

DELEGATED REPORT

Application No: P/23/0210

Site Address: Brynawel
14 The Grove
Merthyr Tydfil
CF47 8YR

Development: Single storey side extension

Case Officer: Nia Chard

Application Expiry Date: 6th November 2023

Consultation reply date expired: 4th October 2023

APPLICATION SITE

The application relates to a semi-detached dwelling located within the settlement boundary. The site is bound by a highway to the front, a dwelling to the west, a lane to the north and garages to the rear.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

This application seeks full planning permission for the construction of a single-storey side extension with an open porch to the front.

The proposed extension would be set back from the front elevation by 0.8m and would be 3.8m in width by 6.4m in depth with a mono pitched roof with a maximum height of 4.1m. The roof would be covered with tiles to match the existing roof and the external elevations would be finished in render blockwork. Two velux windows are proposed within the roof of the extension. A porch is also proposed to the front of the single storey side extension. The porch would be 2.1m in length and 0.8m deep and constructed using timber supports painted black and a tiled pitched roof 3.4m in height.

PLANNING HISTORY

There is no planning history relevant to the determination of this application.

CONSULTATION

None undertaken.

PUBLICITY

In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012, letters were sent to the adjoining properties.

No letters of objection were received following this publicity exercise.

POLICY CONTEXT

National Policy

The Future Wales – the National Plan 2040 sets out a strategy for addressing key national priorities through the planning system, including sustaining and developing a vibrant economy, achieving decarbonisation and climate-resilience, developing strong ecosystems and improving the health and well-being of our communities.

Planning Policy Wales (PPW) Edition 11 (February 2021) sets out the land use policies of the Welsh Government. The most relevant sections are:

Sections 3.3 – 3.16 sets out the principles of good design in new development proposals, which should take into account its relationship to its surrounding context.

The policies in PPW are supported by Technical Advice Notes (TANs). The most relevant TAN to this application is as follows:-

TAN 12 - Design advises that the Assembly Government is strongly committed to achieving the delivery of good design in the built and natural environment, which is fit for purpose and delivers environmental sustainability, economic development, and social inclusion at every scale throughout Wales.

Local Policy

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council Replacement Local Development Plan (LDP) 2016-2031:

Policy SW4 – Settlement boundaries

Policy SW11 – Sustainable design and Placemaking

Other Material Considerations – Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG):

SPG 6 – Householder Design

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The main issues to consider when assessing this application relate to whether the proposal would have an acceptable impact on the character and appearance of the existing property and wider street scene. The impact on the amenity of neighbouring residents is also an important consideration.

The application site relates to a corner plot, as such, it is located in a prominent position and any side extension would be highly visible on the dwelling itself and within the wider

streetscene. It is also noted that the dwelling forms one of a pair of semi-detached dwellings, which are relatively symmetrical in their appearance and as such the introduction of an extension to one side can result in the properties becoming visually unbalanced. Notwithstanding the above, the proposed extension would be set back from the main front elevation and would have a lower ridge height from the main roof. This would create a visual break between the original dwelling and the proposed extension and would help it to appear subservient. Having regard to this and the overall design and scale of the dwelling, the visual impact of the proposal on the character of the dwelling and the wider streetscene is deemed to be acceptable and in accordance with Policy SW11.

Turning to residential amenity, it is noted that there have been no letters of objection received to this application. Being single storey in height and being situated adjacent to a lane and away from the boundary with neighbouring properties, the extension for not give rise to any adverse amenity issues and would therefore comply with Policy SW11 of the LDP.

The duty to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, under section 3 of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (“the WBFG Act”) has been taken into consideration when determining this application. In reaching the following recommendation, the ways of working set out at section 5 of the WBFG Act have been considered and thus the proposal is in accordance with the sustainable development principle through its contribution towards one or more of the Welsh Ministers well-being objectives set out as required by section 8 of the WBFG Act.

Accordingly the following recommendation is made:

RECOMMENDATION: BE APPROVED subject to the following **CONDITIONS:**

1. The development shall begin not later than five years from the date of this decision.

Reason - To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and documents:

Proposed Elevations and Floor Plans, Received 11 September 2023

Site Location Plan, Received 11 September 2023

Reason -To ensure compliance with the approved plans and clearly define the scope of the permission.

INFORMATIVES

1. This planning permission does not provide consent to undertake works that require a European Protected Species (EPS) licence. All bats and their roosts are protected under UK and European legislation. It is an offence to deliberately kill, injure, capture or disturb a bat or to recklessly damage or destroy their breeding sites or resting places.

If works are planned on a building/tree in which bats are found to be roosting, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) must be contacted. on 0300 065 3000 or at <https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/species-licensing/apply-for-a-protected-species-licence/bat-licences/?lang=en>.

If work has already commenced and bats are found, or if any evidence that bats are using the site as a roost is found, work should cease and NRW should be contacted immediately.

Under these circumstances, an EPS licence is likely to be required to undertake the works within the law.

2. All birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) while they are breeding.

If works to any trees, hedgerows and/or other nesting bird habitat (including buildings with suitable features) are to be undertaken, they will take place outside of the bird nesting season. If the works must be undertaken during the nesting season (generally from 1st March until 31st August, although birds are known to nest outside of these dates in suitable conditions), a breeding bird survey will be required and must be carried out by a suitably qualified ecologist. Any active nests identified will be protected until the young have fledged.

Where a Schedule 1 species (as defined in the Wildlife and Countryside Act - <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/schedule/1> is involved, compensation for impacts, e.g., loss of nesting sites, will be devised and implemented.

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED



Director of Neighbourhood Services

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DATE: 24.10.2023