



# Notice of a public meeting of Area Planning Sub-Committee

**To:** Councillors Hollyer (Chair), Crawshaw (Vice-Chair),

Cullwick, Fisher, Galvin, Craghill, Lomas, Melly, Orrell,

Waudby and Webb

**Date:** Thursday, 7 November 2019

**Time:** 4.30 pm

**Venue:** The George Hudson Board Room - 1st Floor West

Offices (F045)

# AGENDA

# There are no site visits scheduled for this sub-committee meeting

#### 1. Declarations of Interest

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- any disclosable pecuniary interests

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#### 3. Plans List

To determine the following planning applications:

# a) 9 Bishophill Junior York YO1 6EN (Pages 1 - 8) 19/01648/FUL

Alterations to the existing building through the reconfiguration of the existing kitchen and a new external opening to the rear garden area. [Micklegate]

# b) 9 Bishophill Junior York YO1 6EN (Pages 9 - 16) 19/01649/LBC

Internal alterations, including removal of internal walls, and new large glazing units to side and rear of existing rear extension.

[Micklegate]

# c) 25 Bedale Avenue Osbaldwick York YO10 (Pages 17 - 30) 3NG 19/01837/FUL

Single storey side and rear extension with rear dormer to house in multiple occupation [Osbaldwick And Derwent]

# 4. Urgent Business

Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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#### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Date: 7 November 2019 Ward: Micklegate

Team: West Area Parish: Micklegate Planning

Panel

Reference: 19/01648/FUL

**Application at:** 9 Bishophill Junior York YO1 6EN

For: Alterations to the existing building through the reconfiguration of

the existing kitchen and a new external opening to the rear

garden area.

By: Mr Peter Kilbane
Application Type: Full Application
Target Date: 14 November 2019
Recommendation: Householder Approval

#### 1.0 PROPOSAL

- 1.1 The scheme includes internal and external alterations including the creation of a new external opening to the rear garden. The property is grade II listed and is located within the Central Historic Core conservation area (CHCCA) and an area of archaeological importance.
- 1.2 The decision on this application needs to be made by the planning subcommittee as the applicant is City of York Councillor.

#### 2.0 POLICY CONTEXT

City of York Publication Draft Local Plan 2018

D11- Extensions and Alterations

D4 - Conservation Areas

City of York Council Development Control Local Plan 2005

CYGP1 - Design

CYHE2 - Development in historic locations

#### 3.0 CONSULTATIONS

Design Conservation & Sustainable Development (Conservation Architect)

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3.1 No objections to the revised scheme subject to conditions.

# Micklegate Planning Panel

3.2 No response received

#### 4.0 REPRESENTATIONS

4.1 None received

#### 5.0 APPRAISAL

#### **KEY ISSUES**

5.1 The key issues in the assessment of this proposal are the impact upon the character and appearance of the building and the conservation area and amenities of neighbours.

#### LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

5.2 Section 38(6) of the 1990 Act requires local planning authorities to determine planning applications in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 requires that, in the exercise of an LPA's planning function with respect to any buildings or other land in a conservation area, special attention shall be paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character and appearance of that area.

#### POLICY CONTEXT

# National Planning Policy Framework

- 5.3 The National Planning Policy Framework, March 2012 (NPPF) sets out the Government's overarching planning policies. At its heart is a presumption in favour of sustainable development.
- 5.5 Paragraph 184 states that heritage assets are an irreplaceable resource, and should be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance, so that they can be enjoyed for their contribution to the quality of life of existing and future generations. Paragraph 193 states that when considering the impact on a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to its conservation.

# **Local Plan Policies**

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# City of York Publication Draft Local Plan 2018

- 5.6 The Publication Draft City of York Local Plan 2018 ('2018 Draft Plan') was submitted for examination on 25 May 2018. In accordance with paragraph 48 of the NPPF the Draft Plan policies can be afforded weight according to:
- -The stage of preparation of the emerging plan (the more advanced the preparation, the greater the weight that may be given);
- The extent to which there are unresolved objections to relevant policies (the less significant the unresolved objections, the greater the weight that may be given); and
- The degree of consistency of the relevant policies in the emerging plan to the policies in the previous NPPF published in March 2012. (NB: Under transitional arrangements plans submitted for examination before 24 January 2019 will be assessed against the 2012 NPPF).
- 5.7 Policy D11:Extensions and Alterations is relevant and advises that development proposals will be supported where, inter alia, they respond positively to the immediate architectural context, local character and history in terms of the use of materials and detailing, scale and proportion, landscape design and the space between buildings and protect the amenity of current and neighbouring occupiers. Policy D4: Conservation Areas states that development proposals within or affecting the setting of a conservation area will be supported where they; (i) are designed to preserve or enhance the special character and appearance of the conservation area and would enhance and better reveal its significance; (ii) respect important views; and (iii) are accompanied by an appropriate evidence based assessment of the conservation area's special qualities, proportionate to the size and impact of the development and sufficient to ensure that impacts of the proposals are clearly understood.

# City of York Council Development Control Local Plan 2005

5.8 The Development Control Local Plan was approved for Development Control purposes in April 2005; its policies are material considerations although it is considered that their weight is limited except where in accordance with the content of the NPPF. Relevant policies are GP1 and HE2. Policy GP1 'Design' requires development proposals to respect or enhance the local environment, be of a design that is compatible with neighbouring buildings and the character of the area. Policy HE2 'Development in Historic Locations' advises that development in conservation areas must respect adjacent buildings and be of a design that is compatible with the character of the area and neighbouring buildings.

<u>City of York Council Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for House</u> Extensions and Alterations 2012

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5.9 The Council has a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for House Extensions and Alterations and was approved on 4 December 2012. Basic principles include a requirement that development should be in keeping with the appearance, scale, design and character of both the existing dwelling and the street-scene generally (Paragraph 7.1) and that it should not unduly affect neighbouring amenity with particular regard to privacy, overshadowing and loss of light, overdominance and loss of outlook.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

5.10 The proposals relate to alterations to the ground floor kitchen/dining area of the property. The architect has submitted revised proposals and the position on the various elements can now be outlined as follows.

## Replacement of existing windows to garden with large doors

5.11 The ground floor wall and existing openings which open to the garden are not original and appear to date back to 1947 alterations. The original proposals for the replacement of the existing windows to the garden with large doors has been revised and now involves two smaller pairs of glazed doors which are more in keeping with the domestic scale and acceptable.

## Replace existing door to garden with glazed opening

5.12 This element has been withdrawn from the scheme with the door now being repaired.

# Replacement of external door and windows into rear yard

- 5.13 With regards to the proposed replacement of the external door and windows into rear yard, neither are in their original position and the proportions/design of the windows is harmful to the character of the listed building. The repair or replacement of the door on a like for like basis with details of new glazed upper panels required by condition would not harm the appearance of the building.
- 5.14 Concerns about new holes in the historic fabric associated with new drainage have been addressed with the architect confirming that all new drainage will connect to existing. The proposals will not have any adverse impact on the amenities of neighbours.
- 5.15 In assessing the proposal officers have considered the impact it would have on the significance of the conservation area and the special interest of the listed building, as required by Paragraph 193 of the NPPF, and have judged that there will be no harm. In this respect it is considered that the proposals will preserve the

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character and appearance of the conservation area and in approving this application the Local Planning Authority will be properly exercising its duty under Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

#### 6.0 CONCLUSION

6.1 It is considered that the proposals will preserve the character and appearance of the conservation area and the listed building and that there will be no adverse impact on the amenity of nearby occupants. As such it is considered that they satisfy national guidance in the NPPF and local policies in the Publication Draft Local Plan and Development Control Local Plan, and are acceptable.

## **7.0 RECOMMENDATION:** Householder Approval

- 1 TIME2 Development start within three years
- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following plans and other submitted documents

PL12/001 and PL11

Sketch drawing of new windows to rear yard in letter dated 18 October 2019 from scheme architect

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure that the development is carried out only as approved by the Local Planning Authority.

- 3 The following details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of the development and the works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.
- a) Detailed construction drawings of all new doors and windows, including brick window head detail
- b) Details of any extraction from the kitchen
- c) Lime-rich mortar specification
- d) Structural Engineer's details for new openings to garden

Reason: So that the Local Planning Authority may be satisfied with these details.

4 Existing reclaimed bricks shall be reused for building up any existing openings on garden elevation.

Reason: To protect the historic character of this listed building.

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# 8.0 INFORMATIVES: Notes to Applicant

#### 1. STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE APPROACH

In considering the application, the Local Planning Authority has implemented the requirements set out within the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraphs 186 and 187) in seeking solutions to problems identified during the processing of the application. The Local Planning Authority took the following steps in order to achieve a positive outcome:

Plans were revised to secure changes to proposals for doors to rear garden and door and windows to rear yard

Account has been taken of all relevant national guidance and local policies and with the attachment of conditions the proposal is considered to be satisfactory.

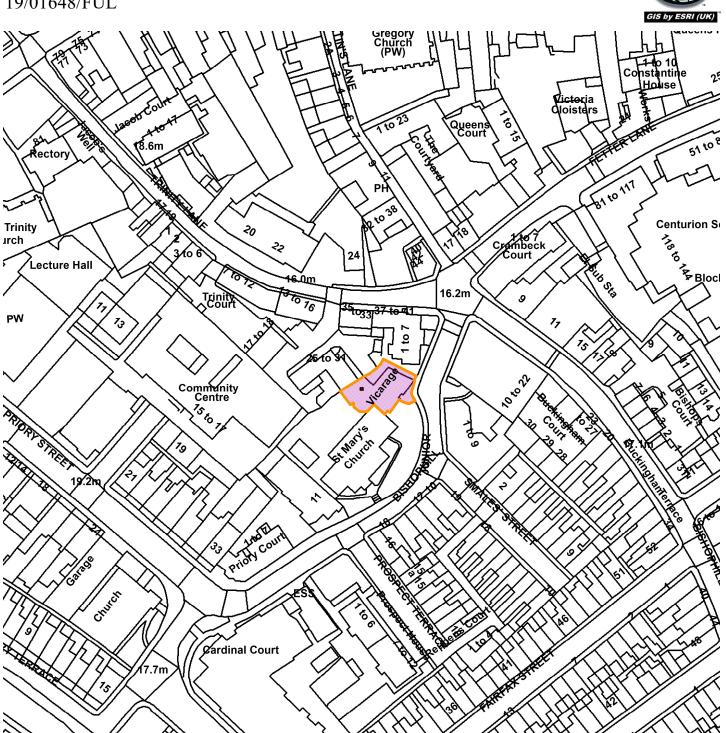
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# 9 Bishophill Junior

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#### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Date: 7 November 2019 Ward: Micklegate

Team: West Area Parish: Micklegate Planning

Panel

Reference: 19/01649/LBC

**Application at:** 9 Bishophill Junior York YO1 6EN

For: Internal alterations, including removal of internal walls, and new

large glazing units to side and rear of existing rear extension

By: Mr Peter Kilbane

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Target Date: 14 November 2019

**Recommendation:** Approve

#### 1.0 PROPOSAL

- 1.1 The scheme includes internal and external alterations including the creation of a new external opening to the rear garden. The property is grade II listed and is located within the Central Historic Core conservation area (CHCCA) and an area of archaeological importance.
- 1.2 The decision on this application needs to be made by the planning subcommittee as the applicant is City of York Councillor.

#### 2.0 POLICY CONTEXT

City of York Publication Draft Local Plan 2018

Policy D5: Listed Buildings.

#### 3.0 CONSULTATIONS

# **Design Conservation & Sustainable Development**

- 3.1 Comments as follows:
  - a) <u>Demolition of existing internal stores</u> the pantry and scullery were not part of the original house layout and do not contribute to the significance of the building, their demolition is therefore acceptable

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- b) <u>Demolition of existing wall separating the two areas of the kitchen</u> evidence suggests this wall is likely to be original and its loss was not supported. However, applicant has agreed to retain more of the historic fabric in the form of nibs and downstand. A scaled drawing has been received addressing this. Structural Engineer's details to be conditioned
- c) Removal of stove and low level enlargement to chimney breast the stove is clearly not original to its current location; its removal is therefore acceptable but condition required regarding how the opening will be finished and to ensure ventilation is retained to the chimney
- d) Replacement floor the current floor tiles likely date from the 1940s and do not contribute to the significance of the listed property, their removal is therefore acceptable. The detail of the replacement floor will need to be agreed by condition
- e) Replacement of existing windows to garden with large doors the ground floor wall and existing openings which open to the garden are not original and appear to date back to 1947 alterations. However, the proposal for an almost full width opening and bi-fold doors was not supported; the opening was too large and harmful to the character of the building. The plans have been amended in line with a suggestions for two smaller pairs of glazed doors, which are more in keeping with the domestic scale and acceptable.
- f) Replace existing door to garden with glazed opening the loss of the historic traditional door is not supported, and should be repaired or replaced on a like for like basis.
- g) Replacement of external door and windows into rear yard neither the door nor window into the yard are in their original position and the proportions/design of the windows is harmful to the character of the listed building. The replacement of the door on a like for like basis is acceptable with details of glazed upper panels required by condition. The most appropriate design of the replacement windows would be to form a central mullion and install a pair of sash and case windows to match the original windows; double glazing on this basis would be acceptable.
- h) Insulation to existing wall this may be agreeable subject to confirmation of precise location / extent and specification and impact on any historic details such as skirting, architraves etc. This information needs to be provided at application stage to ensure the principle can be agreed. Though a detailed specification of the insulation could be conditioned, confirmation that the insulation will be of a breathable nature will be required at this stage.

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 i) Relocation of door in kitchen - an existing internal door into the kitchen is not in its original location and the rehanging of it into its suggested location is acceptable. Compliance condition required that the existing door will be rehung.

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3.2 No response.

#### 4.0 REPRESENTATIONS

4.1 None received

#### 5.0 APPRAISAL

#### **KEY ISSUES**

5.1 The key issues in the assessment of this proposal are the impact upon the character and appearance of the building and the conservation area.

#### LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

5.2 Section 16 (2) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 states that in considering whether to grant listed building consent for any works, the local planning authority shall have special regard to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses.

#### **POLICY CONTEXT**

# National Planning Policy Framework

- 5.3 The National Planning Policy Framework, March 2012 (NPPF) sets out the Government's overarching planning policies. At its heart is a presumption in favour of sustainable development.
- 5.4 Paragraph 184 states that heritage assets are an irreplaceable resource, and should be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance, so that they can be enjoyed for their contribution to the quality of life of existing and future generations. Paragraph 193 states that when considering the impact on a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to its conservation.

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## Local Plan Policies

## City of York Publication Draft Local Plan 2018

- 5.5 The Publication Draft City of York Local Plan 2018 ('2018 Draft Plan') was submitted for examination on 25 May 2018. In accordance with paragraph 48 of the NPPF the Draft Plan policies can be afforded weight according to:
- -The stage of preparation of the emerging plan (the more advanced the preparation, the greater the weight that may be given);
- The extent to which there are unresolved objections to relevant policies (the less significant the unresolved objections, the greater the weight that may be given); and
- The degree of consistency of the relevant policies in the emerging plan to the policies in the previous NPPF published in March 2012.
- 5.6 The evidence base underpinning the 2018 Draft Plan is capable of being a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. Policy D5:Listed Buildings is relevant and advises that development proposals will be supported where, inter alia, they preserve the special architectural or historic interest of listed buildings.

## City of York Council Development Control Local Plan 2005

5.7 There are no relevant up-to-date policies within this Plan.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

- 5.8 The proposals relate to alterations to the ground floor kitchen/dining area of the property. The architect has submitted revised proposals and the position on the various elements can now be outlined as follows.
- 5.9 Removal of internal stores, part of internal wall, stove and tiled floor is acceptable and will have no adverse impact on the significance of this listed building. The original proposals for the replacement of the existing windows to the garden with large doors has been revised and now involves two smaller pairs of glazed doors and is acceptable. The proposed replacement of the existing door to the garden with a glazed opening has been omitted from the scheme with the door now being repaired.
- 5.10 With regards to the proposed replacement of the external door and windows into rear yard; the door will now be repaired or replaced on a like for like basis and an indicative drawing of the proposed new window arrangement has been submitted

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and is acceptable. Insulation to existing wall – the architect has confirmed that the insulation will be breathable.

- 5.11 Relocation of door in kitchen its location is acceptable. Concerns about new holes in the historic fabric associated with new drainage have been addressed with the architect confirming that all new drainage will connect to existing.
- 5.12 The works are considered to be acceptable and will preserve the special architectural and historic interest of the building and the character of the conservation area. As a result it is considered that if the application is approved the Local Planning Authority will have properly exercised its duty under Sections 16 (2) and 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
- 5.13 In assessing the proposal officers have considered the desirability of sustaining and enhancing the significance of this listed building and putting it to a viable use consistent with its conservation and the positive contribution that conservation of heritage assets can make to sustainable communities including their economic vitality, as required by Paragraph 192 of the NPPF. They have also considered the impact it would have on the significance of this heritage asset, as required by Paragraph 193 of the NPPF, and have judged that there will be no harm. As it is considered there will be no harm, there is no need to weigh the proposal against the public benefits as outlined in Paragraph 196 of the NPPF.

#### 6.0 CONCLUSION

6.1 It is considered that the proposed alterations will preserve the special historic and architectural interest of the building. They comply with national planning guidance, as contained in the National Planning Policy Framework and Publication Draft York Local Plan 2018.

# 7.0 RECOMMENDATION: Approve

- 1 TIMEL2 Development start within 3 yrs (LBC/CAC)
- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following plans and other submitted documents

PL12/001, PL10 and PL11

Sketch drawing of new windows to rear yard in letter dated 18 October 2019 from scheme architect

Email from scheme architect dated 21 October 2019 confirming that any historic skirtings and/or architraves that would need to removed as a result of the alterations

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will be removed carefully and reinstated to the face of the new wall that will be constructed.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure that the development is carried out only as approved by the Local Planning Authority.

- 3 The following details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of the development and the works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.
- a) Detailed construction drawings of all new doors and windows, including brick window head detail
- b) Details of how the opening in the chimney breast will be finished once the stove is removed, including a vent to provide air circulation to chimney
- c) Details of new floor construction
- d) Specification of new insulation
- e) Details of any extraction from the kitchen
- f) Lime-rich mortar specification
- g) Details of new architrave to internal kitchen door
- h) Structural Engineer's details for new internal opening within the kitchen and new openings to garden

Reason: So that the Local Planning Authority may be satisfied with these details.

The existing internal kitchen door shall be rehung in proposed location shown on plan no. PL12/001

Reason: To ensure that this original feature is retained on site

5 Existing reclaimed bricks shall be reused for building up any existing openings on garden elevation.

Reason: To protect the historic character of this listed building.

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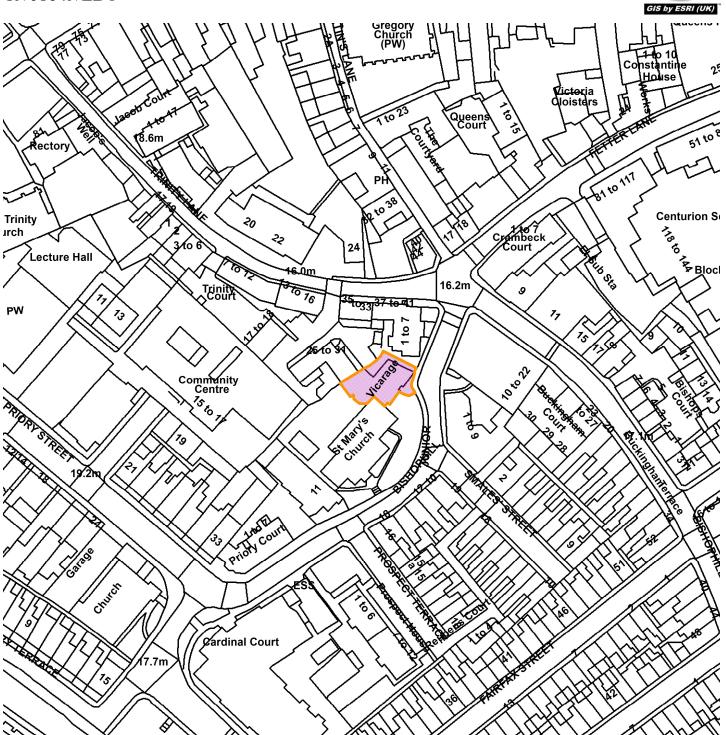
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# Agenda Item 3c

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Date: 7 November 2019 Ward: Osbaldwick And Derwent

**Team:** East Area **Parish:** Osbaldwick Parish

Council

Reference: 19/01837/FUL

**Application at:** 25 Bedale Avenue Osbaldwick York YO10 3NG

For: Single storey side and rear extension with rear dormer to house

in multiple occupation

By: Mr Sullivan

**Application Type:** Full Application **Target Date:** 14 November 2019

**Recommendation:** Approve

#### 1.0 PROPOSAL

- 1.1 The application property is a two storey semi-detached property located within a predominantly residential area in the eastern suburbs to the north of Hull Road.
- 1.2 This application seeks permission for a single storey side and rear extension with rear dormer in connection with the existing HMO use. The proposal would increase the number of bedrooms from 4 to 6.

# Planning History

- 1.3 A certificate of lawfulness for use as a house in multiple occupation was granted for the property in December 2012 (12/03401/CLU).
- 1.4 Planning permission for a two storey rear extension, single storey side and rear extensions, hip to gable roof extension with rear dormer and detached cycle and bin store to rear in connection with the existing HMO use (increasing the number of bedrooms from 4 to 6) was refused at sub-committee in July 2019 (18/02806/FUL) on the grounds that the combination of one and two storey extensions, hip to gable roof extension and large dormer would appear as awkward, over-dominant and incongruous additions and the two storey rear extension would have an overbearing and adverse impact and the amenities and outlook of the occupants of no.23 Bedale Avenue. The applicant has made an appeal to the Secretary of State

# Committee Call In

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- 1.5 This application has been called in by Councillor Warters for consideration by the planning committee on the following grounds:
  - a) Concerns regarding over occupancy of the property and associated impacts of potentially six separate living units on parking provision, waste disposal and storage arrangements and increased noise and disturbance.
  - b) Concerns over internal layout not being suitable for the amenity of future occupants nor conducive to the property ever being returned to domestic family occupation.
  - c) Concerns over impact of extensions on neighbouring properties

#### 2.0 POLICY CONTEXT

City of York Publication Draft Local Plan 2018

**D11- Extensions and Alterations** 

City of York Council Development Control Local Plan 2005

GP1 - Design H7 - Residential extensions

#### 3.0 CONSULTATIONS

INTERNAL

# Flood Risk Management Team

3.1 The proposed development represents an extension/increase to the existing property in the region of approximately 33sqm over an area of hard paved driveway/patio and therefore with no/little increase in impermeable area and therefore the Flood Risk Management Team has no objections but if planning permission is granted and in light of the comments made by the Foss (2008) Internal Drainage Board (see pp.4.6 below) an informative can be attached to a decision to encourage the use of sustainable drainage methods to minimise the slight increase in surface water run-off.

**EXTERNAL** 

# Osbaldwick Parish Council

3.2 The Parish Council object most strongly to the proposals involving the over occupation of the property with the proposed increase from 4 to 6 bedrooms, this

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HMO has operated for some time with few adverse effects on the surrounding neighbourhood, this increase in numbers can only lead to an increased level of noise and disturbance, increased issues over rubbish disposal and car parking for the neighbourhood. Attention is drawn to recent appeal decisions and inspectors comments regarding such issues and in particular the acceptance that increased numbers of occupants living as independent households can produce significant adverse effects to neighbourhoods (33 Hadrian Av. APP/C2741/4/12/2182758)

## Foss Internal Drainage Board

3.3 The proposal appears to enlarge the impermeable area on site and has the potential to increase the rate of surface water run-off from the site. It advises surface water arising from the developed site should be managed in a sustainable manner and that development should not be allowed until the Authority is satisfied that surface water drainage has been satisfactorily provided for.

#### 4.0 REPRESENTATIONS

- 4.1 Two letters were received making the following material planning comments
  - a) Six no. separate living units amounts to over occupancy, with extra noise, comings and goings, disturbance at unsocial hours and extra rubbish and traffic.
  - b) The drive is not viable for 3 cars so will cause overflow onto the road, potentially affecting our access and particularly access of service vehicles.
  - c) The dormer will invade privacy.
  - d) The outside bin store against the fence will result in smell, noise, disturbance and the attraction of rodents especially because there will be the rubbish of 6 individuals.
  - e) Not a peaceful, tidy environment anymore

#### 5.0 APPRAISAL

#### **KEY ISSUES**

5.1 The key issues in the assessment of this proposal are the impact upon the character and appearance of the building and amenities of neighbours.

#### LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

5.2 Section 38(6) of the 1990 Act requires local planning authorities to determine planning applications in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

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#### **POLICY CONTEXT**

# National Planning Policy Framework

- 5.3 The National Planning Policy Framework, February 2019 (NPPF) sets out the Government's overarching planning policies and at its heart is a presumption in favour of sustainable development.
- 5.4 Paragraph 38 advises that local planning authorities should approach decisions on proposed development in a positive and creative way and work proactively with applicants to secure developments that will improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area. Decision-makers at every level should seek to approve applications for sustainable development where possible.
- 5.5 Paragraph 127 states that planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments will achieve a number of aims including:
  - -function well and add to the overall quality of the area, not just for the short term but over the lifetime of the development
  - -be visually attractive as a result of good architecture, layout and appropriate and effective landscaping
  - -are sympathetic to local character and history, including the surrounding built environment and landscape setting
  - -create places that are safe, inclusive and accessible and promote health and well-being with a high standard of amenity for existing and future users

# **Local Plan Policies**

# City of York Publication Draft Local Plan 2018

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  - -The stage of preparation of the emerging plan (the more advanced the preparation, the greater the weight that may be given);
  - -The extent to which there are unresolved objections to relevant policies (the less significant the unresolved objections, the greater the weight that may be given); and
  - -The degree of consistency of the relevant policies in the emerging plan to the policies in the previous NPPF published in March 2012. (NB: Under transitional arrangements plans submitted for examination before 24 January 2019 will be assessed against the 2012 NPPF).

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5.8 The evidence base underpinning the 2018 Draft Plan is capable of being a material consideration in the determination of planning applications and Policy D11:Extensions and Alterations is relevant and advises that development proposals will be supported where, inter alia, they respond positively to the immediate architectural context, local character and history in terms of the use of materials and detailing, scale and proportion, landscape design and the space between buildings and protect the amenity of current and neighbouring occupiers.

# City of York Council Development Control Local Plan 2005

5.9 The Development Control Local Plan was approved for Development Control purposes in April 2005; its policies are material considerations although it is considered that their weight is limited except where in accordance with the content of the NPPF. Policy H7sets out a list of design criteria against which proposals for house extensions are considered. The list includes the need to ensure that the design and scale are appropriate in relation to the main building; that proposals respect the character of the area and spaces between dwellings; and that there should be no adverse effect on the amenity that neighbouring residents could reasonably expect to enjoy. Policy GP1 requires development proposals to respect or enhance the local environment; and requires them to be of a design that is compatible with neighbouring buildings and the character of the area. Policy GP4 requires that development proposals make adequate provision for the storage and collection of refuse and recycling. Appendix E to the Local Plan outlines car and cycle parking standards for development and specifies that HMO's should provide 1 car parking space per 2 bedrooms and 1 cycle parking space per bedroom.

# City of York Council Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for House Extensions and Alterations 2012

5.10 The Council has a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for House Extensions and Alterations and was approved on 4 December 2012. The SPD offers overarching general advice relating to such issues as privacy and general amenity as well as advice which is specific to the design and size of particular types of extensions or alterations. Paragraph 7.1 advises that a basic principle is that any extension should normally be in keeping with the appearance, scale, design and character of both the existing dwelling and the street scene generally. In particular, care should be taken to ensure that the proposal does not dominate the house or clash with its appearance.

5.11 Paragraph 7.4 outlines principles to follow to help ensure that character and streescene criteria are met, including:

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- a) The siting of an extension should not be detrimental to the pattern of buildings and the spacing between them.
- b) Extensions should normally appear subservient to, yet in keeping with, the original building.
- c) Extensions should respect the architectural period, style and detailing of the existing dwelling and the area.
- f) Extensions to dwellings should generally have a roof pitch and/or style that reflects that of the existing house.
- 5.12 Paragraph 8.1 advises that a site should retain adequate access, parking and turning facilities for vehicles, including secure storage for cycles. Paragraph 8.3 advises that regard should be given to the storage of bins and recycling boxes.
- 5.13 Paragraph 8.4 advises that where a property is reliant on access to the rear garden for the storage of cycles a minimum gap of 0.9m will normally be required between the extension and the side boundary.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

# Principle of Expansion of HMO Use

- 5.14 Members will be aware that the Council has an SPD for controlling the concentration of HMOs. Although it does not apply to this application, because there is no change of use of a house to an HMO involved, the SPD assists the consideration in that it provides guidance on whether the number of HMOs in an area can be said to causing problems and tipping the community from balanced to unbalanced. The SPD identifies this point as when 20% of all properties across a neighbourhood and 10% at street level are HMOs.
- 5.15 In this respect the HMO percentages for 25 Bedale Avenue (including the application property) are 7.5% at street level and 9.56% at neighbourhood level; both below the thresholds in the SPD. In the light of this and the Council's own guidance on when an area can be said to be suffering from the impacts of an HMO concentration, it is considered it would be very difficult to justify that increasing the number of occupants in the property would have an adverse impact on the community and, indeed, the LPA has lost the argument on just this point in recent appeals [34 Deramore Drive, March 2018 (increase of two bedrooms) and 36 Vanbrugh Drive, October 2018 (increase of 1 bedroom)]. The appeal decision that Osbaldwick Parish Council refer to related to HMO percentages that were significantly higher than those for Bedale Avenue.

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- 5.16 An important point to note is that this application proposes the same increase of two additional bedrooms that application 18/02806/FUL proposed but the reasons for refusal for this previous application did not include adverse impact on the community, including issues of noise or disturbance, as a result of the proposed expansion.
- 5.17 It should also be noted that as HMO use of the property has already been authorised by a certificate of lawfulness, it could be occupied by up to 6 persons without the need for planning permission to be obtained, subject to any extensions involved benefitting from permitted development rights.

# Car Parking, Cycle Parking and Bin Storage

- 5.18 In terms of car parking the Council's parking standards are for a maximum of 3 parking spaces for a 6 bed HMO. In this respect the front curtilage has already been fully hard surfaced as a parking area and the submitted plan shows it can accommodate 3 car parking spaces at the front of the property and leave a 0.9m gap to move bikes and bins between the front and rear. The plan also indicates that a bin store and cycle store for 6 bikes would be provided in the rear curtilage.
- 5.19 The car parking spaces are shown as 2.4m wide by 4.8m long, which are the prescribed dimensions for a standard car parking space in the Council's Highway Design Guide. The Guide outlines that an appropriate parking space for a household plot (i.e. including an HMO) can be up to 6m long by 3.6m wide to allow ease of access, ease of movement for getting things in and out of the boot, maintenance, working areas, etc. and planning officers normally look to secure this larger size of parking space for an HMO when it is in a location where there is an existing onstreet car parking problem. However, there does not appear to be a significant onstreet parking problem in the location and Network Management has no complaints on record about there being such a problem.
- 5.20 In this respect it should be noted that the Council's parking standards are a maximum and each development proposal has to be assessed in accordance with site conditions. It should also be remembered that the Council's parking standards do not require off street provision for visitors. In view of this it is not considered that the Council's usual requirement for 3 larger off street car parking spaces can be rigidly applied in this particular application, as it is not considered that the potential for the occasional or even regular parking of 1 tenant's car on the street would be grounds for refusal.
- 5.21 Further points to take into account in respect of satisfying facility provision requirements are that the proposal includes a 6 space cycle store in the rear garden,

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which will promote the use of a sustainable transport mode, and the proposed bin storage facility is also considered to be acceptable.

5.22 It should also be noted that the car, cycle and bin storage provision in this current scheme is the same as that which was proposed for 18/02806/FUL scheme and the reasons for this previous refusal did not include grounds relating to these issues.

## **Extensions**

- 5.23 A key consideration in the assessment of this application is how does it differ in terms of scale and form from that which was refused by the planning committee in July 2019 and how does it relate to the reasons given for that refusal.
- 5.24 In this respect the main difference is that the first floor rear extension has been removed from the proposals. The rear dormer remains but the applicants can construct this under their permitted development rights.
- 5.25 The side part of single storey extension is shorter than the previous one (i.e. 7.7m as opposed to 11.7m) and does not project as far from the rear elevation (i.e. 3.6m as opposed to 4.3m). It is higher for part of its length than the previous scheme (i.e. 3.8m as opposed to 3.2m) as a result of it presenting a gable to the side boundary rather than mono-pitch roof. However, the main issue in terms of impact on no.23 Bedale Avenue (i.e. in terms of this latest scheme compared to the previous scheme) is that the first floor rear extension has been removed, and it is not considered that the slight increase in height of the side extension and the slightly closer proximity of the roof element to the shared side boundary would constitute grounds for refusal.
- 5.26 The scheme is also slightly different in terms of its relationship to 27 Bedale Avenue in that the rear extension is 3.6m long as opposed to the previous 3m long where it abuts the shared boundary. The roof is also a mono-pitch rather than a hipped roof and is 3.8m high. It is noted that a single storey rear extension could be built to 4m in height under PD rights. There is a 2m high brick wall on the shared boundary between nos.25 and 27. It is not considered that the impact on neighbouring amenity would be unacceptable.
- 5.27 With regards to the objections from the occupants of 16 Wydale Road concerning the rear dormer, the submitted plan is annotated to the effect that the rear dormer has been confirmed as being permitted development, and this is a key consideration in terms of impact on privacy of neighbours. It should be noted that it would lie circa 26m from the rear elevation of no.16 Wydale Road (i.e. beyond the 21m separation guideline in the Householder SPD) and it would also be circa 14m

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from the rear boundary of no.16 Wydale Road, which is a distance that is considered to be acceptable in privacy terms for amenity spaces.

- 5.28 In terms of the bin/cycle store it is not considered that it would have an adverse impact on the amenity of neighbours or that the application could be refused for this aspect.
- 5.29 It is also not considered that the internal layout would have an adverse impact on the amenity of future occupants nor is it considered that it would prevent the property being returned to domestic family occupation.
- 5.30 In addition as the first floor rear extension is now omitted from the scheme, with the resultant reduction in scale and mass, it is considered that the proposals would no longer appear as awkward, over-dominant and incongruous additions.

# **Drainage**

5.31 With regards to drainage issues, the comments of the IDB are noted but the Council's Flood Risk Management Team has no objections and advises that as the proposal represents little increase in impermeable area over hard paved driveway/patio, it would be sufficient to attach an informative to encourage the use of sustainable drainage methods to minimise the slight increase in surface water run-off.

#### 6.0 CONCLUSION

6.1 It is considered that the proposals are acceptable in terms of appearance and that there will be no adverse impact on the amenity of nearby occupants. As such it is considered that they satisfy national guidance in the NPPF and local policies in the Publication Draft Local Plan 2018 and Development Control Local Plan 2005, and are acceptable.

# **7.0 RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

- 1 TIME2 Development start within three years
- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following plan and other submitted details

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Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure that the development is carried out only as approved by the Local Planning Authority

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# 3 VISQ1 Matching materials

4 The extensions hereby approved shall not be brought into use for a House in Multiple Occupation purposes until the areas and facilities shown on the approved plans for parking of cycles and storage of bins have been constructed in accordance with the approved plans, and such facilities areas shall thereafter be retained solely for such purposes.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety, the promotion of the use of sustainable modes of transport and proper management of refuse

# 8.0 INFORMATIVES: Notes to Applicant

#### 1. STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE APPROACH

In considering the application, The Local Planning Authority has implemented the requirements set out within the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 38) and having taken account of all relevant national guidance and local policies, considers the proposal to be satisfactory. For this reason, no amendments were sought during the processing of the application, and it was not necessary to work with the applicant/agent in order to achieve a positive outcome.

#### 2. AVOIDING DAMAGE TO THE HIGHWAY GRASS VERGE

Applicants/Developers are reminded that great care should be taken to ensure that no damage to the surface or structure of the public highway is caused, by activities relating directly to the approved development (e.g. delivery of building materials via HGV's). The Council is particularly concerned at the increasing impacts and damage occurring to grass verges. This is detrimental to residential amenity, can present safety issues and places an unreasonable financial burden on the Council, if repairs are subsequently deemed necessary. Therefore, applicants/developers are strongly advised to work proactively with their appointed contractors and delivery companies to ensure that their vehicles avoid both parking and manoeuvring on areas of the public highway (grass verges) which are susceptible to damage. The council wishes to remind applicants that legislation (Highways Act 1980) is available to the authority to recover any costs (incurred in making good damage) from persons who can be shown to have damaged the highway, including verges. If the development is likely to require the temporary storage of building materials on the highway, then it is necessary to apply for a licence to do so. In the first instance please email highway.regulation@york.gov.uk, with details of the site location, planning application reference, anticipated materials, timelines and volume. Please refer to

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the Council website for further details, associated fees and the application form.

#### 3. SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE

The Foss (2008) Internal Drainage Board have indicated that the local watercourses are already at full capacity, and that even small increases in surface water run-off can exacerbate the situation. For this reason, the applicant should, where practical, seek to use sustainable drainage methods at the property, in order to reduce the rate of surface water run-off into the local watercourses. Examples include the installation of water butts (rainwater harvesting), use of green roofs, removal of existing areas of hardstanding or the use of porous materials for new areas of hard surfacing.

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