

DELEGATED REPORT / CASE OFFICER'S ASSESSMENT

Ref No: ST/0967/21/HFUL
Proposal: Retrospective: erect pole/mast and ariel for radio hobby use. Height: 20 foot. Material: steel pole
Location: 109 Galsworthy Road
South Shields
NE34 9HN

Site Visit Made: 17/11/2021

Relevant policies/SPDs

- 1 DM1 - Management of Development (A and B)
- 2 SPD9 - Householder Developments

Description of the site and of the proposals

The application property is a mid-terraced dwelling located on the northern side of Galsworthy Road. The neighbours to the west and east are end-terraced dwellings (nos.107 and 111 Galsworthy Road) and attached to the application property. To the north beyond the rear gardens of these properties lies an area of grassed open space and properties at Chesterton Road. To the south lies the highway with Bryden Court Nursing Home beyond this.

The proposal seeks permission to retain a 20 foot high (6.1 metre) pole / mast and aerial for radio hobby use, located to the rear boundary of the garden at the application site. The pole and mast are constructed of steel and are connecting with a wire to the rear elevation of the property.

Publicity / Consultations (Expiry date 26/11/2021)

1) Neighbour responses

107 Galsworthy Road, South Shields – This pole was erected before planning permission. Also, it needs to be checked for safety reasons as it runs along the properties either side. Also it was erected by a family member of the applicant.

2) Other Consultee responses

None

Assessment

In assessing this application, due regard has been had to the requirement of Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. The main issues relevant to the determination of this application are the:

- Design of the proposal and its impact on visual amenity;
- Impact on residential amenity

Design / visual amenity

Policy DM1 (A) requires extensions and alterations to an existing dwellinghouse to convey sensitive consideration to its surroundings; and where possible enhance its local setting and reinforce local identity, having particular regard to scale and proportions, alignment, form, use of materials and architectural detailing. There is no specific advice within SPD9 relating to this type of proposal.

Given the nature of the proposal, the proposal is visible from several rear gardens of properties within the vicinity of the site. The pole is slimline and from certain angles is viewed in the context of several mature trees within close proximity. There are no other structures of similar height or form within the vicinity of the site. However given the slimline design, colour and position of the proposal, it is considered to convey sensitive consideration to its surroundings having regard to its scale, proportion and use of materials and is acceptable in terms of its design and also local visual amenity. In this respect the proposal would accord with LDF Policy DM1 (A).

Impact on residential amenity

Due to the narrow nature of the proposal, it is not considered any amenity concerns would arise as a result of the proposal. Given the above, the proposal would be acceptable in relation to the consideration of the residential amenities of the surrounding neighbours and would be in accordance with LDF Policy DM1 (B).

Other matters

A neighbour has commented noting concerns regarding the construction of the proposal. This is not a matter that can be considered in the planning assessment of the proposal. Any concerns regarding a potentially dangerous structure should be directed towards the Council's Building Control Team for consideration.

A neighbour has commented noting the proposal is retrospective. It is noted the proposal is in situ and the application has been assessed in the usual manner accounting for the Council's policies and guidance.

An informative is also suggested with regards to a consent that may be required from OFCOM.

Recommendation

Grant Permission Householder No Conditions

Informatives

1 In dealing with this application the Council has implemented the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework to seek to approve applications for sustainable development where possible.

2 NOTE TO APPLICANT

The grant of planning permission does not constitute any approval or licence to be broadcast. Such consent should be sought from the relevant authority. Further details can be found at the following link:
<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/manage-your-licence/radiocommunication-licences/amateur-radio>.

List of approved plans for standard note

Plan Reference

Plan Rec 20/10/2021

Photos Rec 26/08/2021

Case officer: Nick Graham

Signed: N. Graham

Date: 10/12/2021

Authorised Signatory:

Date:

«END»