



South Tyneside Council

Reference:	250652
Location:	3 Ferndale Avenue East Boldon NE36 0TQ
Ward:	Cleadon and East Boldon
Description:	Single storey rear and side elevation extension.
Recommendation:	Grant Permission Householder with Conditions
Case Officer:	Casey Scott
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Summary of Consultation Responses

No consultees required.

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, a Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (DPD) 2011, and Site Specific Allocations Development Plan Document DPD 2012.

The following policies and guidance are also relevant to this planning application:

- LDF CS ST1 - Spatial Strategy for South Tyneside
- LDF Policy DM1 - Management of Development
- Core Strategy: EA3 - Biodiversity and Geodiversity
- Supplementary Planning Document 9 (Householder Development)

On 4 March 2025, the Council was directed by the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government to submit the South Tyneside Local Plan for examination by 12 March 2025 in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The Plan has now been submitted

and is at the examination stage. Paragraph 49 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2024) states that local planning authorities may give weight to relevant policies in emerging plans according to:

1. the stage of preparation of the emerging plan (the more advanced its preparation, the greater the weight that may be given);
2. the extent to which there are unresolved objections to relevant policies (the less significant the unresolved objections, the greater the weight that may be given); and,
3. the degree of consistency of the relevant policies in the emerging plan to this Framework (the closer the policies in the emerging plan to the policies in the Framework, the greater the weight that may be given).

Whilst the draft Local Plan is now at a more advanced stage of preparation, the weight that can be given to individual Policies in the Plan varies dependent upon the extent and nature of objections to those Policies. In this regard, it is considered that certain Policies can only be afforded very limited or limited weight whilst others can be afforded significant weight in assessing this planning application. Relevant Policies are as listed below (with text provided after each Policy regarding the weight that officers consider can be afforded to that Policy):

- Policy SP1: Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development (limited)
- Policy 1: Promoting Healthy Communities (limited)
- Policy 47 Design Principles (very limited)

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

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.

The application proposes to construct a single storey rear extension, which will adjoin an extension garage on the side of the building. The extension would project approximately 4.2m from the rear wall of the property and measure 7.4m in width. The height of the extension would be 2.3m to the eaves and 3.1m to the ridge of the pitched roof. The materials proposed for the extension are for brick and roof tiles to match the existing, with bifold doors to the rear of the extension.

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. Given the location of the proposed extension within the rear garden, the development would not be highly visible within the immediate area. A small section of the extension would be visible from the front of the dwelling, where the proposed extension would adjoin the garage, and would therefore be set back from the public highway and not visually prominent.

The application is a householder application for an extension. In terms of biodiversity net gain, the development would fall under the de minimus exemption of the biodiversity net gain requirements (exemptions) Regulation 2024 as it would relate to a householder application.

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:

Drg no 2507-01-01 Superstructure – received 20.10.2025

Drg no 2507-01-02 Substructure Plan – received 20.10.2025

Drg no 2507-01-03 Proposed Site Sections – received 20.10.2025

Drg no 2507-01-04 Existing and Proposed Floor Plans – received 20.10.2025

Drg no 2507-01-05 Existing and Proposed Block Plan – received 20.10.2025

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 shall be those as stated within the application form, received 20.10.2025.

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 Mining Remediation Authority on 0345 762 6846 or if a hazard is encountered on site call the emergency line 0800 288 4242.

Further information is also available on the Mining Remediation Authority website at: Mining Remediation Authority - GOV.UK

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Date: 16.12.2025

Authorised Signatory: Helen Lynch

Date: 17/12/2025