

Regeneration and Economic Development Department

APPLICATION NO: 21/00381/FUL

APPLICANT: Mr Matthew Emblem

WARD AFFECTED: Prescott North

DEVELOPMENT: ERECTION OF A TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION

LOCATION OF SITE: 2 Green Road, Prescott, L34 3LU

KNOWSLEY LOCAL PLAN ALLOCATION –

Primary Residential Development - Primary Residential Development

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 8 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 erection of a two storey side extension to the semi-detached property at 2 Green Road in Prescott. The proposal would provide a new study, utility room and a fourth bedroom. The proposed extension would sit in line with the principal elevation of the property and would extend approximately 2.8m at the side. The extension would measure 7.0m in length and would also have a pitched roof measuring 5.0m in height to the eaves, with a maximum height of 7.3m.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

None.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

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The site is identified as land for primarily residential development and a domestic extension 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 proposed extension would be faced in materials to match the existing property and would be in keeping with the scale and appearance of the property. Given the location of the property at the end of the street, the development would not result in any terracing effect. The proposal would not be detrimental to the character of the street scene and is therefore acceptable with regards to design.

RESIDENTIAL AMENITY

Given the position and proximity of the proposed extension to surrounding neighbouring properties, it would not significantly affect the visual amenity of nearby residents and is acceptable.

HIGHWAYS

The proposal would increase the number of bedrooms at the property from three to four and the Householder Development SPD states that 4+ bed properties should provide a maximum of three in-curtilage car parking spaces.

Currently, the property does not benefit from in-curtilage parking and cars are parked on-street. It appears relatively common practice for cars in the area to park on-street and given that there appears to be sufficient space to do so, the existing parking arrangement at the property is considered acceptable.

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.

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- 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 CS19 of the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy, adopted January 2016, and the National Planning Policy Framework.

SCHEDULE 1

Date Received	Ref. No	Version	Drawing/Document Title
09/06/2021	20/04/02	-	PROPOSED GROUND FLOOR PLAN AND PROPOSED FRONT ELEVATION
03/05/2021	03/04/02	-	PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR PLAN AND REAR ELEVATION
03/05/2021	04/04/02	-	PROPOSED SIDE ELEVATION AND SECTION
03/05/2021	01/04/02	-	LOCATION PLAN AND EXISTING PLANS AND ELEVATIONS

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

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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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