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PLANNING AREA: Willesden Consultative Forum

LOCATION: 37 Geary Road, London, NW10 1HJ

PROPOSAL: Erection of a two storey side extension to dwellinghouse (as amended by plans received 02/10/2009)

APPLICANT: Jevenor Ltd

CONTACT: Architect D.A.S.

PLAN NO'S: E'01RevB;
E'02RevB;
E'03RevA;
E'04;
P'01RevB
P'02RevB
P'x'01
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E'x'03

RECOMMENDATION

Approval

EXISTING

Two storey detached dwellinghouse located on the south side of Geary Road in Dollis Hill. The site is bounded by a semi-detached dwelling to the east, Geary Road to the North and the rear gardens of 49-55 Kendal Road to the west and those of 44 & 46 Fleetwood Road to the south. It is not a listed building nor is it within a Conservation Area.

PROPOSAL

Full planning permission is sought for the erection of a two storey side extension.

HISTORY

09/1128. Certificate of lawfulness sought for proposed single storey rear extension and two-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse. Granted 08/07/2009.

082157. Full planning permission sought for the erection of a single storey and 2 storey side and 2 storey rear extension and covered area to front and side of dwellinghouse. Refused 26/09/2008 for the following reasons:

1. *The proposed two-storey side extension, by virtue of its inadequate set-back from the main front wall at ground-floor level, and its relationship with the proposed loft conversion and ridged roof construction, constitutes a dominant and visually obtrusive form of development that does not appear subservient to the original dwellinghouse, and would be detrimental to the character and appearance of the dwellinghouse and surrounding*

streetscape. The proposal is therefore contrary to policies BE2, BE7, and BE9 of Brent's Unitary Development Plan 2004 and Supplementary Planning Guidance 5: "Altering & Extending Your Home".

2. The proposed first-floor rear extension, by reason of its excessive depth and width, would appear as a bulky and incongruous extension to the property, resulting in a detrimental impact on the character of the original dwellinghouse. As such, the development would be contrary to policies BE2, and BE9 of Brent's Unitary Development Plan 2004, as well as the provisions of Supplementary Planning Guidance No. 5: "Altering and Extending Your Home".

08/0309. Full planning permission sought for the erection of a 2-storey side and rear extension to dwellinghouse. Refused 26/03/2008, for the following reasons:

3. The proposed two-storey side extension, by virtue of its inadequate set-back from the main front wall at ground-floor and first-floor levels, and its relationship with the proposed loft conversion and ridged roof construction, constitutes a dominant and visually obtrusive form of development that does not appear subservient to the original dwellinghouse, and would be detrimental to the character and appearance of the dwellinghouse and surrounding streetscape. The proposal is therefore contrary to policies BE2, BE7, and BE9 of Brent's Unitary Development Plan 2004 and Supplementary Planning Guidance 5: "Altering & Extending Your Home".
4. The proposed first-floor rear extension, by reason of its excessive depth, width and flat roof design, would appear as a bulky and incongruous extension to the property, resulting in a detrimental impact on the character of the original dwellinghouse. As such, the development would be contrary to policies BE2, and BE9 of Brent's Unitary Development Plan 2004, as well as the provisions of Supplementary Planning Guidance No. 5: "Altering and Extending Your Home"

07 2413. Certificate of lawfulness sought for the erection of a rear dormer window to dwellinghouse. Granted 27/09/2007.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Brent UDP 2004

- BE2 Local Context
- BE7 Streetscene
- BE9 Architectural Quality

SPG

- SPG5 Altering and Extending you Home

- Appropriate Design
- Character of dwelling and surrounding area
- Light, outlook and privacy of neighbouring dwellings

CONSULTATION

13 neighbours were consulted on this application. 4 objections were received from neighbouring residents on Geary Road, Hamilton Road and Fleetwood Road on the following grounds:

1. Loss of light to groundfloor and first floor bedrooms at No 41 Geary Road
2. Loss of privacy in neighbouring gardens.
3. Detrimental impact on the character of the dwelling and surrounding streetscene.
4. Detrimental visual impact.
5. Lack of parking.

6. Loss of rear green space.

REMARKS

Planning History

There have been a number of various proposals to extend No.37 Geary Road that the Local Planning Authority have considered over the past 2 years. 2 applications were refused for reasons relating to the detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the dwellinghouse by reason of the lack of setback from the main front wall of the dwellinghouse resulting in an extension not subservient to the original dwelling, and the loss of amenity for neighbouring residents as a result of the excessive depth, width and bulk of the proposed extensions.

The current proposal has been amended in the following way:

1. The two-storey rear extension has been removed from the majority of the rear of the proposal part from the section directly to the rear of the two storey side element.
2. The proposed side extension has been setback 2.5m from the main front wall of the dwellinghouse on the groundfloor and the first floor.

It should however be noted that a Certificate of Lawfulness application has been approved for a 3m depth two storey rear extension where it is set in 2m from the side boundaries of the dwelling.

Residential Amenity

The current proposal is for a two storey side extension adjacent to the boundary with No. 41 Geary Road. This will also project 3m beyond the rear wall of the dwelling. Due to the difference in building lines the rear wall of number 41 projects 1.9m beyond the rear wall of No. 37 Geary Road. Therefore the proposed 2 storey rear extension projects 1.1m beyond the rear wall of No. 41.

The rear elevation of No. 41 Geary has a living room window on the groundfloor and a two windows through to the same bedroom on the first floor. The midpoint of the groundfloor window is 2.5m from the flank wall of the extension to the and thus in line with the 2:1 rule as the depth of the extension from the rear wall of No.41 is 1.1m.

The nearest bedroom window has a midpoint 2m from the flank wall of the extension. This would not comply with the 2:1 rule but as there is a similar sized window through to the same bedroom with a midpoint 3.2m from the flank wall window. Therefore it is considered that there will not be a detrimental loss of light through to this habitable room. There is also a flank wall habitable room window on the flank wall of No. 41 however this is not the principal window through to the room as there is another window through to the same room from the front elevation. The proposal is not close to the other boundaries of the site. Therefore there will not be a detrimental impact on the amenity of neighbouring residents.

Character and Appearance

37 Geary Road is a distinctive detached dwellinghouse in an area characterised by terraced and semi-detached dwellinghouses. Furthermore the existing dwelling has a dual pitched roof with gable-ends facing the street and the rear, which is different from the predominantly hipped roofs of the surrounding residential properties. The proposed extension has been assessed in light of this and the principles guiding the specifications set out in SPG 5.

The proposed two storey side extension replicates the existing roof shape but on a smaller scale to ensure that it is subsidiary to the main dwellinghouse. It is set back 2.5m from the main front wall at the groundfloor level and at the first floor level. The proposed roof ridgeline is significantly set down from the main roof ridgeline and it is set in from the side boundary to provide space for guttering similar to that of the existing roof within the curtilage of the site.

It is therefore considered that the roof is suitably subservient to the original dwellinghouse while also in keeping with the dwellings character and appearance.

Response to the Concerns of Objectors

1. Loss of light - The depth of the proposed extension is in keeping with the guidelines set out in SPG5 as set out in the section above, therefore it is considered that there is no detrimental impact on the neighbouring properties
2. Privacy - The nearest habitable room window to the boundary as a result of the proposal is the proposed bedroom and kitchen windows. These will be 10m from the rear boundary and over 20m from the nearest

facing habitable room window at No. 46 Fleetwood Road. There is also an existing thick planted boundary treatment that reduces overlooking. Therefore the proposal is in keeping with the privacy standards set out in SPG 17 which requires 10m to the boundary and 20m between directly facing habitable room windows.

3. Detrimental impact on the character of the dwelling and surrounding streetscene - The subject property is already a distinctive property and the extension is considered to be of a size and scale that is in keeping with the character and appearance of the dwelling. While there is an existing certificate of lawfulness this is a determination that planning permission is not needed for such works and as these works have not commenced they cannot be considered as material to this proposal. Furthermore the proposal results in the creation of larger bedrooms rather than significantly increasing the number of bedrooms. A condition will be attached to ensure that the proposal is used in conjunction with a single family dwellinghouse.

4. Detrimental visual impact from rear gardens of neighbouring properties - The proposed extension being considered under this application is subsidiary to the main dwellinghouse and given that it complies with the parameters set out in SPG 5 and SPG17 it is considered that there will not be a detrimental impact on the visual amenity of the neighbouring properties.

5. Lack of parking - The proposed extension will result in an increase in bedrooms from 4 to 5, in line with the Council's policy on parking as set out in UDP there will not be a significant increase in the parking impact for the dwellinghouse.

6. Loss of rear green space. The proposed extension will cover an area of 9.6sqm of green space from a rear garden with an area of 195 sqm. The loss of green space anticipated is not considered to be significant.

Conclusion

The proposed two storey side and rear extension is in keeping with the design and appearance of the dwellinghouse and will not have a detrimental impact on the residential amenity of neighbouring residents.

RECOMMENDATION: Grant Consent

REASON FOR GRANTING

(1) The proposed development is in general accordance with policies contained in the:-

Brent Unitary Development Plan 2004

Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance 5 - Altering and Extending Your Home

Relevant policies in the Adopted Unitary Development Plan are those in the following chapters:-

Built Environment: in terms of the protection and enhancement of the environment

Housing: in terms of protecting residential amenities and guiding new development

CONDITIONS/REASONS:

(1) The development to which this permission relates must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning on the date of this permission.

Reason: To conform with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

(2) All new external work shall be carried out in materials that match, in colour, texture and design detail those of the existing building.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory development which does not prejudice the amenity of the locality.

INFORMATIVES:

None Specified

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:

UDP 2004
SPG 5
SPG 17

Any person wishing to inspect the above papers should contact Robin Sedgwick, The Planning Service, Brent House, 349 High Road, Wembley, Middlesex, HA9 6BZ, Tel. No. 020 8937 5229



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