



CUMBERLAND COUNCIL DELEGATED PLANNING DECISION

1.	Reference No:	4/26/2083/0F1
2.	Proposed Development:	PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS
3.	Location:	4 ASHLEY WAY, EGREMONT
4.	Parish:	Egremont
5.	Constraints:	ASC Adverts - ASC;Adverts, Coal - Off Coalfield - Data Subject To Change, Outer Consultation Zone - Sellafield 10KM
6.	Publicity Representations &Policy	See Report.
7.	Report:	<p>LOCATION</p> <p>This application relates to 4 Ashley Way, a detached bungalow located on a residential cul-de-sac in Egremont.</p> <p>The application site benefits from a small front garden with side access and driveway, a detached garage, and a modest sized garden with conservatory to the rear.</p> <p>PROPOSAL</p> <p>Planning Permission is sought for the demolition of the existing conservatory and construction of a single storey rear extension.</p> <p>The extension will project 5.75m from the rear elevation and will be 9.079m in width. It has been designed with a flat roof with an overall height of 3m. The detached garage will become integrated to the single storey rear extension, and its eaves and ridge height will remain the same. The extension will provide an enlarged kitchen living area for the property.</p> <p>The extension will be finished with facing brick and cement render, concrete roof tiles and</p>

white upvc windows and doors to match the existing.

RELEVANT PLANNING APPLICATION HISTORY

None relevant.

CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Egremont Town Council

No objections.

Public Representations

The application has been advertised by way of neighbour notification letters issued to 3 no. properties. No objections were received as a result of this consultation.

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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



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Policy H14: Domestic Extensions and Alterations

Policy N1: Conserving and Enhancing Biodiversity and Geodiversity

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 would provide a single storey rear extension for the existing dwelling.

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, and they would retain an adequate provision of outdoor amenity space to serve the property.

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

The extension will project 5.75m from the rear elevation and will be 9.079m in width. It has been designed with a flat roof with an overall height of 3m. The detached garage will become integrated to the single storey rear extension, and its eaves and ridge height will remain the same. The extension will provide an enlarged kitchen living area for the property.

The proposed scale, massing and siting of the extension is considered acceptable and is not considered to adversely alter the existing building or street scene due to replacement of the existing conservatory at the rear, and integration of the existing detached garage.

The extension is considered to be suitably located at the rear and remains subservient to the host property.

The extension will be finished with facing brick and cement render, concrete roof tiles and

white upvc windows and doors to match the existing. The use of matching materials is considered to be acceptable and 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 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 extensions would be suitably located within the site.

The single storey extension is modest in overall scale, and no windows are proposed on the side elevation adjacent to the neighbouring property 6 Ashley Way.

On this basis, there are no additional overlooking, privacy issues or loss of light considered to occur as a result of this development.

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.

Ecology and Biodiversity

Policy N1 outlines how the Council will protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity within the Borough and defines a mitigation hierarchy.

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. In this instance the development is considered exempt from BNG as the



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	<p>development falls within the definition of a householder application.</p> <p>On this basis, it is considered that the development complies with the requirements of paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Policies N1 and N3 of the Copeland Local Plan and the provisions of the NPPF.</p> <p><u>Planning Balance and Conclusion</u></p> <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> <p>1. The development hereby permitted shall be commenced 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> <p>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: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Application Form, received 17th March 2026;- Site Location Plan, scale 1:1250 drawing 4AW-MS-001, received 17th March 2026;- Site Block Plan, scale 1:500 drawing 4AW-MS-001, received 17th March 2026;- Existing Ground Floor Plan, scale 1:50 drawing 4AW-MS-002, received 17th March 2026;- Proposed Ground Floor Plan, scale 1:50 drawing 4AW-MS-004, received 17th March 2026;- Existing Elevations, scale 1:100 drawing 4AW-MS-003, received 17th March 2026;- Existing Block Plan, scale 1:500 drawing 4AW-MS-003, received 17th March 2026;- Proposed Elevations, scale 1:100 drawing 4AW-MS-005, received 17th March 2026;- Proposed Block Plan, scale 1:100 drawing 4AW-MS-005, received 17th March 2026;- Proposed North Elevation, scale 1:50 drawing 4AW-MS-006, received 17th March 2026;

- Proposed South Elevation, scale 1:50 drawing 4AW-MS-007, received 17th March 2026;
- Proposed East Elevation, scale 1:50 drawing 4AW-MS-008, received 17th March 2026;
- Proposed West Elevation, scale 1:50 drawing 4AW-MS-009, received 17th March 2026;
- Proposed & Existing Drainage Plan, scale 1:250 drawing 4AW-MS-010, received 17th March 2026;
- Design & Access Statement, received 17th March 2026;

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.

Informative Notes

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 exemption: Householder development.

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.



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Case Officer: Demi Crawford	Date : 11/05/2026
Authorising Officer: N.J. Hayhurst	Date : 12/05/2026
Dedicated responses to:- N/A	