

## DELEGATED DECISION OFFICER REPORT

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**Application:** 20/01596/FUL **Town / Parish:** Bradfield Parish Council

**Applicant:** Mr Lorna Whitworth

**Address:** Songbird Cottage Barrack Street Bradfield

**Development:** Single storey rear extension.

### 1. Town / Parish Council

Bradfield Parish Council      No Comments

### 2. Consultation Responses

Not Applicable

### 3. Planning History

20/01596/FUL      Single storey rear extension.      Current

### 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)

SP1 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development

SPL3 Sustainable Design

### 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 Paragraph 213 of the NPPF (2019) allows local planning authorities to give due weight to adopted albeit outdated policies according to their degree of consistency with the policies in the NPPF.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) has been examined by an Independent Planning Inspector who issued his final report and recommended 'main modifications' on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The Inspector's report confirms that, subject to making his recommended main modifications (including the removal from the plan of two of the three 'Garden Communities' proposed along the A120 i.e. those to the West of Braintree and on the Colchester/Braintree Border), the plan is legally compliant and sound and can proceed to adoption. Notably, the housing and employment targets in the plan have been confirmed as sound, including the housing requirement of 550 dwellings per annum in Tendring.

The Council is now making arrangements to formally adopt Section 1 of the Local Plan in its modified state and this is expected to be confirmed at the meeting of Full Council on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – at which point will become part of the development plan and will carry full weight in the determination of planning applications – superseding, in part, some of the more strategic policies in the 2007 adopted plan. In the interim, the modified policies in the Section 1 Local Plan, including the confirmed housing requirement, can be given significant weight in decision making owing to their advancement through the final stages of the plan-making process.

The examination of Section 2 of the Local Plan (which contains more specific policies and proposals for Tendring) is now expected to proceed in 2021 and two Inspectors have already been appointed by the Secretary of State to undertake the examination, with the Council preparing and updating its documents ready for the examination. In time, the Section 2 Local Plan (once examined and adopted in its own right) will join the Section 1 Plan as part of the development plan, superseding in full the 2007 adopted plan.

Where emerging policies are particularly relevant to a planning application and can be given 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.

## **5. Officer Appraisal (including Site Description and Proposal)**

### Proposal

This application seeks permission for the erection of a single storey rear extension.

### Application Site

The site serves a detached two storey dwelling finished in painted render with a hipped tiled roof. There is a detached garage located to the north of the site, with a stoned driveway area leading up to this, the front of the site is laid to lawn. The surrounding area is comprised from dwellings of differing designs, materials present within the streetscene include painted render, brickwork, boarding and cladding.

### Assessment

### Design and Appearance

One of the core planning principles of The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) as stated at paragraph 130 is to always seek to secure high quality design. Saved Policies QL9, QL10 and QL11 aim to ensure that all new development makes a positive contribution to the quality of the local environment, relates well to its site and surroundings particularly in relation to its form and

design and does not have a materially damaging impact on the amenities of occupiers of nearby properties. Emerging Policy SP1 reflects these considerations.

The proposed extension will be located to the rear of the property and will measure 1.88 metres deep by 6.51 metres wide and will have an overall height of 3 metres. The extension is considered to be of a size and scale in keeping with the existing dwelling with the application site retaining plenty of private amenity space.

The proposed extension is of a design and appearance in keeping with the existing dwelling and surrounding area. The external walls will be finished in a matching painted render to that of the existing dwelling with brick detailing. The roof is of a flat roof design, matching to that of the existing garage. The proposal is located to the rear of the site and will not be visible to the streetscene, it is not thought to have any adverse impacts on the visual amenities of the area.

#### Impact to Neighbouring Amenities

The NPPF, Paragraph 17, states that planning should always seek to secure a good standard of amenity for all existing and future occupants of land and buildings. In addition, Policy QL11 of the saved plan states that amongst criteria 'development will only be permitted if the development will not have a materially damaging impact on the privacy, daylight or other amenities of occupiers of nearby properties'. These sentiments are carried forward in Policy SPL3 of the Tendring District Local Plan 2013-2033 and Beyond Publication Draft (June 2017).

The proposal is of a single storey nature and therefore poses no significant risk of overlooking onto the adjacent neighbouring properties and is not thought to have a harmful impact on the loss of privacy to the adjacent neighbours.

The proposal is located away from the adjacent neighbouring dwellings and does not have any impact on the loss of light to these neighbours.

#### Highway issues

The Proposal neither generates an additional need for parking, nor decreases the existing parking provisions at the site.

#### Other Considerations

Bradfield Parish Council have made no comments on this application.

No other 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. In the absence of material harm resulting from the proposal 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 plans; Drawing No. 10 and 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? If so please specify:</b>	YES	NO
<b>Are there any third parties to be informed of the decision? If so, please specify:</b>	YES	NO