

## CUMBERLAND COUNCIL DELEGATED PLANNING DECISION

1.	<b>Reference No:</b>	4/23/2131/0F1
2.	<b>Proposed Development:</b>	REMOVAL OF AN EXISTING CONSERVATORY AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION TO AN EXISTING DWELLING WITH ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING
3.	<b>Location:</b>	5 ESTUARY CLOSE, MILLOM
4.	<b>Parish:</b>	Millom
5.	<b>Constraints:</b>	ASC;Adverts - ASC;Adverts, Coal - Off Coalfield - Data Subject To Change, Key Species - Known Sites for Natterjack Toads, Key Species - Potential areas for Natterjack Toads
6.	<b>Publicity Representations &amp;Policy</b>	Neighbour Notification Letter: YES  Site Notice: NO  Press Notice: NO  Consultation Responses: See report  Relevant Planning Policies: See report
7.	<b>Report:</b>  <b>LOCATION</b>  This application relates to 5 Estuary Close, a semi-detached bungalow located on an existing housing estate within Millom. The site benefits from an existing single-storey conservatory within the rear garden.  <b>PROPOSAL</b>  Planning Permission is sought for the erection of a replacement single-storey rear extension	

to provide a new sunroom and utility and associated garden landscaping.

The extension will project 6.05 metres from the rear elevation of the dwelling, and it will be 3.61 metres in width. It has been designed to include a hipped roof with an overall height of 3.7 metres and the eaves height will match the existing bungalow. The rear elevation will include a window and the side elevation facing the patio will include patio doors and a utility room window. The side elevation facing the boundary will include two high-level horizontal windows. It will be finished with red facing bricks, grey concrete roof tiles and white UPVC windows and doors to match the existing property.

### **RELEVANT PLANNING APPLICATION HISTORY**

There have been no previous planning applications at this property.

### **CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

#### Consultees

Millom Town Council – No comments have been received.

#### Public Representations

The application has been advertised by way of neighbour notification letters issued to 2 no. properties - No objections have been received as a result of this consultation process.

### **PLANNING POLICIES**

Planning law requires applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

#### **Development Plan**

On 1st April 2023, Copeland Borough Council ceased to exist and was replaced by Cumberland Council as part of the Local Government Reorganisation of Cumbria.

Cumberland Council inherited the local development plan documents of each of the sovereign Councils including Copeland Borough Council, which combine to form a Consolidated Planning Policy Framework for Cumberland.

The inherited local development plan documents continue to apply to the geographic area of their sovereign Councils only.

The Consolidated Planning Policy Framework for Cumberland comprises the Development Plan for Cumberland Council until replaced by a new Cumberland Local Plan.

#### **Copeland Local Plan 2013 – 2028 (Adopted December 2013):**



## Cumberland Council

### Core Strategy

Policy ST1 – Strategic Development Principles

Policy ST2 – Spatial Development Strategy

Policy ENV3 – Biodiversity and Geodiversity

### Development Management Policies (DMP)

Policy DM10 – Achieving Quality of Place

Policy DM18 – Domestic Extensions and Alterations

Policy DM25 – Protecting Nature Conservation Sites, Habitats and Species

### **Other Material Planning Considerations**

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

### **Emerging Copeland Local Plan 2021-2038 (ELP):**

Cumberland Council are continuing the preparation and progression to adoption of the emerging Copeland Local Plan 2017-2038.

The emerging Copeland Local Plan 2017-2038 comprising the Publication Draft (January 2022) and Addendum (July 2022) have recently been examined by the Planning Inspector and their report on the soundness of the plan currently remains awaited.

As set out at Paragraph 48 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), Local Planning Authorities may give weight to relevant policies in emerging plans according to the stage of preparation of the emerging plan; the extent to which objections to relevant policies have been resolved; and the degree to which emerging policies are consistent with the NPPF.

Given the stage of preparation of the emerging Copeland Local Plan 2017-2038 some weight can be attached to policies where no objections have been received or objections have been resolved. The Publication Draft (January 2022) and Addendum (July 2022) provides an indication of the direction of travel of the emerging planning policies, which themselves have been developed in accordance with the provisions of the NPPF.

The following policies are relevant to this proposal:

Policy DS1PU – Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development

Policy DS6PU – Design and Development Standards

Policy H14PU – Domestic Extensions and Alterations

## **ASSESSMENT**

The key issues raised by this proposal are the principle of development, its scale and design and the potential impacts on residential amenity and ecology.

### Principle of Development

The proposed application relates to a residential dwelling within Millom and it will provide a replacement sunroom and new utility. Policy DM18 supports extensions to residential properties subject to detailed criteria, which are considered below.

On this basis, the principle of the development is therefore considered to be acceptable and the replacement extension satisfies Policies ST2, DM18 and the NPPF guidance.

### Scale and Design

Policy ST1 and section 12 of the NPPF seek to promote high quality designs. Policy DM10 and DM18 seek to ensure domestic alterations are of an appropriate scale and design which is appropriate to their surroundings and do not adversely affect the amenities of adjacent dwellings.

The proposed replacement rear extension will be relatively modest in scale and appropriately located within the site, behind the main element of the existing dwelling. It is not significantly larger than the existing conservatory which will ensure that the proposal appears subservient to the main dwelling. The design is considered to be suitable for its use as a replacement sunroom and the choice of materials are considered to respect the existing character and appearance of the existing property.

On this basis, the proposal is considered to meet Policy DM18 and the NPPF guidance.

### Residential Amenity

Policy ST1, Policy DM18 and section 12 of the NPPF seek to safeguard good levels of residential amenity of both the parent property and adjacent dwellings.

Whilst potential amenity issues between the proposed extension and the neighbouring properties were considered, the extension will be relatively modest in scale. It will be appropriately located to the rear of the parent property and the orientation of the extension to the north of the adjoining neighbour, no. 3 Estuary Close will ensure the proposal will not result in a significant reduction in daylight or appear overbearing for the neighbouring properties.

The proposed high-level windows on the side elevation facing no. 3 Estuary Close will also improve the appearance and perception of overlooking from the existing fully glazed conservatory.

No concerns have been raised as part of the neighbour consultation process.

On this basis, it was considered that the proposal will not have any adverse impacts on the neighbours and therefore the proposal is considered to satisfy Policy DM18 and the NPPF

	<p>guidance.</p> <p><u>Ecology</u></p> <p>Policy ST1, ENV3 and DM25 and section 15 of the NPPF outline how the Council will protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity within the Borough. These policies set out the approach towards managing development proposals that are likely to have an effect on nature conservation sites, habitats and protected species.</p> <p>The application site is identified as a potential area for natterjack toads. The application is not supported by any ecology details as the site is not located within 200m of a watercourse (as indicated within the ALGE trigger list) and is located on an existing housing estate. On this basis, it is considered that this is not a habitat that is likely to contain natterjack toads and so it would not be necessary to seek an ecological survey for this minor application.</p> <p>It is therefore considered that the development complies with Policies ST1, EV3 and DM25 of the Copeland Local Plan and the NPPF guidance.</p> <p><u>Planning Balance and Conclusion</u></p> <p>Overall, the replacement single-storey rear extension is considered to be of an appropriate scale and design and will not have any detrimental impact on the amenities of the adjoining properties or ecology. The proposal therefore represents an acceptable form of development which accords with the policies set out within the adopted Local Plan and the guidance in the NPPF.</p>
8.	<p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>Approve (commence within 3 years)</p>
9.	<p><b>Conditions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p>The development hereby permitted must commence before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.</p> <p>Reason</p> <p>To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.</p> </li> <li> <p>This permission relates to the following plans and documents as received on the respective dates and development must be carried out in accordance with them:-</p> <p>Application Form, received 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023;</p> <p>Site Location Plan, scale 1:1250, drawing no. 23-17-P-L, received 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023;</p> </li> </ol>

	<p>Block Plan, scale 1:500, drawing no. 23-17-P-L, received 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023;  Proposed Site Plan, scale 1:200, drawing no. 23-17-P-01, received 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023;  Existing Floor Plan, scale 1:100, drawing no. 23-17-P-02, received 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023;  Existing Elevations and 3D Sketches, scale 1:100, drawing no. 23-17-P-03, received 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023;  Proposed Floor Plans, scale 1:100, drawing no. 23-17-P-04, received 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023;  Proposed Elevations, scale 1:100, drawing no. drawing no. 23-17-P-05, received 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023;  Proposed 3D Sketches, drawing no. 23-17-P-06, received 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023;  Flood Map, received 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023.</p> <p>Reason</p> <p>To conform with the requirement of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.</p> <p><b>Statement</b></p> <p>The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received, and subsequently determining to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework.</p>
<b>Case Officer: C. Unsworth</b>	<b>Date : 22/06/2023</b>
<b>Authorising Officer: N.J. Hayhurst</b>	<b>Date : 23/06/2023</b>
<b>Dedicated responses to:- N/A</b>	