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PLANNING APPLICATION REPORT

DESCRIPTION/ ADDRESS	-	Single storey rear extension. 5 Carthage Close, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, SO53 2BL

SITE VISIT DATE – 15/12/16

ARE PLANS ACCURATE? – Yes

HAVE ALL NECESSARY NEIGHBOURS BEEN CONSULTED? – Yes

THE SITE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above to provide additional ground floor accommodation.
SITE AREA	n/a
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DENSITY (NET)	No change.
TOPOGRAPHY	Flat and level.
TREES	None affected.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	1.8 metre timber fences to side and rear boundaries.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	Two storey end of terrace dwelling dating from 1950s/60s on an estate of similar properties. Garden to the front with driveway to the side leading to a detached single garage and a reasonable size garden at the rear.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	The surrounding area is residential in nature and made up of single and two storey detached, semi-detached and terraced dwellings of a similar age and style to the application dwelling.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
F/16/79018	Single storey rear extension.	Refused Sep 2016

REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

SOURCE	SUMMARY OF CONTENT
Challis – 6 Carthage Close	Object. This would cause noise and inconvenience.

CONSULTATION RESPONSES

CONSULTEE	SUMMARY OF RESPONSE
n/a	

POLICY CONTEXT

DESIGNATION APPLICABLE TO SITE
Within Built-up Area Boundary Within Established Residential Area

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DEVELOPMENT PLAN SAVED POLICIES, EMERGING LOCAL PLAN POLICIES AND SPD'S

Eastleigh Borough Local Plan Review (2001-2011), saved Policies 25.NC & 59.BE

Submitted Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2011 - 2029, July 2014, (the Submitted Local Plan) comprising:

- Revised Pre-submission Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2011 - 2029, published February 2014; and
- Schedule of Proposed Minor Changes, submitted to the Secretary of State in July 2014' Policies DM1 & DM9

Supplementary Planning Document: Quality Places
Supplementary Planning Document: Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury Character Area Appraisals

NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) supports and encourages sustainable development which is considered to have three roles, economic, social and environmental. Paragraph 8 of the NPPF states that "These roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependent. Economic growth can secure higher social and environmental standards, and well-designed buildings and places can improve the lives of people and communities. Therefore, to achieve sustainable development, economic, social and environmental gains should be sought jointly and simultaneously through the planning system. The planning system should play an active role in guiding development to sustainable solutions."

POLICY COMMENTARY

The above policies and guidance combine to form the criteria against which this application will be assessed with particular regard to the principle of that proposed, its layout, design and impact upon the street scene and character of the surrounding area, the residential amenity of neighbouring properties and nature conservation.

COMMENT ON CONSULTATION RESPONSES

n/a

COMMENT ON REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

It is acknowledged that there would be a degree of noise and disturbance during the construction process but this would only be for a temporary period. Conditions restricting construction working hours have been considered but are considered to be too onerous and unreasonable for such a small scale development.

PLANNING OBLIGATION/CONSIDERATIONS

n/a

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ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSAL

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states:-

> *"If regard is to be had to the development plan for the purpose of any determination to be made under the planning Acts the determination must be made in accordance with the plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise."*

In this case policy issues for consideration include:

Principle – The application site lies within the urban edge where the basic principle of development is considered to be acceptable, with any formal planning approval being based upon the exact nature, design and impact of that proposed being considered appropriate and in accordance with the relevant Local Plan policies and Supplementary Planning Documents. The most relevant policy in this case is saved Policy 59.BE of the Local Plan which requires development to take full and proper account of the context of the site including the character and appearance of the locality and be appropriate in mass, scale, materials, layout, design and siting. It also requires a high standard of landscape design, a satisfactory means of access and layout for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians, to make provision for refuse and cycle storage and avoid unduly impacting on neighbouring uses through overlooking, loss of light, loss of outlook, and noise and fumes. Also of relevance is Policy DM1 of the Submitted Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2011-2029, July 2014, which essentially reiterates the above requirements.

Layout, Design, Street Scene & Area Character – The previously refused scheme was rejected due to its depth and height, and the subsequent impact upon the light and outlook of the adjoining dwelling. This revised scheme reduces the depth down from 4.5 metres to 4.0 metres and removes the previously proposed parapet walls to the side, which in turn reduces the height of the flank wall presented to the neighbouring property. As such, that now proposed falls within what can be undertaken via the householder prior approval process and is considered to accord with the design requirements of saved Policy 59.BE of the current Local Plan, Policy DM1 of the Submitted Local Plan and the Council's 'Quality Places' SPD.

Residential Amenity – Due to the orientation, proximity and relationship of the application property to its neighbours, as well as the nature of the development proposed and its revised design, it is not considered that there would be any adverse or unacceptable impact upon the residential amenity of any neighbouring properties in terms of loss of privacy, light or outlook. As such the application is considered to accord with the amenity requirements of saved Policy 59.BE of the current Local Plan, Policy DM1 of the Submitted Local Plan and the Council's 'Quality Places' SPD.

Nature Conservation – The proposal is not considered to result in a likely significant impact on a European Protected site (SPA, SAC or Ramsar). HRA (Habitat Regulations Assessment) screening was not required for this development as it falls outside the designated zone of impact.

The site falls outside the 5.6km buffer zone for the Solent SPA and is of a type where a contribution is not required to mitigate any increased recreational pressure resulting from the development.

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Reference needs to be made to the submitted Eastleigh Borough Local plan 2011-2029 July 2014. However, very little weight can be given to these policies as, although the Submission Local Plan has not been formally withdrawn, the Council has confirmed that it has decided to prepare a new local plan which will cover the period up to 2036. With regard to this application, the new policies essentially echo those of the current plan and are not considered to affect the recommendation put forward.

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CONCLUSIONS

This revised design is considered to have overcome the previous reason for refusal and as such is recommended for approval subject to conditions.