South Tyneside Council

Reference:	ST/0434/24/HFUL
Location:	41 West Avenue South Shields Tyne and Wear NE34 6BQ
Ward:	Harton
Description:	Construct single storey side extension with 2no rooflights
Recommendation:	Grant Permission Householder with Conditions
Case Officer:	Daniel Martin
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Summary of Consultation Responses

No responses received

Summary of Representations

No responses received

Relevant planning policy

Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that an application for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the adopted development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The statutory development plan comprises the Council's adopted Local Development Framework (LDF) development plan documents. Those LDF documents of relevance to this application comprise of the Core Strategy 2007 and a Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (DPD) 2011.

The following policies of the South Tyneside Local Development Framework are relevant to this planning application:

- LDF Policy DM1- Management of Development (A, B, G)
- LDS Core Strategy Policy EA3- Biodiversity and Geodiversity

Additionally, the following policies and guidance from the South Tyneside Supplementary Planning Documents and Draft Local Plan are relevant to this planning application:

- Supplementary Planning Document 9 (Householder Development)
- LP Policy SP1 - Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development
- LP Policy 1 - Promoting healthy communities
- LP Policy 47 - Design Principles

National planning policy is also a material consideration in determining this planning application. Relevant national policy comprises the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG), the National Design Guide and the National Model Design Code.

Assessment

A Regulation 19 version of the South Tyneside Local Plan was recently subject to consultation from 15/01/2024 to 03/03/2024 and this marked the second of two statutory consultation periods in the plan-marking process. While the draft Local Plan is now at a more advanced stage of preparation, with the Regulation 19 consultation completed, the extent to which there are unresolved objections to particular policies is currently being assessed and therefore only very limited weight can be afforded to policies in the emerging local plan at the current time having regard to paragraph 48 of the NPPF. As such, any relevant emerging local plan policies that were listed earlier in this report are not appraised in detail in the assessment set out below.

LDF Policy DM1 seeks to preserve the visual amenity of the area (limb A) and the residential amenity of neighbouring properties (limb B), whilst Supplementary Planning Document 9 provides guidance for householder developments. Having regard to the design, scale, massing and relationship with neighbouring properties of the proposed development, it is considered that it would not give rise to significant harm to the visual amenity of the area or the residential amenity of any neighbouring properties.

Conclusion

In conclusion, and having regard for all of the above, it is considered that the proposal would have an acceptable impact upon the residential and visual amenity of the area. It is considered that the proposal complies with all relevant local and national planning policy and the application is therefore recommended for approval.

Recommendation

Grant Permission Householder with Conditions

Conditions

1 The development to which this permission relates must be commenced not later than 3 years from the date of this permission.

As required by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and to ensure that the development is carried out within a reasonable time.

2 The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plan(s) as detailed below:

Existing and Proposed Elevations and Plans (Drawing No. 0790/4406/880)- received 12/07/2024
Proposed Floor Plans and Elevations (Drawing No. 1)- received 12/07/2024
Proposed Roof and Site Plan- received 12/07/2024

Any minor material changes to the approved plans will require a formal planning application under S73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to vary this condition and substitute alternative plans.

In order to provide a procedure to seek approval of proposed minor material change which is not substantially different from that which has been approved.

3 The external surfaces of the development hereby permitted shall be of similar appearance to those used in the construction of the exterior of the existing building on which the extension will form part.

To ensure a satisfactory standard of development and in the interests of visual amenity in accordance with South Tyneside LDF Development Management Policy DM1.

Informatives

1 Approval of a Biodiversity Gain Plan NOT REQUIRED before development commences

The effect of paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 is that planning permission granted for the development of land in England is deemed to have been granted subject to the condition "(the biodiversity gain condition") that development may not begin unless:

(a) a Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority, and
(b) the planning authority has approved the plan.

However, based on the information available, this permission is considered to be one which will not require the approval of a biodiversity gain plan before development is begun because one or more of the statutory exemptions or transitional arrangements are considered to apply - please refer to Biodiversity net gain: exempt developments - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

2 The proposed development lies within a coal mining area which may contain unrecorded coal mining related hazards. If any coal mining feature is encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Coal Authority on 0345 762 6848.

Further information is also available on the Coal Authority website at:
www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority

3 All British bats are protected by both UK and European legislation. This legal protection extends to any place that a bat uses for shelter or protection whether bats are present or not. Should bats or signs of bats (such as droppings or dead bats) be discovered at any stage during the works, work must stop immediately and advice sought from Natural England. Failure to do this may result in an offence being committed, regardless of planning consent, and could lead to prosecution.

Case officer: Daniel Martin

Signed: D.Martin

Date: 28/08/2024

Authorised Signatory: G.Horsman

Date: 30/08/2024