

APPLICATION NO: 23/02830/FUL **CASE OFFICER:** Andrew Hunt

WARD: Halewood South **PARISH:** Halewood
Town Council

LOCATION: 108 Higher Road, Halewood, Knowsley, L26 1TH

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION

Site Description

The application site is a semi-detached house in a residential area at Higher Road, The site is bounded by residential properties to the north, west, and east with a school playing field to the south.

Proposal

The proposal is for the erection of a single storey rear extension.

Consultations

N/A

Representations

This application has been publicised by letters sent to 7 neighbours. No objections have been received.

Planning History

Applications have been approved for the rection of a garage (74/10144/HIST – approved 30/04/1987) and for demolition of existing rear extension and erection of new rear extension (22/00079/FUL – approved 15/03/2023).

Relevant Policy

Paragraph 11 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that planning decisions should apply a presumption in favour of sustainable development. This means approving development proposals that accord with an up-to-date development plan without delay; or where the development plan is absent, silent or out of date planning permission should be granted unless the application of policies in the NPPF that protect areas or assets of particular importance provides a clear reason for refusing the development proposed; or any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the NPPF taken as a whole.

Paragraph 12 of the NPPF clarifies that the presumption in favour of sustainable development does not change the statutory status of the development plan as the starting point for decision making. Where a planning application conflicts with an up-to-date development plan, permission should not normally be granted. Local planning authorities may take decisions that depart from an up-to-date development plan, but only if material considerations in a particular case indicate that the plan should not be followed.

The development plan in Knowsley comprises the Saved Policies of the Replacement Unitary Development Plan, the Core Strategy Local Plan and the Joint Waste Local Plan. The following policies are relevant to the determination of this application.

KNOWSLEY LOCAL PLAN: CORE STRATEGY

CS2 - Development Principles

CS19 - Design Quality and Accessibility in New Development

SAVED POLICIES - KNOWSLEY REPLACEMENT UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (ADOPTED JUNE 2006)

H8 - Extensions and Alterations to Residential Properties

Article 35 Statement

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received and subsequently determining to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

Assessment

Character of Area

The extension would not be visible from the street scene and would not be a disproportionate addition. The use of a flat roof is considered acceptable due to its location at the rear. Therefore, there would be no harm to the character of the area.

Neighbour Amenity

In relation to 106 there is an existing extension along the boundary with 106 that extends further than the proposed extension. Therefore, there would be no additional impact from the proposed extension.

In relation to 110, they have an existing extension which extends slightly further at the rear than the proposed extension. Therefore, there would be no harm to amenity.

Overall, it is considered that there would not be significant harm to amenity.

Conclusion

The proposal would be acceptable in relation to Street scene and Neighbour amenity. The application complies with local planning policies and is recommended for approval.

Recommendation

That planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions.

- 1) The development must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this permission.

Reason: In order to comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

- 2) The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and documents :-

- a. Location Plan – (received 11/12/2023).
- b. Existing and Proposed Site Plan - 060-02-02-002 (received 11/12/2023).
- c. Proposed Ground Floor Plan - 060-02-03-002 (received 11/12/2023).
- d. Proposed East Elevation - 060-02-04-002 (received 11/12/2023).
- e. Proposed Rear Elevation - 060-02-04-007 (received 11/12/2023).
- f. Proposed West Elevation - 060-02-04-008 (received 11/12/2023).

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt.

- 3) The materials to be used on the external surfaces of the extension hereby permitted shall match those of the existing building in type, size, colour and texture.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and to comply with Policy CS19 of the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy, adopted January 2016 and saved Policies H5 and H8 of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan, adopted in June 2006.

Signed Case Officer¹:

Andrew Hunt

**Signed Authorising
Officer²:**

K Foster

Date:

5 February 2024

Informatives

N/A

1 I confirm that I do not have a personal relationship with the applicant, agent or other interested parties; I also confirm that I do not have a financial interest in the site or the development proposed

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