

CUMBERLAND COUNCIL DELEGATED PLANNING DECISION

1.	Reference No:	4/24/2095/0F1
2.	Proposed Development:	PROPOSED DETACHED DWELLING (5 BEDROOM HOUSE)
3.	Location:	PLOT 4, CLARACK DRIVE, MOOR ROW
4.	Parish:	Egremont
5.	Constraints:	ASC;Adverts - ASC;Adverts, Coal - Standing Advice - Data Subject To Change
6.	Publicity	See Report
	Representations	
	&Policy	

7. Report:

Introduction

A full application relating to a self-build residential site in Moor Row known as Rusper Drive and Clarack Drive. Outline planning permission was granted for erection of 26 dwellings (4/16/2206/0O1 refers) on this site in 2017. Most of the plots are now constructed and the majority occupied, 3 plots remain vacant at the western end of Clarack Drive.

Site and Location

Plot 4 is located at the end of the cul-de-sac on Clarack Drive adjacent to the turning head. To the west is the private access drive serving vacant plots 6, and 7, the latter of which is nearing completion. To the east is neighbouring plot 3, a dormer bungalow, which has recently been completed and occupied. Opposite are a pair of semi-detached houses, one of two pairs which were among the first to be built on the estate and have been occupied for a few years. The rear of the plot to the north shares a boundary with the completed dwelling on plot 15 (11, Rusper Drive).

Proposal

Full permission is sought for the erection of a large 5 bedroom detached two storey house with an integral single garage. It would sit on a rectangular plot, albeit with access direct from the turning head.

The main living areas will be on the ground floor with 5 bedrooms above on the first floor. Vehicular access will be off Clarack Drive onto an open paved parking area in front of the house with a single integral garage with space for two cars.

The proposed external finishes comprise red / buff facing Wienerberger brick walls, black concrete roof tiles, black paviours with black UPVC or aluminium windows and doors.

Relevant Planning History

4/16/2206/0O1 Original outline approval for 26 dwellings on the estate, including 4 affordable. This was subject to a S106 Agreement to secure 4 affordable homes on the site and a traffic management scheme on the adjacent highway. The affordability element was later removed via a modification to the S106. All relevant conditions of the outline have subsequently been discharged.

An NMA to 4/16/2206/0O1 was recently consented for minor alterations to the site layout at this end of the estate. This approves the realignment of the private driveway adjoining the plot and results in the squaring off of plot 4 to create a larger more useable plot.

4/21/2036/0R1 Reserved matters for the neighbouring dormer bungalow.

4/20/2415/0R1 A previous application for a dormer bungalow on the site was withdrawn, a similar design has now been constructed on neighbouring plot 3 following an amendment approving an increase in size of plot 3 by moving the shared boundary between plots 2 and 3 Clarack Drive.

Situated across from Plot 4 to the west and the western side of the private shared access are two plots; Plot 7 (4/22/24529/0F1). Permission was granted for a large two storey detached house served off the private access in 2022 and is now nearing completion. This neighbours the swale to the north and plot 6 to the immediate south; And Plot 6 (4/24/2095/0F1) a proposed three-bedroom, two storey detached dwelling which is currently pending along with Plot 5 (4/24/2196/0F1) a detached two storey dwelling which adjoins plot 6 to the south.

Consultations

Egremont Town Council

No comments to make.

CCC Highways and LLFA

No comments.



United Utilities

Advised that if surface water was required to drain to the public sewer it may not be forthcoming unless there was satisfactory evidence that the drainage hierarchy had been followed. However, following further dialogue the Agent has confirmed that surface water is to be discharged to watercourse and as a result UU have no further comments/objections.

Planning Policy

Planning law requires that 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 the 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 (CLP) 2013-2028

Adopted December 2013. Relevant policies comprise:

Core Strategy

Policy ST1 – Strategic Development Principles

Policy ST2 – Spatial Development Strategy

Policy SS1 – Improving the Housing Offer

Policy ENV1 - Flood Risk and Risk Management

Development Management Policies

Policy DM10 – Achieving Quality of Place

Policy DM11 – Sustainable Development Standards

Policy DM12 – Standards of New Residential Developments

Emerging Copeland Local Plan 2021 - 2038 (ELP)

Cumberland Council are continuing the preparation and progression to adoption of the ECLP.

The Local Plan Examination Hearing Sessions were completed in March 2023.

The appointed Planning Inspector issued the post hearing letter in June 2023, which identified the next steps for the examination.

The Inspector has now considered all representations and identified a number of amendments or 'modifications' that are required in order to ensure the ELP is sound and consistent with national planning policy. A six-week public consultation seeking views on the proposed modifications to the ECLP closed on the 28th March 2024. The Planning Inspectors Report is awaited.

As set out in 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 advanced stage of preparation of the ECLP it is considered that full weight can now be attached to policies where no objections have been received or objections have been resolved. Especially as the consultation on the main modifications to the ELP is now complete and just awaiting confirmation, also significant weight can now be afforded to the policies of the ECLP where modifications are proposed.

The following ECLP policies are relevant to this proposal.

Strategic Policy DS1PU: Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development

Strategic Policy DS6PU - Design and Development Standard

Strategic Policy DS2PU - Reducing the impacts of development on Climate Change

Strategic Policy DS7PU: Hard and Soft Landscaping

Strategic Policy DS8PU - Reducing Flood Risk

Strategic Policy DS9PU: Sustainable Drainage

Strategic Policy H1PU - Improving the Housing Offer

Strategic Policy H6PU - New Housing Development

Other Material Planning Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).

National Design Guide (NDG).

Cumbria Development Design Guide (CDDG).

Copeland Borough Council Housing Strategy 2018-2023



Assessment

Principle of the Development

This is already secured by virtue of the outline approval for the development. This application is for detailed design of the dwelling and plot layout that would normally comprise reserved matters. It is only a full application because the timescale for submitting reserved matters has been exceeded. The recent NMA has approved a larger plot for developing.

Drainage

Policy DM11 of CLP and Policy DS9PU of the ECLP require that surface water is managed in accordance with the national drainage hierarchy and includes Sustainable Drainage Systems where appropriate. Condition 3 of the outline consent for the site thus required the provision of a sustainable drainage system and this condition has now been discharged. Hence, the site already has the benefit of a sustainable drainage system being installed as a requirement of the outline condition. More recently plots have been required to connect into this approved system via a condition of any subsequent detailed consent. The approved system only permits foul water draining into the sewer with surface water being required to connect to a separate system.

Following the concerns raised by UU regarding sustainable drainage it has been confirmed that surface water for this development will drain into a separate system. UU now raise no objections.

The plot falls within flood zone 1 and as such there is minimal risk of flooding.

Scale, layout and Design/Residential Amenity

The proposed two storey house design and its positioning on the plot is such that any adverse effects on residential amenity on neighbouring dwellings will be kept to a minimum. There should be no significant issues in relation to the potential for overlooking, overshadowing and loss of light. There are adequate separation distances between the proposed dwelling and the houses opposite, the house next door and in respect of the vacant plots to the west. As regards the rear, the separation distance between the facing elevation of the new dwelling and the neighbouring blank gable end, there is an intervening 1.8m high boundary fence mitigating any ground floor overlooking which is acceptable. Although there are bedrooms windows at first floor level it is considered that the separation distance, whilst short of normal requirements, is sufficient in this instance given that they look out onto blank gable wall and minimal private space.

This aligns with Policy ST1 of the CLP which requires that development provides or safeguards good levels of residential amenity and security. Also, Policy DM12 is relevant in that it sets out specific design standards for new residential development including the need to retain appropriate separation distances. As regards the ECLP Policy H6PU requires that in respect of new housing development, an acceptable level of amenity is provided for future residents and maintained for existing neighbouring residents in terms of sun lighting and

daylighting.

On the whole, the dwelling design and position on the plot raises no contentious issues and will fit in generally on the estate.

The proposed external finishes Weinerberger Hamlet Antique facing brick walls, a black concrete tiled roof and either black UPVC or aluminium windows and doors are typical of those used elsewhere on the estate and are considered acceptable.

Highway Safety

Vehicular access is proposed directly off Clarack Drive, with on-site parking for two vehicles directly in front of the proposed single garage which is acceptable. An ACO drainage channel is proposed in front of the garage and on the edge of the drive to prevent surface water run off affecting the adjacent road and an open plan frontage in compliance with the relevant local plan policies. This raises no highway issues and the proposal is considered to accord with Policy DM12 of the CLP and Policy H6PU the ECLP.

Conclusion and Planning Balance

It has been demonstrated that the application raises no contentious issues in terms of principle of development, design, layout and residential amenity, drainage and highway safety. Whilst there were initial issues relating to drainage on the plot it is considered that these have been satisfactorily addressed via the imposition of a condition ensuring that drainage connects into the existing system.

On balance therefore, taking the above assessment into account it is considered that the proposed erection of a large two storey house on this plot constitutes an acceptable form of development on this self build estate and as such generally accords with local and national policies and guidance.

8. **Recommendation:**

Approve (commence within 3 years)

9. **Conditions:**

Standard Conditions

1. The development hereby permitted shall be commenced before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason

To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended



by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. Permission shall relate to the following plans and documents as received on the respective dates and development shall be carried out in accordance with them: -

Amended Design and Access Statement, Rev B, DAS-001, Ref DLS_WS Doc_DAP001, received 20/05/20024.

Amended Plan Proposed West Elevation, ref P4-RG-005, scale 1:50, received 20/05/2024.

Amended Plan Proposed South Elevation, ref P4-RG-003, scale 1:50, received 20/05/2024

Amended Plan Proposed North Elevation, ref P4-RG-002, scale 1:50, received 20/05/2024

Amended Plan Proposed East Elevation, ref P4-RG-004, scale 1:50, received 20/05/2024

Proposed Site and block Plans, ref P4-RG-008, scales 1:1250 & 1:500, received 17 March 2024.

Proposed Site Drainage Plan, ref P4 -RG-009, dated 17 March 2024, scales 1:100 & 1:500

Proposed First Floor Plans, ref P4 -RG-007, dated 17 March 2024, scale 1:50.

Proposed Ground Floor Plans, ref P4 -RG-006, dated 17 March 2024, scale 1:50.

FRA, issue 1, dated 30 May 2016, ref. B8845/CJW, by Bingham Yates.

Phase 1 Habitat Survey & Scoping Report for European Protected Species, July 2015, by Open Space.

Reptile Survey, October 2015, by Open Space.

Reason

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.

Drainage

3. The dwelling hereby approved shall connect into the installed drainage system that was approved under outline planning permission reference 4/16/2206/0O1 in accordance with the details set out in the Amended Design and Access Statement received on 20 May 2024. The drainage system shall be maintained and in use for the

lifetime of the development'.

Reason

To ensure the new dwelling connects into the existing approved and installed drainage system for the site.

Prior to Occupation

Boundary Treatment

Before the dwelling is occupied a 1.8m high close boarded timber fence or wall shall be erected on the western side boundary, details of which shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before they are erected. The approved boundary treatment shall be retained thereafter in perpetuity.

Reason

To safeguard neighbouring amenities

Highways

5. The dwelling hereby approved shall not be occupied until the vehicular access and driveway has been constructed in accordance with the approved plans and brought into use. The vehicular access and driveway shall be retained and capable of use at all times thereafter and shall not be removed or altered without the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason

To ensure a minimum standard of access provision when the development is brought into use in accordance with the requirements of Policy T1 of the Copeland Local Plan 2013-2028.

Informative - Coal Mining Area

The proposed development lies within a coal mining area which may contain unrecorded coal mining related hazards. If any coal mining feature is encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Coal Authority on 0345 762 6848.



Further information is also available on the Coal Authority website at:

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority

Statement

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.

Case Officer: H.S. Morrison	Date : 04/09/2024
Authorising Officer: N.J. Hayhurst	Date : 06/09/2024
Dedicated responses to:- N/A	