

Regeneration and Economic Development Department

APPLICATION NO: 21/00418/FUL
Sean Crawford

APPLICANT: Mrs Laura Crawford And Mr.

WARD AFFECTED: Prescott North

DEVELOPMENT: CONVERSION OF GARAGE TO FORM HABITABLE ROOM

LOCATION OF SITE: 18 Tybalt Way, Prescott, Knowsley, L34 1AU,

KNOWSLEY LOCAL PLAN ALLOCATION –

South Prescott Action Area - Action Areas

TPO - Areas, Groups, Woods - TPO - Areas, Groups, Woods: 20/00002/TPOREQ

RELEVANT POLICIES

Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy (2016):

CS2 - Development Principles

CS19 - Design Quality and Accessibility in New Development

Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan (2006):

H5 - Development within Primarily Residential Areas

H8 - Extensions and Alterations to Residential Properties

TECHNICAL CONSULTATIONS:

Prescot Town Council - No Comments Received

NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATION:

This application has been publicised by letters sent to 4 neighbours. It has also been advertised by Site Notice. No representations have been received.

ARTICLE 35

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.

ISSUES AND ASSESSMENT:

PROPOSAL

The application is for the conversion of a garage to form a habitable room (study) to the detached property at 18 Tybalt Way in Prescott. The proposal would involve bricking up the existing garage entrance and installing a window in the front elevation.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

None.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

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The site is identified as land for primarily residential development and a domestic conversion would therefore be acceptable in principle, subject to compliance with local planning policy and guidance. The application complies with policies CS2 and CS19 of the Local Plan Core Strategy (2016) and saved policies H5 and H8 of the UDP (2006), together with the Householder Development SPD (2016).

These policies and guidance require that new development demonstrates a high standard of design, which does not adversely affect the character of the property or street scene; maintains a good standard of amenity for all existing and future occupants; avoiding overlooking and overshadowing, as well as an unacceptable overbearing impact; and that adequate parking and garden space would remain for use by residents of the extended property.

DESIGN

The proposal would be faced in materials to match the existing property and the new window proposed on the front elevation of the property would match existing windows. The development would be in keeping with the scale and appearance of the property and would not be detrimental to the character of the street scene. It is therefore acceptable with regards to design.

RESIDENTIAL AMENITY

Given the minor nature of the proposed development and its proximity to surrounding neighbouring properties, it would not adversely affect the amenity of nearby residents.

HIGHWAYS

The Householder Development SPD states that 4+ bed properties should provide a maximum of three in-curtilage car parking spaces. Whilst the proposal would result in the loss of a parking space, the front driveway can accommodate two spaces. As the Council's parking standards are maximum standards, two parking spaces is considered sufficient.

OTHER ISSUES

None.

CONCLUSION

The proposal would be acceptable in terms of design, residential amenity and highways. The proposal also complies with the relevant Core Strategy, Replacement UDP policies and guidance in the NPPF and is therefore recommended for approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

That planning permission will be granted subject to the following condition(s):-

- 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 approved plans and documents listed in Schedule 1.

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 Saved Policy H8 of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan, adopted in June 2006, Policy

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27/04/2021	LS 401	-	EXISTING AND PROPOSED FLOOR PLANS AND ELEVATIONS. LOCATION PLAN

Informatives

- 1 The proposed development lies within an area that has been defined by the Coal Authority as containing potential hazards arising from former coal mining activity at the surface or shallow depth. These hazards can include: mine entries (shafts and adits); shallow coal workings; geological features (fissures and break lines); mine gas and former surface mining sites. Although such hazards are seldom readily visible, they can often be present and problems can occur in the future, particularly as a result of new development taking place.

It is recommended that information outlining how former mining activities may affect the proposed development, along with any mitigation measures required (for example the need for gas protection measures within the foundations), is submitted alongside any subsequent application for Building Regulations approval (if relevant).

Any form of development over or within the influencing distance of a mine entry can be dangerous and raises significant land stability and public safety risks. As a general precautionary principle, the Coal Authority considers that the building over or within the influencing distance of a mine entry should be avoided. In exceptional circumstance where this is unavoidable, expert advice must be sought to ensure that a suitable engineering design which takes into account all the relevant safety and environmental risk factors, including mine gas and mine-water. Your attention is drawn to the Coal Authority Policy in relation to new development and mine entries available at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-on-or-within-the-influencing-distance-of-mine-entries

Any intrusive activities which disturb or enter any coal seams, coal mine workings or coal mine entries (shafts and adits) requires a Coal Authority Permit. Such activities could include site investigation boreholes, excavations for foundations, piling activities, other ground works and any subsequent treatment of coal mine workings and coal mine entries for ground stability purposes. Failure to obtain a Coal Authority Permit for such activities is trespass, with the potential for court action.

If any coal mining features are unexpectedly encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Coal Authority on 0345 762 6848. Further information is available on the Coal Authority website at: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority

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