



CUMBERLAND COUNCIL DELEGATED PLANNING DECISION

1.	Reference No:	4/26/2060/0F1
2.	Proposed Development:	REMOVAL OF SIDE EXTENSION AND REPLACEMENT WITH SUNROOM, REAR EXTENSION FOR NEW BEDROOMS AND NEW DETACHED GARAGE
3.	Location:	1 LOOP ROAD NORTH, WHITEHAVEN
4.	Parish:	Whitehaven
5.	Constraints:	ASC Adverts - ASC;Adverts, Coal - Standing Advice - Data Subject To Change
6.	Publicity Representations &Policy	Neighbour Notification Letter: YES Site Notice: NO Press Notice: NO Consultation Responses: See report Relevant Planning Policies: See report
7.	Report:	
	Site and Location	The application site relates to Rosemount at 1 Loop Road, a detached property located within an existing residential area of Whitehaven. The property benefits from a driveway to the rear, with a large garden surrounding the property. Access is taken from Loop Road to the southwest.
	Proposal	The proposal seeks planning permission for the demolition of the existing side extension and

its replacement with a sunroom, a rear extension for new bedrooms and a detached garage.

The side sunroom extension will protrude 4.5m from the side of the dwelling and have a flat roof with a roof lantern with a total height of 2.8m.

The rear extension will infill next to the existing kitchen and protrude a total of 4.2m from the rear of the dwelling but only 0.7m further than the existing kitchen. The roof height will match the existing.

The proposed detached garage will be 7m x 6.6m and have an eaves height of 1.3m and an overall height of 2.3m.

Proposed external finishes include rendered walls, a tiled roof and UPVC windows and doors to match the existing.

Relevant Planning History

No previous planning applications at this site.

Consultation Responses

Whitehaven Town Council

No objections.

National Highways

Having reviewed the submitted details, National Highways considers that the scale and nature of this householder proposal would not give rise to any impacts on the safe or efficient operation of the Strategic Road Network (A595). The existing access arrangements remain unchanged, and all works are contained within the residential area. Therefore, National Highways offers no comments on this application.

Highways/Local Lead Flood Authority

Local Highway Authority Comments

I note that the proposal includes additional garaging and extension to the driveway to include a turning area to enable entry and exit in a forward gear. The LHA welcomes this improvement. In summary, I can confirm that we have no objection to the proposed development as it is considered that it will not have a material effect on existing local highway network conditions.

Please be advised that the Highway outside and or adjacent to the proposal must be kept clear and accessible at all times.

Highway Advisory

Since this house directly fronts the A595 Trunk Road, the LPA might want to contact National



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Highways for their views, it seem like small-scale works but any parking on the highway could be problematic here and they may wish to impose conditions.

LLFA Comments

Informative: The Lead Local Flood Authority is a statutory consultee for major development only; this application is below that threshold. The Local Planning Authority should ensure that surface water drainage complies with the National Planning Policy Framework and National Planning Practice Guidance. Surface water discharge rates should not exceed existing rates, and any soakaway should be located at least 5 metres from a building or highway.

Public Representations

The application has been advertised by way of neighbour notification letters issued to 2 properties. No responses have been received as a result of these advertisements.

Planning Policies

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 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 2021 - 2039 (LP):

Cumberland Council continued the preparation of the Local Plan as commenced by Copeland Borough Council. The Local Plan was adopted by Cumberland Council on the 5th of November 2024, replacing the Copeland Local Plan 2013-2028 and the saved policies of the Copeland Local Plan 2001- 2016.

The policies relevant to this application are as follows:-

DS4: Design and Development Standards

Policy H14: Domestic Extensions and Alterations

Strategic Policy N3: Biodiversity Net Gain

Other Material Planning Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Cumbria Development Design Guide

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 biodiversity net gain.

Principle of Development

The proposed application relates to a residential dwelling situated within Whitehaven. The development proposes to construct a single storey rear extension and single storey side extension to the existing dwelling to provide further living space for the occupants. Furthermore, there will be a detached garage to the rear.

Policy H14 of the Copeland Local Plan supports domestic extensions and alterations to residential properties subject to detailed criteria, which are considered below.

The principle of development is therefore accepted within the context of Policy H14 of the Copeland Local Plan.

Scale and Design

Policy H14 of the Copeland Local Plan indicates that developments within the curtilage of existing properties will be permitted, provided that they would not adversely alter the existing building or street scene.

Policy DS4 of the Copeland Local Plan indicates that all new development should meet high quality standards.

The proposed extensions will be appropriately located to the rear and side of the property to ensure that it will not be excessively prominent in the street scene. The garage will be situated in a location that is not likely to be viewed from surrounding public viewpoints.

The extensions and garage will be single storey and the overall heights have been kept modest so as to have a minimal impact on the existing situation. The proposed scale, massing and siting of the extension and garage are considered to be acceptable and are not considered to adversely alter the existing building or street scene.

Proposed external finishes include render, a tiled roof and UPVC windows and doors to match the existing. The proposed materials are suitable for their use and ensures that the proposal compliments the existing property, and the wider residential area.

The proposal therefore complies with Policies DS4 and H14 of the Copeland Local Plan in this regard.

Residential Amenity

Policy DS4 of the Copeland Local Plan states that all new development should maintain high



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levels of amenity.

Policy H14 of the Copeland Local Plan indicates that house extensions will be permitted provided that the development would not harm the amenity of the occupiers of the parent property or adjacent dwellings.

Whilst amenity issues between the proposed extension and the neighbouring properties were considered, the proposed extension would be suitably located within the site to the rear and would infill a gap adjoining an existing rear protrusion. The proposed side extension would replace an existing extension. The closest residential property is 3 Loop Road North to the southeast of the dwelling which is 20m from the proposed side extension. There are no properties to the rear. It is therefore considered that the separation distances are acceptable and there is unlikely to be a negative effect on the neighbouring properties.

The proposal will not decrease the separation distances from those that are existing, therefore the proposal is not considered to increase overlooking or privacy concerns.

Furthermore, no objections were received as a result of the consultation process. Current and future occupiers have been considered during the planning process.

On balance, taking into account the siting of the extension and the orientation of the existing property, the proposed extension design is acceptable, and it will not adversely harm the neighbouring amenity.

The proposal therefore complies with Policies DS4 and H14 of the Copeland Local Plan in this regard.

Biodiversity Net Gain

Policy N3 requires that all development, with the exception of that listed in the Environment Act must provide a minimum of 10% biodiversity net gain over and above existing site levels, following the application of the mitigation hierarchy set out in Policy N1. This is in addition to any compensatory habitat provided under Policy N1. It is stated net gain should be delivered on site where possible and where on-site provision is not appropriate, provision must be made elsewhere in accordance with a defined order of preference.

In England, BNG is now mandatory under Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as inserted by Schedule 14 of the Environment Act 2021). Applications must now deliver a Biodiversity Net Gain of 10%, resulting in more or better-quality natural habitat than there was before the development. Some developments are however exempt from these BNG requirements.

Based on the information available this proposal is considered to be one which will not require the approval of a Biodiversity Gain plan before development is begun because the application is for householder development and therefore the proposal falls within the list of developments except from providing Biodiversity Net Gain.

Planning Balance and Conclusion

	<p>The proposed development is of an appropriate scale and design for the site and locality, which would preserve the amenities of the parent property and wider residential area.</p> <p>The proposal is not subject to Biodiversity Net Gain.</p> <p>The proposal is therefore considered an acceptable form of development which complies with the policies of the adopted Local Plan and provisions of the NPPF.</p>
8.	<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>Approve (commence within 3 years)</p>
9.	<p>Conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="159 851 1514 929">1. The development hereby permitted shall be commenced before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission. <p data-bbox="255 996 367 1030">Reason</p> <p data-bbox="255 1052 1514 1131">To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="159 1209 1514 1814">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: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="255 1299 925 1332">Application form, received 17th February 2026; <li data-bbox="255 1355 1514 1433">Location Plan and Block Plan, scales 1:2500 and 1:200, drawing number 26/0448/01, received 17th February 2026; <li data-bbox="255 1456 1514 1534">Proposed Ground Floor Plan, scale 1:50, drawing number 26/0448/05, received 17th February 2026; <li data-bbox="255 1556 1514 1635">Proposed Elevations, scale 1:50, drawing number 26/0448/07, received 17th February 2026; <li data-bbox="255 1657 1514 1736">Proposed Block Plan, scale 1:500, drawing number 26/0448/10, received 17th February 2026; <li data-bbox="255 1758 1514 1814">Proposed Garage Plan and Elevations, scale 1:50, drawing number 26/0448/11, received 17th February 2026. <p data-bbox="255 1892 367 1926">Reason</p> <p data-bbox="255 1948 1514 2027">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>



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Informative Notes

Coal Mining Legacy

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

Biodiversity Net Gain – Exemption Applies

The effect of paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 is that planning permission granted for the development of land in England is deemed to have been granted subject to the condition “(the biodiversity gain condition)” that development may not begin unless:

- (a) a Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the local planning authority, and
- (b) the local planning authority has approved the plan.

The planning authority, for the purposes of the Biodiversity Gain Plan is Cumberland Council.

Based on the information available this permission is considered to be one which will not require the approval of a biodiversity gain plan before development is begun because one or more of the statutory exemptions or transitional arrangements is/are considered to apply.

Applicable exemptions: Householder Planning Application.

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: Sarah Papaleo

Date : 02/04/2026

Authorising Officer: N.J. Hayhurst

Date : 13/04/2026

Dedicated responses to:- N/A