Report to	Planning applications committee	ltem
	13 September 2018	
Report of	Head of planning services	
Subject	Application no 18/01013/F - 60 Borrowdale Drive, Norwich, NR1 4NS	4(g)
Reason for referral	Member of Staff application	

Ward:	Crome	
Case officer	Charlotte Hounsell - charlottehounsell@norwich.gov.uk	

Development proposal				
Two storey rear extension and two storey and single storey side extension.				
Representations				
Object	Comment	Support		
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Main issues	Key considerations	
1 Design	Height, scale, form, materials	
2 Amenity	Overlooking, overshadowing	
Expiry date	30 August 2018	
Recommendation	Approve	



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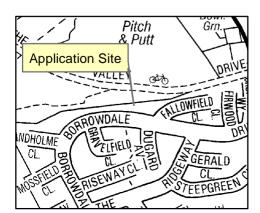
Planning Application No Site Address Scale

18/01013/F 60 Borrowdale Drive 1:1,000





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# The site and surroundings

1. The subject property is located on the North side of Borrowdale Drive, north east of the city centre. The subject property is semi-detached and constructed of brick and pantiles with rendered panels beneath the windows on the front elevation. There is a large front garden with a driveway which provides off-road parking. The ground slopes away towards the North so that the property is located at a lower ground level than the highway. To the rear is large garden with trees located at the far end along with sheds/summer houses. A single storey extension has previously been added to the rear elevation of the property. The properties in the surrounding area are largely pairs of semi-detached dwellings, a number of which have already undertaken extensions and alterations, and a small parade of shops on the Southern side of the road.

# Constraints

2. There are no constraints on this site.

# **Relevant planning history**

3. There is no relevant planning history.

### The proposal

- 4. To the rear of the property is an existing single storey rear extension
- 5. The proposal is for a two storey side and rear extension which incorporates the existing extension.

### **Summary information**

Proposal	Key facts
Scale	
Total floorspace	33m <sup>2</sup> increase
Max. dimensions	8.70m x 7.80m
	4.70m at eaves, 6.40m max. height
Appearance	
Materials	Brick and roof tiles to match existing
	Timber or composite cladding beneath windows
Transport matters	
Vehicular access	Extant access and driveway to be retained.

# Representations

6. Advertised on site and in the press. Adjacent and neighbouring properties have been notified in writing. No letters of representation have been received.

## **Consultation responses**

7. No consultations have been undertaken.

## Assessment of planning considerations

### Relevant development plan policies

- 8. Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk adopted March 2011 amendments adopted Jan. 2014 (JCS)
  - JCS1 Addressing climate change and protecting environmental assets
  - JCS2 Promoting good design
- 9. Norwich Development Management Policies Local Plan adopted Dec. 2014 (DM Plan)
  - DM1 Achieving and delivering sustainable development
  - DM2 Ensuring satisfactory living and working conditions
  - DM3 Delivering high quality design
  - DM30 Access and highway safety
  - DM31 Car parking and servicing

### Other material considerations

- 10. Relevant sections of the National Planning Policy Framework July 2018 (NPPF):
  - NPPF0 Achieving sustainable development
  - NPPF8 Promoting healthy and safe communities
  - NPPF12 Achieving well-designed places

### **Case Assessment**

11. Planning law requires that applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. Relevant development plan polices are detailed above. Material considerations include policies in the National Planning Framework (NPPF), the Councils standing duties, other policy documents and guidance detailed above and any other matters referred to specifically in the assessment below. The following paragraphs provide an assessment of the main planning issues in this case against relevant policies and material considerations.

### Main issue 1: Design

- 12. Key policies and NPPF paragraphs JCS2, DM3, NPPF 8 and 12.
- 13. The proposed extension is considered to be of an appropriate height, scale and form to the main dwelling and surrounding area. The extension is set back from the front elevation and the roof height lower than the existing roof in order that the

additions appear subservient. Given that the property is located at a lower ground level than the highway, the proposed extension is not considered to be overly prominent within the street scene.

- 14. There are also a number of properties in the surrounding area that have undertaken similar alterations.
- 15. The proposal would be constructed of materials to match the existing dwelling with the addition of timber or composite cladding beneath the windows. The properties within the surrounding area utilise a variety of materials beneath the windows.
- 16. Therefore the proposal is not considered to be detrimental to the character of the dwelling or the surrounding area.

#### Main issue 2: Amenity

- 17. Key policies and NPPF paragraphs DM2, NPPF 8 and 12.
- 18. The proposed side extension would be constructed in an area which currently functions as part of the driveway. There is an approximately 6.50m gap between the side elevations of Nos. 60 and 62 which would be reduced to approximately 4.50m as a result of the proposal.
- 19. There is the potential that the extensions could result in a loss of light to the neighbouring property. To the rear of No. 62 is a single storey rear extension with a large window within the side elevation. The space within the neighbouring rear extension appears to be served by a secondary window within the rear elevation. In addition, the proposal would still retain a sufficient space between the properties such that it is unlikely to result in a sufficient loss of light.
- 20. The extension to the rear of the property is two storey, stepping down to single storey along the boundary with No. 58. In addition, there is an existing single storey rear extension at No. 58 and therefore the proposal is not considered to result in a significant loss of light.
- 21. Two new windows are proposed within the side elevation of the extension, however these are to be obscure glazed to prevent loss of privacy. In addition, the first floor windows in the rear elevation are not considered to result in a significant increase in overlooking compared with the existing situation.
- 22. Therefore the proposal is not considered to be detrimental to occupier or neighbouring amenity.

#### Compliance with other relevant development plan policies

23. A number of development plan policies include key targets for matters such as parking provision and energy efficiency. The table below indicates the outcome of the officer assessment in relation to these matters.

Requirement	Relevant policy	Compliance
Cycle storage	DM31	Shed retained in rear garden
Car parking provision	DM31	Extant parking provision on driveway
Refuse Storage/servicing	DM31	Extant arrangements retained

#### Equalities and diversity issues

24. There are no significant equality or diversity issues.

#### Local finance considerations

- 25. Under Section 70(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 the council is required when determining planning applications to have regard to any local finance considerations, so far as material to the application. Local finance considerations are defined as a government grant or the Community Infrastructure Levy.
- 26. Whether or not a local finance consideration is material to a particular decision will depend on whether it could help to make the development acceptable in planning terms. It would not be appropriate to make a decision on the potential for the development to raise money for a local authority.
- 27. In this case local finance considerations are not considered to be material to the case.

## Conclusion

28. The development is in accordance with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework and the Development Plan, and it has been concluded that there are no material considerations that indicate it should be determined otherwise.

### Recommendation

To approve application no. 18/01013/F - 60 Borrowdale Drive, Norwich, NR1 4NS and grant planning permission subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Standard time limit;
- 2. In accordance with plans.

