Report to District Development Management Committee

Date of meeting: 27 October 2021



Reference: EPF/1126/21

Address: 9 Powell Road, Buckhurst Hill

Subject: Single storey front extension to

garage, change to habitable room

Officer contact for further information: Brendan Meade (01992 564078)

Democratic Services Officer: Gary Woodhall (01992 564470)

Recommendations/Decisions Required:

For Members to ratify the decision to grant planning consent subject to the following conditions:

1. The development hereby permitted must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this notice.

Reason:- To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out and retained strictly in accordance with the following approved plans: Existing and proposed east and north elevations, Existing and proposed west and south elevations, Existing and proposed sections and roof plan, Existing and proposed floor plans, Existing and proposed site plan, and location plan, proposed first floor plan, proposed section A-A

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure the proposal is built in accordance with the approved plans.

3. The materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the development hereby permitted shall match those in the existing building [or those shown on plan number: Existing and proposed east and north elevations, Existing and proposed west and south elevations, Existing and proposed sections and roof plan, Existing and proposed floor plans, Existing and proposed site plan, and location plan, proposed first floor plan, proposed section A-A, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory appearance in the interests of visual amenity of the area, in accordance with policy DBE10 of the adopted Local Plan 1998 & 2006, and Policy DM9 of the Local Plan Submission Version 2017, and the NPPF 2019.

Background

This application was decided via delegated authority on the 28th June 2021. It has since come to light that the applicant is closely related to an Epping Forest District councillor and therefore the application should have been referred to DDMC. As the decision was incorrectly granted approval via delegated authority in contradiction with the constitution; it is before DDMC this evening to ratify the officer's decision.

It should be noted that the applicant did indicate on the application form that they were related to a decision-maker, however no further details were given when prompted and this was subsequently missed by officers.

The application was approved subject to the above conditions. It is before members this evening with a recommendation for approval subject to the same conditions. The original officers report in the form of our householder application checklist is included below which sets out the merits of the scheme.

ORIGINAL CHECKLIST REPORT

Case Ref: EPF/1126/21		PL No: 004669			
Address:	9 Powell Road, Buckhurst Hill				
Description of works:	Single storey front extension to garage, change to habitable room				
Application Check					
Site Notice:	Yes Not requi	□ µired ⊠			
Site Visit:	Yes No No access	□ ⊠ SS □			
Photos/Images available:	Yes No				
Development Description Accurate:	Yes No				
Plans Accurate:	Yes No				
Neighbours consulted:	Yes No				
Other Consultees notified	: Yes No				
Details:					
Consultation responses					
Town/Parish Council	Object No objection No commen				

None received ☐ Two neighbours consulted – no response received							
Constraints							
Green Belt:	Yes	П					
	No	\boxtimes					
Conservation:	Yes						
	No	\boxtimes					
Listed Building:	Yes						
	No	\boxtimes					
TPO:	Yes						
	No						
Enforcement:	Yes No						
Other:	110						
other:							
Planning Considerations				Comments:			
Character and appearance:		Acceptable Unacceptable NA		The proposal is of a sensible scale and acceptable design which would not appear as overly prominent or incongruous within the streetscene. Powell Road consists of large detached dwellings of differing front facades, the modest front extension proposed here would not be at odds with the established character of the locality. Overall the proposal complements and enhances the existing building as well as the character and appearance of the wider area.			
Neighbouring amenities:		Acceptable Unacceptable NA		The front extension is of a modest scale and would be sited adjacent to no. 7 Powell Road which is already projects beyond the front building line of the host site, the proposal will be sited within this line. As such there would be no excessive loss of living conditions for the occupant of this property.			
Green Belt:		Acceptable Unacceptable NA					

Highways safety/Parking/Access	: Acceptable Unacceptable NA	Adequate off-street parking is retained.	
Trees and Landscaping:	Acceptable Unacceptable NA		
Representations considered:	Yes NA		
Other:			
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Should you wish to discuss the contents of this report item please use the following contact details by 2pm on the day before the meeting at the latest:

Planning Application Case Officer: Brendan Meade Direct Line Telephone Number: 01992 564078

or if no direct contact can be made please email: contactplanning@eppingforestdc.gov.uk