

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT

Application Ref: H/26/101455

Site Address: 92 LE MARECHAL AVENUE, BURSLEDON, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 8LX

Case Officer: Alexandra Stone

Description: Loft conversion with addition of 2no. front dormer windows

Particular Site Constraints?	Yes ☒	No ☐
- Within Urban Edge - Rights of Way – Footpath		

Planning History?	Yes ☒	No ☐
O/15/77121 – Grant Outline Permission – 04/08/2015 Outline application for up to 182 no. dwellings and associated landscaping, open space and infrastructure, and diversion of public right of way, with access from Bursledon Road. (All matters reserved except for access).		

Publicity:	Letters ☒	Site Notice ☐	Newspaper ☐
Representations:	None		
Parish Council:	No Comments Received		
Ecologist:	No Objection		

Site Visit:	Yes ☒	No ☐
Details: 10/07/2026		

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 addition of 2no. dormer windows to the front of the property, going from a 3no. bedroom house to a 5no. bedroom house.

Assessment:
<u>Principle</u> 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 semi-detached dwelling is located within Le Marechal Avenue, to the west of Hamble Lane. The properties within the road are similar in design by way of pitch roofs with small front dormers and canopies above the front doors and driveways.

The proposal is for the addition of 2no. small flat roof dormer windows to the front of the property.

There are many example of similar dormers withing the street and so in keeping with the character of the area and unlikely to intrusive.

- The design of the proposals are 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 proposed dormer windows would overlook he public realm, towards the opposite balancing ponds, well-spaced between neighbouring properties so unlikely to cause 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.

Highways and Car Parking

Policy DM13 requires that all new development has a safe and convenient access to the highway network, with Policy DM14 requiring 3no. car parking spaces to be provided for 4no.+ bedroomed properties.

The property currently has 2no. spaces to their front driveway. Although the additional bedrooms would require an additional space within the curtilage of the property, there is however a parking bay opposite the property which could be utilised which has space for three vehicles.

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 by 2025; (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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