

DELEGATED DECISION OFFICER REPORT

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Application: 21/00100/FUL **Town / Parish:** Clacton Non Parished

Applicant: Mr Steve Mallett

Address: 10 Richmond Drive Jaywick Clacton On Sea

Development: Proposed single storey flat roof rear extension and proposed front porch side window to be infilled with brick work.

1. Town / Parish Council

Clacton Non Parished No Comments Required

2. Consultation Responses

Not Applicable

3. Planning History

21/00100/FUL Proposed single storey flat roof rear extension and proposed front porch side window to be infilled with brick work. 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

QL6 Urban Regeneration Areas

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 Paragraph 213 of the NPPF (2019) allows local planning authorities to give due weight to adopted albeit outdated policies according to their degree of consistency with the policies in the NPPF.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. In this latter regard, as of 26th January 2021, 'Section 1' of the emerging Local Plan for Tendring (Tendring District Local Plan 2013-2033 and Beyond Publication Draft) has been adopted and forms part of the 'development plan' for Tendring.

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 10th 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 has now formally adopt Section 1 of the Local Plan, in its modified state, at the meeting of Full Council on 26th January 2021, at which point it became part of the development plan and carries full weight in the determination of planning applications – superseding, in part, some of the more strategic policies in the 2007 adopted plan.

The examination of Section 2 of the Local Plan (which contains more specific policies and proposals for Tendring) will proceed in early 2021 and two Inspectors have 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 flat roof rear extension and proposed front porch side window to be infilled with brick work.

Application Site

The site is located to the west of Richmond Drive, within development boundary of 1 of Jaywick. The site serves a detached two storey dwelling constructed from brickwork with a pitched tiled roof.

Jaywick Regeneration Policies

The Brooklands, Grasslands and Village areas of Jaywick are defined as an urban regeneration area in Policy QL6 of the adopted Local Plan and a Priority Area for Regeneration in Policy PP14 of the emerging Local Plan. Such areas will be a focus for investment in social, economic and physical infrastructure and initiatives to improve vitality, environmental quality, social inclusion, economic prospects, education, health, community safety and accessibility. The policy supports proposals for development that are consistent with achieving these regeneration aims.

The regeneration of Jaywick is one of the Council's top long-term objectives and the Council has been leading a multi-agency project to explore and deliver improvements in the area to better the quality of life for residents and secure a long-term sustainable future for the community. Part of the strategy for regenerating Jaywick is to actively encourage the redevelopment of the poorest and most vulnerable properties in the area and to introduce a new benchmark for built design that addresses flood risk concerns, improves the quality of accommodation, maximises the enjoyment of Jaywick's assets (particularly the beach) and inspires property owners and developers to redevelop and remodel other parts of the area.

Saved Policy CL15 sets out specific requirements for development in Jaywick which are:

- i) Any new residential development should take the form of single dwellings on combined plots, the desirable width and depth of resulting plots to be at least 18 metres and 15 metres respectively. The minimum width and depth of resulting plots to be 15 metres and 15 metres respectively;
- ii) Only three storey development that excludes habitable rooms on the ground floor will be allowed;
- iii) Direct road frontage access should be available to each plot;
- iv) A minimum of 5 metres deep rear yard/amenity area shall be provided;
- v) A minimum one metre space between side boundaries and any detached, semi-detached or end terraced dwelling, or a minimum distance of 2 metres between the flank walls of any two such dwellings will be required;
- vi) Any off street car parking should be provided within the ground floor of each dwelling;
- vii) The front building line to be 2 metres from the highway;
- viii) Subsequent extensions to new dwellings will not be allowed if they contain living accommodation on the ground floor in the form of habitable rooms;
- ix) No development will be allowed within four metres of the ditch to the rear of Brooklands and Grasslands to allow for the passage of Maintenance Plant;

- x) Development along the Brooklands Frontage will need to be set back 2 metres to allow for the expansion of the road and minimum 1.2 metre-wide foot path.

However, this 2007 policy aimed at strictly controlling development to facilitate a phased programme of redevelopment has failed to bring about any positive changes in the area. Since the NPPF has given Councils more freedom to apply planning policies to better reflect local circumstances the Council, the Environment Agency and other partners have agreed that lifting some of the planning restrictions and moving towards flexible policies aimed at encouraging developers to provide high-quality, resilient and innovative new homes in the area is a better approach.

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 is located to the rear of the dwelling, and also extends down the north side elevation to connect with the existing garage. The proposal will measure 11 metres deep on the north elevation, 5.5 metres on the south elevation, it will be 4.6 metres wide with an overall height of 3 metres. The proposal is deemed to be of a size and scale appropriate to the existing dwelling with the application site retaining adequate private amenity space.

The proposed extension will be finished in a matching red brick to that of the existing dwelling, it will have a flat roof design and the windows and doors will be of a matching brown UPVC. The proposed extension is deemed to be of a design in keeping with the existing dwelling. The extension is located to the rear and will not be visible to the streetscene. It is therefore considered to have no adverse effects on the visual amenities of the area and is considered to be of an acceptable design and appearance.

It is also proposed to remove the porch window on the south elevation and infill with a matching red brickwork. This is considered to be a minor amendment with no harmful impact 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).

Due to the host dwelling positioning within its site, and the neighbouring dwellings positioning within their sites, the proposal is located away from the neighbouring dwellings and will have no significant impact on loss of light to the adjacent neighbours.

The proposed extension is of a single storey nature and poses no significant risk of overlooking or loss of privacy.

The proposed development is not considered to have any harmful effect on residential amenity.

Highway issues

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

Other Considerations

Clacton is non parished and therefore no comments are required.

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. SM/02/20 and Drawing No. SM/01/20

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.

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