

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT

Application Ref: H/26/101279

Site Address: 5 ROMAN CLOSE, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 2AW

Case Officer: Alexandra Stone

Description: Retrospective Planning Permission for a Garden Outbuilding

Particular Site Constraints?	Yes ☒	No ☐
- Within Urban Edge		

Planning History?	Yes ☒	No ☐
H/26/100979 – Permit – 17/04/2026 Two storey side and single storey rear extensions		

Publicity:	Letters ☒	Site Notice ☐	Newspaper ☐
Representations:	There has been an objection from a neighbouring property; - Breaches guidelines for height, not to be within 2m of a boundary, its within 0.5m of 2 boundaries. - It has no drainage installed and causes extreme flooding Officer response: Drainage is not a planning matter although it is noted the outbuilding does have guttering and a water butt. The above measurements referred to are those to comply with Permitted Development. The applicant has now formally applied for planning permission and matters will be address below.		
Parish Council:	No Comments Received		
Ecologist:	No Objection		

Site Visit:	Yes ☒	No ☐
Details: For previous application		

Legislation:
Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states:- <i>"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."</i>

Policy:
National Planning Policy Framework Planning Practice Guidance Development Plan: The <u>Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2016-2036</u> The most relevant policies are Strategic policies S1 and S2; and Development Management policies DM1, DM2, DM11 and DM14. Supplementary Planning Documents: Quality Places; Residential Parking Standards; Character Area Appraisals.

Proposal:
The application is for the retention of a garden outbuilding. This measures approximately 4m in width by 4.2m in depth.

Assessment:

Principle

The site is within the urban edge where the principle of development is acceptable, subject to the detailed matters according with the relevant planning policies.

Character and Appearance

Policy DM1 requires development to take full and proper account of the context of the site including the character and appearance of the locality and be well integrated with these (in terms of mass, scale, materials, layout, density, design and siting), both in itself and in relation to adjoining buildings, spaces and views.

The detached dwelling is located within Roman Close, to the southeast of Winchester Road. The properties within the close are similar in appearance with hip roofs, good boundary treatment with hedging and fencing, and large driveways. The proposal is for the retention of the existing outbuilding to the rear side of the garden. The rear garden slopes from the rear towards the house. The outbuilding is situated to the end of the garden and unlikely to be intrusive with other properties having similar, so in keeping with the character of the area.

- The design of the outbuilding is suited to the host dwelling in terms of its form, scale and appearance.
- The development would not be an overdevelopment of the site, would retain sufficient amenity space and meet parking standards.
- The design and layout respects the character and appearance of the locality.

Residential Amenity

Policy DM1 amongst other matters, stipulates that all new development should not have an unacceptable impact upon residential amenities of both new and existing residents.

The outbuilding is situated to the end of the garden. Although sited on a raised area, it is a suitable distance between neighbouring properties therefore unlikely to cause overshadowing or overlooking.

- The development accords with guidance set out in the 'Quality Places' SPD in that there will be no unacceptable impact on the amenity of the neighbouring properties in terms of loss of privacy, light or outlook.

Other material considerations

- There will be no adverse impact upon trees or other natural features worthy of retention.
- There are no likely significant impacts on the SPA.

Climate Change:

In July 2019, the Council declared a Climate Change and Environmental Emergency. In doing so it agreed, among other things, to: (a) put in place measures to ensure the Council's own operations and functions achieve carbon neutrality; (b) work with partners to aim for all projects and services delivered in the Borough to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030; (c) ensure that the Council's procurement policy recognises carbon neutrality as one of its primary considerations; and (d) recognise the urgency of action to mitigate and adapt to climate change in every decision taken by the Council. This is underpinned by the Climate and Environment Emergency Strategy 2020–2030 and the supporting Climate and Environmental Emergency Action Plan – Update June 2020.

The declaration of the Climate Change and Environmental Emergency demonstrates a strong commitment from the Council to achieve net zero. The NPPF, development plan and adopted local plan policy do not set this as a specific target, but it is a material consideration to be considered alongside all other material considerations. In any case addressing climate change is a core part of the NPPF and local plan policy. The need to support the economy is part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment for the adopted local plan, as is an assessment of climate impacts.

Equalities Implications:

Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010 created the public sector equality duty. Section 149 states:

- A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:
 - a. eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
 - b. advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - c. foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

When making policy decisions, the Council must take account of the equality duty and in particular any potential impact on protected groups. It is considered that this application does not raise any equality implications

Conclusion:

Recommendation:

PERMIT ☒

REFUSE ☐

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