

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT

Application Ref: H/23/96528

Site Address: 20 HOLLY GARDENS, WEST END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 3RW

Case Officer: Alexandra Stone

Description: Garage conversion to provide habitable accommodation, and changes to fenestration

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

Relevant Planning History	Yes ☒	No ☐
Z/29910/000/00 – Grant Outline Permission – 24/06/1988 Outline: Residential development, open space, cemetery, landscaping, acoustic mounds distributor road and associated facilities		

Publicity:	Letters ☒	Site Notice ☐	Newspaper ☐
Representations:	None		
Parish Council:	No Comments Received		
Southern Water:	It is possible that a sewer now deemed to be public could be crossing the development site. Therefore, should any sewer be found during construction works, an investigation of the sewer will be required to ascertain its ownership before any further works commence on site.		

Site Visit:	Yes ☒	No ☐
Details: 12/01/2024		

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.

Assessment:
The development is considered acceptable and complies with policies DM1, DM11 and DM14 from the 2016-2036 local plan, in that: <u>Principle</u> The application is for a conversion of garage to habitable accommodation and alterations to the fenestration. The proposal includes replacement of patio doors to the rear of the dwelling to bi-fold doors. The development is within the urban edge where the principle of development is acceptable. <u>Design and layout</u>

Within the street scene there are a number of different frontages and different designs to the landscaping such as iron gates, grassed areas, small walls etc. The alterations proposed are not considered to be out of keeping and would not be noticeable due to front driveway.

- The design of the garage conversion and alterations to the fenestration are suited to the host dwelling in terms of their form, scale and appearance.
- The development would not be an overdevelopment of the site, would retain sufficient amenity space and meet parking standards. The submitted plans show that there is ample room within the driveway to accommodate parking, in addition, there is unrestricted on street parking.
- The design and layout respects the character and appearance of the locality.

Residential amenity

- 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 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 ☐
Comments ...		