

LOCATION: 5 Thornton Way, London, NW11 6RY
REFERENCE: F/01403/14
WARD(S): Garden Suburb

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Final Revisions:

APPLICANT: Mr Caplan
PROPOSAL: Single storey side extension following the demolition of existing extension. Two-storey rear bay extension. Changes to windows and doors to south, west and north elevation. Conversion of garage into habitable room. Creation of a basement level and changes of hard/soft landscape and fenestration.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Subject to Conditions

- 1 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

Site Location Plan; S01; S02; S03; S05; AP01R/BF Rev F; AP01R/GF Rev F; AP04 Rev E

Reason:

For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning and so as to ensure that the development is carried out fully in accordance with the plans as assessed in accordance with policies DM01 of the Adopted Barnet Development Management Policies DPD (2012) and CS NPPF and CS1 of the Adopted Barnet Core Strategy DPD (2012).

- 2 This development must be begun within three years from the date of this permission.

Reason:

To comply with Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, 2004.

- 3 The materials to be used in the external surfaces of the building(s) shall match those used in the existing building(s).

Reason:

To safeguard the visual amenities of the building and surrounding area in accordance with policies DM01 of the Adopted Barnet Development Management Policies DPD (2012), CS NPPF and CS1 of the Adopted Barnet Core Strategy DPD (2012).

- 4 The hereby approved windows shall match the original windows in material and style.

Reason:

To protect the character of the house and the Hampstead Garden Suburb Conservation Area in accordance with policy DM06 of the Adopted Barnet Development Management Policies DPD (2012).

- 5 No construction work resulting from the planning permission shall be carried out on the premises at any time on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays, before 8.00 am or after 1.00 pm on Saturdays, or before 8.00 am or after 6.00pm on other days.

Reason:

To ensure that the proposed development does not prejudice the amenities of occupiers of adjoining residential properties in accordance with policy DM04 of the Adopted Barnet Development Management Policies DPD (2012).

- 6 No development shall take place until details of a construction management plan have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

Reason:

To safeguard residential amenity in accordance with policy DM17 of the Adopted Barnet Development Management Policies DPD (2012).

- 7 The level of noise emitted from any plant hereby approved shall be at least 5dB(A) below the background level, as measured from any point 1 metre outside the window of any room of a neighbouring residential property.

If the noise emitted has a distinguishable, discrete continuous note (whine, hiss, screech, hum) and/or distinct impulse (bangs, clicks, clatters, thumps), then it shall be at least 10dB(A) below the background level, as measured from any point 1 metre outside the window of any room of a neighbouring residential property.

Reason:

To ensure that the proposed development does not prejudice the amenities of occupiers of neighbouring properties in accordance with policies DM04 of the Adopted Barnet Development Management Policies DPD (2012) and 7.15 of the London Plan 2011.

- 8 Before the building hereby permitted is occupied the proposed window(s) in the side elevations shall be glazed with obscure glass only and shall be permanently retained as such thereafter and shall be permanently fixed shut with only a fanlight opening.

Reason:

To safeguard the privacy and amenities of occupiers of adjoining residential properties in accordance with policy DM01 of the Adopted Barnet Development Management Policies DPD (2012).

INFORMATIVE(S):

- 1 i) In accordance with paragraphs 186 and 187 of the NPPF, the Council takes a positive and proactive approach to development proposals, focused on solutions. The Local Planning Authority has produced planning policies and written guidance to guide applicants when submitting applications. These are all available on the Council's website. A pre-application advice service is also offered. The Local Planning Authority has negotiated with the applicant / agent where necessary during the application process to ensure that the proposed development is in accordance with the Council's relevant policies and guidance.

1. MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

National Planning Policy Framework

The determination of planning applications is made mindful of Central Government advice and the Local Plan for the area. It is recognised that Local Planning Authorities must determine applications in accordance with the statutory Development Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise, and that the

planning system does not exist to protect the private interests of one person against another.

The 'National Planning Policy Framework' (NPPF) was published on 27 March 2012. This is a key part of the Government's reforms to make the planning system less complex and more accessible, and to promote sustainable growth.

The London Plan is recognised in the NPPF as part of the development plan.

The NPPF states that "good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, is indivisible from good planning, and should contribute positively to making places better for people."

NPPF retains presumption in favour of sustainable development. This applies unless any adverse impacts of a development would "significantly and demonstrably" outweigh the benefits.

The Mayor's London Plan July 2011:

The London Development Plan is the overall strategic plan for London, and it sets out a fully integrated economic, environmental, transport and social framework for the development of the capital to 2031. It forms part of the development plan for Greater London.

The London Plan provides a unified framework for strategies that are designed to ensure that all Londoners benefit from sustainable improvements to their quality of life.

Relevant Local Plan (2012) Policies:

Barnet's Local Plan is made up of a suite of documents including the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Development Plan Documents (DPD). Both DPDs were adopted on 11th September 2012

Relevant Core Strategy DPD (2012): Policies CS NPPF, CS1, CS5.

Relevant Development Management DPD (2012): Policies DM01, DM02, DM06

Supplementary Planning Documents and Guidance

The Council has adopted the following two supporting planning documents to implement the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies DPDs. These are now material considerations.

- The Residential Design Guidance SPD (2013) and
- Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (2013)

The Council Guide 'Hampstead Garden Suburb Conservation Area Design Guidance' as part of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Character Appraisals was approved by the Planning and Environment Committee (The Local Planning Authority) in October 2010. This leaflet in the form of a supplementary planning guidance (SPG) sets out information for applicants on repairs, alterations and

extensions to properties and works to trees and gardens. It has been produced jointly by the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust and Barnet Council. This leaflet was the subject of separate public consultation.

Relevant Planning History:

Site history for current landparcel :
26750 - 5 Thornton Way, London, NW11 6RY
Case Reference: F/01403/14

Application:	Planning	Number:	F/00752/09
Validated:	09/03/2009	Type:	APF
Status:	DEC	Date:	21/04/2009
Summary:	APC	Case Officer:	Fabien Gaudin
Description:	Rebuilding of slab to existing balcony to east side of quadrangle; existing balcony to be re-used.		

Consultations and Views Expressed:

Neighbours Consulted:	2	Replies:	0
Neighbours Wishing To Speak	0		

This application has been referred to committee at the request of Councillor Marshall in order to discuss the basement.

Internal / other consultations:

HGS CAAC - Object: Wrong description on file

Date of Site Notice: 3rd April 2014

2. PLANNING APPRAISAL

Site Description and Surroundings:

The application site is located on the western side of Thornton Drive, within Area 4 of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Conservation Area.

The existing building on site is a locally listed, detached, two-storey residential dwelling with rooms in the roofspace.

The adopted Conservation Area Character Appraisal notes;

"The small part of Thornton Way included in this area contains an interesting symmetrical group by I.F.C. Bell in 1927, Nos. 3-7 (odd). This group has gabled façades with arrow slit decoration and tile hanging between shallow, angled bays, two storeys high. Tiles laid edge-on frame the arches of the corner entrance porches, and wall edges. Unusually, No. 5 is designed to look like a semi-detached pair, the left-hand arch contains entrance porch and the right is slightly larger to accommodate the garage, both of which are roughcast. No. 9 is an attractive Arts and Crafts house designed by Badcock circa 1927, with an extremely steep roof and quirkily positioned windows. It has a rural flavour with leaded lights, an asymmetric design, tall, ridged chimney and original front and garage doors."

Proposal:

This application seeks consent for the following works;

- Erection of a two-storey rear bay extension.
- Single storey side extension following demolition of the existing.
- Conversion of garage into habitable room
- Creation of basement
- Alterations to landscaping
- Alterations to fenestration

Planning Considerations:

The main issue in this case is whether or not the alterations would be visually obtrusive forms of development which would detract from the character and appearance of the street scene and this part of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Conservation Area and have an adverse and visually obtrusive impact upon the amenity of the occupiers of the neighbouring property.

The supplementary planning guidance for the Suburb is the Hampstead Garden Suburb Design Guidance which has been the subject of public consultation and Local Planning Authority approval. The guidance says:

Hampstead Garden Suburb is one of the best examples of town planning and domestic architecture on a large neighbourhood or community scale which Britain has produced in the last century. The value of the Suburb has been recognised by its inclusion in the Greater London Development Plan, and subsequently in the Unitary Development Plan, as an "Area of Special Character of Metropolitan Importance". The Secretary of State for the Environment endorsed the importance of the Suburb by approving an Article 4 Direction covering the whole area. The Borough of Barnet designated the Suburb as a Conservation Area in 1968 and continues to bring forward measures which seek to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the Conservation Area.

The ethos of the original founder was maintained in that the whole area was designed as a complete composition. The Garden City concept was in this matter continued and the architects endeavoured to fulfil the criteria of using the best of architectural design and materials of that time. This point is emphasised by the various style of building, both houses and flats, in this part of the Suburb which is a 'who's who' of the best architects of the period and consequently, a history of domestic architecture of the period of 1900 – 1939.

The choice of individual design elements was carefully made, reflecting the architectural period of the particular building. Each property was designed as a complete composition and design elements, such as windows, were selected appropriate to the property. The Hampstead Garden Suburb, throughout, has continuity in design of doors and windows with strong linking features, giving the development an architectural form and harmony. It is considered that a disruption of this harmony would be clearly detrimental to the special character and appearance of the Conservation Area. The front of the properties being considered of equal

importance as the rear elevation, by the original architects, forms an integral part of the whole concept.

Council's policies and guidelines in respect of alterations to residential properties seek to ensure that they respect the scale, character and design of any building on which they are to be placed and are compatible with the character of the locality. Alterations will not be permitted if they do not have regard to the amenities enjoyed by neighbours.

Policy DM01 of the Development Management Policies (Adopted) 2012 states that all development should represent high quality design and should be designed to allow for adequate daylight, sunlight, privacy and outlook for adjoining occupiers.

Policy DM02 states that where appropriate, development will be expected to demonstrate compliance to minimum amenity standards and make a positive contribution to the borough. The development standards set out in Policy DM02 are regarded as key for Barnet to deliver the highest standards of urban design.

Policy DM06 of the Development Management Policies (Adopted) 2012 states that development proposals must preserve or enhance the character and appearance of 16 Conservation Areas in Barnet.

The proposed extensions to the rear of the site as amended are considered to be acceptable. Originally two additional gables which projected above ridge level and covered most of the rear elevation were proposed. This was considered to be overbearing giving the appearance of a three storey rear extension. As amended only an additional two-storey bay window to match the existing is proposed on the other side of the existing central gable. This is considered to be a more appropriate addition to the host property, presenting no harm to its character and appearance which ensures the amenities of neighbouring occupiers is preserved.

The demolition and rebuild of the side extension is considered to be acceptable. As amended, the proposed width and height of the replacement match the existing.

There is no objection to the conversion of garage into habitable room as the external appearance will remain as a garage but with a more appropriately designed garage door, as the existing garage door is of poor design failing to enhance the significance of the host property. The amended garage door is considered to be a more appropriate and better designed addition to the site.

At the front entrance to the property, it is proposed to alter the current entrance arrangement to show a window in place of the existing front door and the door relocated to side. There is no objection to this and it matches what is found on the adjacent neighbouring property at 5 Thornton Way so will not appear out of character in the streetscene. Other fenestration alterations include the addition of new windows and ground and first floor on the side elevations.

There is no objection to the creation of basement accommodation, which is proposed to be sited under the footprint of the existing dwelling house. In addition, there are two small visible external manifestations of the basement, in the form of slot walk-on lightwells on the rear terrace, in line with the stipulations of the adopted Design Guidance, 2010. It is not harm that the addition of these two lightwells will give rise to

any loss of amenities to neighbouring occupiers.

These proposed alterations, as amended are considered to ensure that this proposal would not detrimentally impact on the qualities of the building and protect the character of this part of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Conservation Area. As conditioned, they would preserve the amenities of the occupiers of the neighbouring properties and the character and appearance of the individual property, street scene, conservation area and area of special character.

3. COMMENTS ON GROUNDS OF OBJECTIONS

The comments made by the CAAC are noted. Since the meeting was held the scheme has been amended and the correct description added to the file.

4. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

The proposals do not conflict with either Barnet Council's Equalities Policy or the commitments set in our Equality Scheme and supports the council in meeting its statutory equality responsibilities.

5. CONCLUSION

Having taken all material considerations into account, the proposals would not detrimentally impact on the qualities of the locally listed building and protect the character of this part of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Conservation Area. The proposed alterations are such that, as conditioned, it preserves the amenities of the occupiers of the neighbouring properties and the character and appearance of the individual property, street scene, conservation area, and area of special character.

APPROVAL is recommended

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