



## **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 Paragraph 213 of the NPPF (2019) allows local planning authorities to give due weight to adopted albeit outdated policies according to their degree of consistency with the policies in the NPPF.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 (including Site Description and Proposal)**

### **Application site**

The application site is located to the north of Colchester Road outside the development boundary of Great Bromley. It serves a bungalow constructed of brick and render with a tiled roof. The front of the site is concreted for parking with a side entrance to the rear garden, with the rest of the frontage laid to lawn.

### **Proposal**

This application seeks planning permission for a garage conversion. The garage conversion will remove the existing garage doors and replace them with windows and the front will be completely rendered to match the existing dwelling. The conversion will facilitate a one bedroom annexe with bathroom and an open plan kitchen and dining area.

### **Assessment**

The main considerations of this application are the design, parking and impact upon residential amenity.

### **Policy Considerations**

The adopted Tendring District Local Plan (2007) Policies QL9, QL10 and QL11 seek to ensure that all new development makes a positive contribution to the quality of the local environment and protects or enhances local character, and the development will not have a materially damaging impact on the privacy, daylight and other amenities of occupiers of nearby property. Policy SPL3 of the Tendring District Local Plan 2013-2033 and Beyond Publication Draft (June 2017) carries forward the sentiments of these saved policies.

## Design, parking and Appearance

The proposed development is considered to be of a scale and nature appropriate to the site and the surrounding area. The garage conversion will be visible from the road, and the replacement of garage doors with windows and render to match the existing dwelling result in not having an adverse impact on the street scene. Furthermore, the loss of the garage in terms of parking is acceptable as sufficient off road parking is available on the hardstanding at the front of the site for at least 2 no. cars in line with current parking standards.

The proposed development is therefore considered to be in keeping with the host dwelling and is acceptable in design terms.

## Impact on Residential Amenity

The proposal comprises of a minor alteration which will be visible to neighbouring properties, however, will not result in any significant impact to their residential amenities in terms of loss of light, privacy or outlook.

## Other Considerations

Great Bromley Parish Council has no objections to the application.

No further letters of representation have been received.

## Conclusion

It is considered that the proposed development is consistent with the National and Local Plan Policies identified above, and in the absence of any material harm resulting from the development, the application is recommended for approval.

## **6. Recommendation**

Approval - Full

## **7. Conditions / Reasons for Refusal**

- 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 plan: Drawing no. 02.

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.

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