

DELEGATED HOUSEHOLDER APPLICATION REPORT

Ward: Peppard

App Ref: 200773/HOU

Address: 11 Crawshay Drive, Reading, RG4 8SX

Proposals: Single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory.

Case Officer: Mr David Brett

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Richard Jones

Date received (valid from): 07/06/2020

Target Decision date: 02/08/2020

1. INTRODUCTION

The proposal site is a two-storey semi-detached dwelling along Crawshay Drive, Caversham. The surrounding area is characterised as residential, with other similarly designed two-storey semi-detached dwellings. Many of the properties along Crawshay Drive has been extended, including two-storey side extensions and dormer extensions. The proposal site also features a single storey side extension, which was approved in 2014 under application 140525.

A site visit for this application was not possible due to the Coronavirus lockdown. The applicant supplied site photos on 02/07/2020. These photos were used for the purpose of determining this application.

2. PROPOSAL AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The proposed development is for a single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory.

Plans considered:

- Proposed Ground Floor Plan - JONES-0220-01
- Proposed Elevations - JONES-0220-02
- Existing Plan & Elevations - JONES-0220-03
- Section A-A - JONES-0220-04
- Block & Location Plans - JONES-0220-05

Received on 07/06/2020

3. RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

140525 - Demolition of existing garage and, erection of single storey side extension and open front porch - Application Permitted on 06/06/2014

4. CONSULTATIONS

4.1 *The following addresses were consulted by letter.*

9 Crawshay Drive, Emmer Green, Reading, RG4 8SX

13 Crawshay Drive, Emmer Green, Reading, RG4 8SX

14 Greenleas Avenue, Emmer Green, Reading, RG4 8TA

No consultation responses have been received for this application.

A site notice was displayed from 13th June 2020, expiring on 4th July 2020 - no responses have been received.

5. EQUALITY ACT 2010:

In determining this application the Council is required to have regard to its obligations under the Equality Act 2010. However, there is no indication or evidence (including from consultation on the application) that the protected groups identified by the Act have or will have different

needs, experiences, issues and priorities in relation to this particular planning application. Therefore in terms of the key equalities protected characteristics it is considered there would be no significant adverse impacts as a result of the development.

6. LEGAL AND PLANNING POLICY CONTEXT

Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that proposals be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. Material considerations include relevant policies in the National Planning Policy framework (NPPF) - among them the 'presumption in favour of sustainable development'. The following local and national planning policy and guidance is relevant to this application:

National Policy

National Planning Policy Framework

National Planning Practice Guidance

Reading Borough Local Plan (Adopted November 2019)

CC7 Design and the Public Realm

CC8 Safeguarding Amenity

H9 House Extensions and Ancillary Accommodation

H10 Private and Communal Outdoor Space

SPG/SPD

A Design Guide to House Extensions SPG

7. APPRAISAL

7.1 *House Extensions and Ancillary Accommodation*

In accordance with Reading Borough Local Plan policy H9: House Extensions and Ancillary Accommodation, house extension proposals are acceptable where it:

- *Respects the character and appearance of the house in terms of scale and locations.*
- *Respects the character and pattern of neighbouring properties and appearance of the street as a whole in terms of scale, location, materials and design, the arrangement of doors, windows and other principal architectural features and any important existing building line.*

The proposed single storey rear extension has a depth of 3.5m and a width of 6.6m and would across the original rear elevation of the existing dwelling. The ground to eaves height of the proposed extension is 2.65m. The proposal also features a rooflight, as a result, the proposal has a total height of 3.5m. The existing conservatory to be demolished has a ground to ridge height of 3.2m, while side wall of the conservatory to the side boundary at 9 Crawshay Drive has a max height of 3.45m and has a depth of 3.5m. In terms of size, scale and location, the proposal is considered similar to the existing conservatory. The proposal is considered acceptable in terms of its size, scale and location in relation to the existing dwelling.

The brickwork has been specified to match the existing dwelling on all elevations. The arrangement of windows and doors is considered acceptable, along with the proposed rooflight. The proposal is not considered to have a significant impact on the street scene along Crawshay Drive due to the location of the proposed development behind the existing dwelling.

In accordance with Reading Borough Local Plan policy H9: House Extensions and Ancillary Accommodation, house extension proposals are acceptable where it:

- *Does not result in a loss of biodiversity within gardens.*

The proposed extension is considered not to result in a loss of biodiversity within the garden as the extension will be constructed on an already developed part of the garden. The proposed

single storey rear extension will be situated on an already developed (existing conservatory) part of the site.

7.2 Safeguarding Amenity

This proposal has also been assessed against Reading Borough Local Plan policy CC8: Safeguarding Amenity, which states that proposals are acceptable where they will not cause a detrimental impact on the living environment of existing residential properties with regard to:

- *Privacy and overlooking*
- *Access to sunlight and daylight*
- *Visual dominance and overbearing effects of a development*
- *Harm to outlook*

The proposed development is considered to not detrimentally impact the living conditions at 9 Crawshay Gardens. It is considered likely that the proposed development would have a reduced impact on 9 Crawshay Drive than the existing conservatory. The proposed rear extension would present a slightly smaller side elevation to the rear of 9 Crawshay Drive. The depth of the proposal is to remain the same as the conservatory to be demolished. As such, it is considered that the proposal would not worsen the living conditions at 9 Crawshay Drive in terms of loss of light or harm to outlook. There are also no concerns that there would be a loss of privacy to number 9 as a result of this proposal.

The proposed single storey rear extension is not considered to detrimentally impact the living conditions to 13 Crawshay Drive due to size and scale of the proposal. The separation distance of the proposed development and the nearest habitable window at 13 Crawshay Drive contributes to the view that the proposal would not detrimentally impact number 13 with regards to loss of light, privacy or harm to outlook.

The proposed design does however contain an area of flat roof (surrounding the proposed rooflight - this is in contrast to the existing arrangement, as evident below). It is considered necessary to include a compliance condition restricting the use of the flat roof as a terrace, as this could, if uncontrolled, be harmful to neighbouring amenity.



1. Existing conservatory at 11 Crawshay Drive, adjoining property is 9

Crawshay Drive (image supplied by applicant).

7.3 Private and Communal Outdoor Space

This proposal has also been assessed against Reading Borough Local Plan policy H10: Private and Communal Outdoor Space, which states that:

- *Usable outdoor space for houses should be no less than the gross floor area of the dwelling. To which it relates.*
 - It is considered that this proposal will not represent an unacceptable loss in private outdoor space. As the size of the private outdoor space will still be larger than the usable floor space of the dwelling on the ground floor.

8. CONCLUSION

The proposed development has been assessed and the proposed works are considered to be in accordance with the above relevant policies and planning permission can be granted.

9. RECOMMENDATION

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10. CONDITIONS

TL1: Time Limit (Standard)

The development hereby permitted shall begin no later than three years from the date of this planning permission.

REASON: In pursuance of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) in order to prevent an accumulation of unimplemented planning permissions.

AP1: Approved Plans

The development hereby permitted shall ONLY be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

Plans considered:

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REASON: For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure that the development is carried out and adhered to in accordance with the application form and associated details hereby approved.

M1: Materials (To Match)

The materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the development hereby permitted shall match those used on the existing building.

REASON: In the interests of visual amenity and ensuring the new development responds positively to the local context and character in accordance with policies CC7 and H9 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

PD5: Use of roof restricted

The roof area of the extension hereby permitted shall not be used as a balcony, roof garden or similar amenity area without the grant of further specific planning permission from the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: To safeguard the amenities of the adjoining premises from overlooking and loss of privacy in accordance with Policy CC8 and H9 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

11. INFORMATIVES**IF1: Positive and Proactive Working - approval**

The Local Planning Authority has worked positively and proactively with the applicant to resolve relevant matters to allow permission to be granted within the prescribed target timescale for the decision to be issued.

IF5: Terms

Your attention is drawn to the terms and conditions of this permission. Any development which is carried out but which differs materially from the approved plans and details, or does not comply with any condition(s) or planning obligation(s) attached to the permission may result in the Council taking action to remedy the breach of planning control. If you are in any doubt please contact the Council.

IF6: Building Control

Your attention is drawn to the requirement for submission of a Building Regulations application for the proposed development. Please contact Building Control on 0118 937 2449 for advice.

IF7: Complaints about construction

Complaints are commonly received about noise and dust caused by construction and demolition works, particularly working outside reasonable hours and smoke from bonfires associated with the burning of waste on site. The developer is reminded that construction and demolition associated with the approved development will be subject to environmental health law.

IF8: Encroachment

During the course of construction, the developer should take care to ensure that no part of this development (foundations, eaves, guttering, etc.) would encroach on, under or across the boundary line with the adjoining property, as the requisite Notice has not been served on the owner of that property. This permission does not confer any right of access onto land that is not under the developer's control. The developer should also be mindful of the obligations and requirements of the Party Wall Act (1996) details of which can be found at: www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/partywall