

DELEGATED DECISION OFFICER REPORT

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Application: 18/01615/HHPNOT **Town / Parish:** Harwich Town Council

Applicant: Clive Long

Address: 4 Douglas Road Dovercourt Harwich

Development: Single storey rear extension 4.2m in depth and 3m in height.

1. Town / Parish Council

Harwich Town Council Harwich Town Council noted this application.

2. Consultation Responses

Not Applicable

3. Planning History

03/00588/FUL 2 storey side extension Approved 22.05.2003

18/01615/HHPNO Single storey rear extension 4.2m Current
T in depth and 3m in height.

4. Relevant Policies / Government Guidance

Not applicable

Status of the Local Plan

The 'development plan' for Tendring is the 2007 'adopted' Local Plan. Paragraph 213 of the NPPF (2018) allows local planning authorities to give due weight to adopted albeit outdated policies according to their degree of consistency with the policies in the NPPF. Paragraph 48 of the NPPF also allows weight to be given to policies in emerging plans according to their stage of preparation, the extent to which there are unresolved objections to relevant policies and the degree of consistency with national policy. As of 16th June 2017, the emerging Local Plan for Tendring is the Tendring District Local Plan 2013-2033 and Beyond Publication Draft.

Section 1 of the Local Plan (which sets out the strategy for growth across North Essex including Tendring, Colchester and Braintree) was examined in January and May 2018 and the Inspector's initial findings were published in June 2018. They raise concerns, very specifically, about the three 'Garden Communities' proposed in north Essex along the A120 designed to deliver longer-term sustainable growth in the latter half of the plan period and beyond 2033. Further work is required to address the Inspector's concerns and the North Essex Authorities are considering how best to proceed.

With more work required to demonstrate the soundness of the Local Plan, its policies cannot yet carry the full weight of adopted policy, however they can carry some weight in the determination of planning applications. The examination of Section 2 of the Local Plan will progress once matters in relation to Section 1 have been resolved. Where emerging policies are particularly relevant to a planning application and can be given some weight in line with the principles set out in paragraph 48 of the NPPF, they will be considered and, where appropriate, referred to in decision notices. In general terms however, more weight will be given to policies in the NPPF and the adopted Local Plan.

In relation to housing supply:

The NPPF requires Councils to boost significantly the supply of housing to meet objectively assessed future housing needs in full. In any one year, Councils must be able to identify five years' worth of deliverable housing land against their projected housing requirements (plus an appropriate buffer to ensure choice and competition in the market for land, account for any fluctuations in the market or to improve the prospect of achieving the planned supply). If this is not possible, or housing delivery over the previous three years has been substantially below (less than 75%) the housing requirement, paragraph 11 d) of the NPPF requires applications for housing development needing to be assessed on their merits, whether sites are allocated for development in the Local Plan or not. At the time of this decision, the Council is able to demonstrate a robust five year supply of deliverable housing sites (as confirmed in recent appeal decisions) and housing delivered over the previous three years has been comfortably above 75% of the requirement. There is consequently no need for the Council to consider an exceptional departure from the Local Plan on housing supply grounds and applications for housing development are to be determined in line with the plan-led approach.

5. Officer Appraisal (including Site Description and Proposal)

A prior notification has been received by Tendring District Council in relation to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, Schedule 2, Part 1, Class A for the erection of a single storey rear extension 4.2m in depth and 3m in height at 4 Douglas Road Dovercourt.

Harwich Town Council have noted the application.
No objections have been received.

The single storey rear extension is consistent with the provisions of the above mentioned Order and is classed as permitted development, subject to the conditions set out in Class A3 and A4.

6. Recommendation

HHPN - Prior Approval Not Required

7. Conditions

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1 Drawing No 01.

9. Informatives

Not applicable