



CUMBERLAND COUNCIL DELEGATED PLANNING DECISION

1.	Reference No:	4/26/2087/0F1
2.	Proposed Development:	FIRST FLOOR REAR LOFT EXTENSION; REAR GROUND FLOOR EXTENSION
3.	Location:	27 COLLEGE VIEW, 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 27 College View, a detached property located within an existing residential area of Whitehaven. The property benefits from a driveway to the front, with a modest sized garden to the side and rear. Access is taken from College View to the south.
	Proposal	The proposal seeks planning permission for the construction of a first floor loft extension in the form of a large dormer and also a rear ground floor extension. The ground floor extension will replace the existing conservatory and patio and project from the rear of the

dwelling by 3.6m. It will have an overall height of 3.6m and will allow for the enlargement of the family room and kitchen and the addition of a utility room and WC.

The dormer will extend the space on the first floor to enlarge the master and second bedrooms. It has been designed with a flat roof and will extend across the whole of the rear roof slope.

Relevant Planning History

No previous planning applications at this site.

Consultation Responses

Whitehaven Town Council

No objections.

Highways/Local Lead Flood Authority

No comments.

Public Representations

The application has been advertised by way of neighbour notification letters issued to 4 properties. No comments 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



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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 to the existing dwelling to provide an extended family room and kitchen and a first floor dormer extension to increase the size of the existing bedrooms.

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 ground floor extension will project 3.6m from the rear elevation and will be 9m in width. The proposed extension will be appropriately located to the rear of the property to ensure that it will not be excessively prominent in the street scene.

It has been designed with a flat roof with an overall height of 3.6m. The proposed scale, massing and siting of the extension is considered to be acceptable and is not considered to adversely alter the existing building or street scene.

The dormer will project in line with the existing rear of the dwelling, therefore being set back

from the proposed single storey extension and allowing the dormer to be read in context with the existing dwelling which will lessen its visual impact. The overall roof height will remain the same and it will not be seen from the front of the dwelling.

Proposed external finishes include render with cedar cladding to the dormer extension 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 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 single storey extension and the neighbouring properties were considered, the proposed extension would be suitably located within the site to the rear and will replace an existing conservatory. In this case, it is considered betterment, taking away the existing glazed element. The dormer will not worsen the existing situation, with no windows proposed in the side and no further projection towards the neighbouring dwelling.

There is an access that runs at the front of the property passing 28 College View - this will remain unaffected by the proposal. There are no windows proposed in the south side elevation facing the neighbouring property, 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 extensions and the orientation of the existing property, the proposed 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



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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</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> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The development hereby permitted shall be commenced before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission. <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> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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>Application form, received 16th March 2026; Location Plan, scale 1:1250, received 16th March 2026; Existing and Proposed Block Plans, scale 1:500, drawing number LS/8, received 16th March 2026; Proposed Ground Floor Plan, scale 1:50, drawing number LS/4, received 16th March 2026;</p>

Proposed First Floor Plan, scale 1:50, drawing number LS/5, received 16th March 2026;
Proposed Rear and Side Elevations, scale 1:50, drawing number LS/6, received 16th March 2026;
Proposed and Existing South Side Elevations, scale 1:50, drawing number LS/7, received 16th 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

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

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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 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



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	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 : 07/05/2026
Authorising Officer: N.J. Hayhurst	Date : 11/05/2026
Dedicated responses to:- N/A	