

DELEGATED DECISION OFFICER REPORT

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Application: 21/01012/FUL **Town / Parish:** Little Clacton Parish Council

Applicant: Mr Box

Address: 4 Christopher Drive Little Clacton Clacton On Sea

Development: Erection of single storey rear extension and garage extension to side/rear

1. Town / Parish Council

Little Clacton Parish
Council
06.07.2021

No objection to the application

2. Consultation Responses

Not Applicable

3. Planning History

21/01012/FUL Erection of single storey rear Current
 extension and garage extension to
 side/rear

4. Relevant Policies / Government Guidance

NPPF National Planning Policy Framework February 2019

National Planning Practice Guidance

Adopted Tendring District Local Plan 2007 (part superseded)

QL11 Environmental Impacts and Compatibility of Uses (part superseded)

Tendring District Local Plan 2013-2033 and Beyond Publication Draft (June 2017) (Section 1 adopted on 26th January 2021)

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 Paragraph 213 of the NPPF (2019) allows local planning authorities to give due weight to adopted albeit outdated policies according to their degree of consistency with the policies in the NPPF.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. 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 adopted 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 rear extension and garage extension to side/rear.

Application Site

The site is located towards the east of Christopher Drive, within the development boundary 2 of Little Clacton. The site serves a semi-detached two storey dwelling finished in painted render and facing brickwork with a pitched tiled roof (with flat roof areas). To the front of the site is a paved driveway with some shrubbery. The surrounding streetscene is comprised from dwellings of a similar design and appearance.

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 Policy QL11 and emerging Policy SP1 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.

The proposed rear extension will measure 5 metres deep by 5.1 metres wide, with a flat roof height of 2.8 metres. The garage extension will be located to the south side of the site and will join to the rear corner of the rear extension. The garage extension will measure 10.3 metres deep by 4.7 metres wide, with an overall flat roof height of 2.8 metres. The proposed development is considered to be of a size and scale in keeping with the dwelling with the application site retaining adequate private amenity space.

The proposed rear extension will be largely shielded to the streetscene by the existing dwelling, the garage extension is located towards the rear of the site to the south and may be slightly visible to the streetscene at the gap between the host dwelling and the neighbouring dwelling to the south. The proposed extensions will both have a flat roof design, with a roof lantern proposed for the rear extension only. The development will be finished in a matching painted render above a brickwork plinth to match the design of the existing dwelling the windows and doors will be UPVC / Aluminium double glazed to match the existing. The use of matching materials will mean that the proposal will blend with the existing dwelling and will have no adverse effects on visual amenities.

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 proposed rear extension will be constructed along the shared neighbouring boundary line north of the site, however it does not extend further than the neighbouring extension and therefore has no effect on the loss of light to this dwelling. It is located away from other shared neighbouring boundary line and has no effect on the loss of light to neighbouring properties. The extension is also of a single storey nature and therefore poses no significant threat of overlooking or loss of privacy.

The proposed garage extension is also of a single storey nature and poses no significant risk of overlooking or loss of privacy. The garage extension is located an adequate distance away from the neighbouring dwellings and does not have any effect on the loss of light, nor harm the amenities of the adjacent neighbouring dwellings.

The proposed development is therefore considered acceptable in terms of residential amenities.

Highway issues

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

Other Considerations

Little Clacton Parish Council have no objection to the 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 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.

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