

**DELEGATED DECISION OFFICER REPORT**

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**Application:** 19/00861/FUL                      **Town / Parish:** Clacton Non Parished  
**Applicant:** Mr S Wright  
**Address:** 1 Hawthorn Road Clacton On Sea Essex  
**Development:** Proposed single storey rear extension (following demolition of conservatory).

**1. Town / Parish Council**

n/a

**2. Consultation Responses**

n/a

**3. Planning History**

19/00861/FUL              Proposed single storey rear extension              Current  
(following demolition of conservatory).

**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

HG9 Private Amenity Space

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

SPL3 Sustainable Design

Local Planning Guidance

Essex Design Guide

**Status of the Local Plan**

The 'development plan' for Tendring is the 2007 'adopted' Local Plan. Paragraph 213 of the NPPF (2019) allows local planning authorities to give due weight to adopted albeit outdated policies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 planning permission for a single storey rear extension (following the demolition of the existing conservatory) to a semi-detached single storey dwelling within the Development Boundary of Clacton on Sea.

### Design and Impact

The proposed extension will be sited to the rear of the host dwelling, so will not be prominent in the street scene. The proposal is of an appropriate size and scale, and the design relates well to the host dwelling. The matching materials create a sense of cohesive development, and adequate private amenity space is retained to the rear of the property.

### Impact on Neighbours

The proposed extension will be sited close to the boundary with the attached neighbour to the East. The 45 degree daylight/sunlight test shows that the centre of the attached neighbour's rear windows will not be within the overshadowing zone in either section or plan. There will therefore be no significant impact on neighbouring daylight or outlook. No side facing windows are proposed that will impact neighbouring privacy.

There is adequate separation from other nearby dwellings to protect neighbours' amenities.

### Other Considerations

No letters of representation have been received.

### Conclusion

In the absence of material harm as a result of the proposed development, this application is recommended for approval.

## **6. Recommendation**

Approval - Full