

DELEGATED DECISION OFFICER REPORT

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Application: 19/00227/FUL **Town / Parish:** Clacton Non Parished

Applicant: Robinson

Address: 3 Hereford Court Holland On Sea Clacton On Sea

Development: Proposed ramped access with hand rails.

1. Town / Parish Council

n/a

2. Consultation Responses

n/a

3. Planning History

19/00227/FUL Proposed ramped access with Current
hand rails.

4. Relevant Policies / Government Guidance

NPPF National Planning Policy Framework February 2019
National Planning Practice Guidance

Tendring District Local Plan 2007
QL9 Design of New Development
QL10 Designing New Development to Meet Functional Needs
QL11 Environmental Impacts and Compatibility of Uses

Tendring District Local Plan 2013-2033 and Beyond Publication Draft (June 2017)
SPL3 Sustainable Design

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 Paragraph 213 of the NPPF (2018) allows local planning authorities to give due weight to adopted albeit outdated policies according to their degree of consistency with the policies in the NPPF.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.

5. Officer Appraisal

Proposal

This application seeks permission for the construction of a ramped access with railings to the existing front door of a house located within the development boundary of Clacton on Sea.

Design and Appearance

The new ramped access will be at the front of the house and visible only when entering Hereford Court. Hereford Court provides access to just six properties within the cul de sac location. The low level design will not have a significant impact on the character of the host dwelling or the immediate area.

Impact upon Residential Amenity

The low level design of the proposed ramp ensures there will be no significant impact to either neighbour.

The proposed ramp and hand rail encroaches on the private garden however following the construction of the ramped access at least 100 square metres of private amenity space will remain which is considered adequate. The space currently used for off road car parking is unaffected by the proposal.

Other Considerations

No letters of representation have been received.

Conclusion

In the absence of any material harm resulting from the development, the application is recommended for approval.

6. Recommendation

Approval - Full

7. Conditions

- 1 The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason - To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: Site plan 1:500, Proposed floor plan and Proposed elevations.

Reason - For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

8. Informatives

Positive and Proactive Statement

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received and subsequently determining to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

Are there any letters to be sent to applicant / agent with the decision? If so please specify:	YES	NO
Are there any third parties to be informed of the decision? If so, please specify:	YES	NO