor in scale and complements the built form of the street scene. The proposal measures approximately 2.1 metres in width and 3.1 metres in length, with a pitched roof with a maximum ridge height set down lower than that of the host dwelling at approximately 6.2 metres, and eaves set at the same height at 5.1 metres. The proposed extension therefore acts subservient to the host dwelling, maintaining the hierarchy of the built form, and is successfully integrated within the application site by the proposed use of materials to match existing. As such, the proposal is considered acceptable with regards to design and does not detract from the character of the street.

Overall, taking the above factors into consideration the proposed development is considered to be acceptable with regard to design and visual amenity and would not have a significantly detrimental impact upon the character or appearance of the area. It therefore accords with Policies LP11 and LP12 of Huntingdonshire's Local Plan to 2036 in this regard.

*Residential Amenity

Given the scale and location of the development proposed, alongside having regard to the adjacent properties in particular No 30 to the south, it is not considered that there would be any unacceptable material impacts in terms of overbearing or loss of light, nor would there be any issues relating to overlooking or loss of privacy.

Overall, taking these factors into account the development is considered acceptable in terms of overshadowing, overbearing impact, overlooking, loss of privacy, loss of light and would not have a significant impact upon residential amenity and therefore accords with Policy LP14 of HDC's Local Plan to 2036 in this regard.

*Conclusion

The proposed development is considered to be compliant with the relevant national and local policy as it:

* Is of an appropriate scale and design
* Would not have a harmful impact upon the character and appearance of the area;
* Would not have a significantly detrimental impact upon the amenity of neighbours.

Taking national and local planning policies into account, and having regard for all relevant material considerations, it is recommended that planning permission be granted, subject to the imposition of appropriate conditions.

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