

Knowsley Council
Regeneration and Economic Development Directorate.
Delegated Planning Report

APPLICATION NO: 24/00089/FUL

CASE OFFICER: Andrew Hunt

WARD: Prescot North

PARISH: Knowsley
Parish Council

LOCATION: 25 Middlehey Avenue, Knowsley, Knowsley, L34 0HY

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF PORCH FOLLOWING DEMOLITION OF PORCH

Site Description

The application site is a detached house in a residential area at Middlehey Road, The site is bounded by residential properties to the north, west, and east with a school playing field to the south. The dwelling has an existing front porch of white UPVC similar in appearance and materials to a rear conservatory.

Proposal

The proposal is for the erection of a porch following demolition of existing porch.

Consultations

N/A

Representations

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

Planning History

A single storey rear extension was approved (03/00502/FUL – approved 4/7/2003).

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that accord with an up-to-date development plan without delay; or where the development plan is absent, silent or out of date planning permission should be granted unless the application of policies in the NPPF that protect areas or assets of particular importance provides a clear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 front porch extension would only extend 1.88 metres forward of the main dwelling. This is only marginally more than the 1.75 metre projection of the existing conservatory. The new porch is also slightly wider than the existing. The design of the new front porch is considered to be more in keeping with the surrounding area with materials to match the main dwelling. As a result, the new porch is considered to improve the street scene. Therefore, there would be no harm to the character of the area.

Neighbour Amenity

Due to the small scale of the porch extension no other dwellings would be affected. Overall, it is considered that there would not be 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. Proposed Plans and Elevations – Rev A - (received 22/02/2024).
 - b. Site Location Plan - Rev A - (received 22/02/2024).

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: **26 March 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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