

## DELEGATED HOUSEHOLDER DECISION

- Please select each of the categories that enables this application to be determined under delegated powers  
 - Criteria 1 to 5 or criteria 7 to 9 must be addressed for all categories of application, except for applications for Certificates of Lawfulness, etc.

### APPROVAL RECOMMENDED: GENERAL

Select Option

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| 1. No valid planning application objection in the form of a petition of 20 or more signatures, has been received | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Application complies with all relevant planning policies and is acceptable on planning grounds                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. There is no Committee resolution for the enforcement action   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. There is no effect on listed buildings or their settings  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. The site is not in the Green Belt (but see 11 below)  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### REFUSAL RECOMMENDED: GENERAL

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| 6. Application is contrary to relevant planning policies/standards | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. No petition of 20 or more signatures has been received          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Application has not been supported independently by a person/s  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. The site is not in Green Belt (but see 11 below)                | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

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| 10. Single dwelling or less than 10 dwelling units and/or a site of less than 0.5 ha | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Householder application in the Green Belt  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND RETAIL DEVELOPMENT

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| 12. Change of use of retail units on site less than 1 ha or with less than 1000 sq m other than a change involving a loss of A1 uses | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Refusal of change of use from retail class A1 to any other use   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. Change of use of industrial units on site less than 1 ha or with less than 1000sq.m. of floor space other than to a retail use.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS

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| 15. Certificate of Lawfulness (for proposed use or Development) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. Certificate of Lawfulness (for existing use or Development) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. Certificate of Appropriate Alternative Development          | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS

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| 18. ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT (excluding Hoardings)   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. PRIOR APPROVAL APPLICATION  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. OUT-OF-BOROUGH OBSERVATIONS   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 21. CIRCULAR 18/84 APPLICATION  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 22. CORPSEWOOD COVENANT APPLICATION   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 23. APPROVAL OF DETAILS   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 24. ANCILLARY PLANNING AGREEMENT (S.106 or S.278) where Heads of Terms have already received Committee approval | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 25. WORKS TO TREES  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 26. OTHER (please specify)  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**The delegation powers schedule has been checked. Director of Residents Services can determine this application.**

**Case Officer**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**A delegated decision is appropriate and the recommendation, conditions/reasons for refusal and informatives are satisfactory.**

**Team Manager:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**The decision notice for this application can be issued.**

**Director / Member of Senior Management Team:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

NONE OF THE ABOVE DATES SHOULD BE USED IN THE PS2 RETURNS TO THE ODPM

**Item No.**                      **Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Regeneration**

**Address**                      39 SOUTHCOTE RISE RUISLIP

**Development:**              Erection of single and two storey extension to the side following removal of two side chimneys, and single storey extension to the rear.

**LBH Ref Nos:**              **77055/APP/2022/442**

**Drawing Nos:**              1094/P/1  
1094/P/2

**Date Plans Received:**      15/02/2022                      **Date(s) of Amendment(s):**

**Date Application Valid:**    25/02/2022

## **1. CONSIDERATIONS**

### **1.1 Site and Locality**

The application site relates to a two-storey semi-detached render/tiled dwelling house, located on the north-west side of Southcote Rise at its junction with Westcote Rise. The property benefits a good sized rear garden, an integral garage and a vehicle crossover with a graveled front drive providing off-street parking for 2 vehicles.

The street scene is residential in character and appearance comprising of two storey semi-detached properties. The application site is not designated within a Conservation Area, nor does it contain any Listed Buildings. There are no trees that are subject to a Tree Preservation Order within the site or on adjoining land.

### **1.2 Proposed Scheme**

Planning permission is sought for the erection of single and two storey extension to the side following removal of two side chimneys, and single storey extension to the rear.

### **1.3 Relevant Planning History Comment on Planning History**

There is no relevant planning history.

## **2. Advertisement and Site Notice**

**2.1**    Advertisement Expiry Date:-    Not applicable

**2.2**    Site Notice Expiry Date:-        Not applicable

## **3. Comments on Public Consultations**

12 neighbours and the residents association were consulted by letter dated 25-02-22. No comments received.

## **4. Local Plan Designation and London Plan**

The following Local Plan Policies are considered relevant to the application:-

Part 1 Policies:

PT1.BE1 (2012) Built Environment

Part 2 Policies:

DMHB 11	Design of New Development
DMHB 12	Streets and Public Realm
DMHB 16	Housing Standards
DMHB 18	Private Outdoor Amenity Space
DMHD 1	Alterations and Extensions to Residential Dwellings
DMT 6	Vehicle Parking
LPP D3	(2021) Optimising site capacity through the design-led approach
LPP D4	(2021) Delivering good design
LPP D6	(2021) Housing quality and standards
NPPF12	NPPF 2021 - Achieving well-designed places

## 5. MAIN PLANNING ISSUES

The main issues for consideration in determining this application relate to the effect of the proposal on the character and appearance of the existing property, the impact on the visual amenities of the street scene, the impact on the amenities of adjoining occupiers, and the provision of acceptable residential amenity space for the application site, parking and drainage.

Character and appearance:

The Hillingdon Local Plan: Part One Strategic Policy BE1 seeks a quality of design in all new development that enhances and contributes to the area in terms of form, scale and materials; is appropriate to the identity and context of the townscape; and would improve the quality of the public realm and respect local character.

Policy DMHB 11 (Design of New Development) states - A) All development, including extensions, alterations and new buildings will be required to be designed to the highest standards and, incorporate principles of good design including: i) harmonising with the local context by taking into account the surrounding: · scale of development, considering the height, mass and bulk of adjacent structures; · building plot sizes and widths, plot coverage and established street patterns; · building lines and setbacks, rooflines, streetscape rhythm, for example, gaps between structures and other streetscape elements, such as degree of enclosure; · architectural composition and quality of detailing; · local topography, views both from and to the site; and · impact on neighbouring open spaces and their environment. ii) ensuring the use of high quality building materials and finishes; iii) ensuring that the internal design and layout of development maximises sustainability and is adaptable to different activities; iv) protecting features of positive value within and adjacent to the site, including the safeguarding of heritage assets, designated and un-designated, and their settings; and v) landscaping and tree planting to protect and enhance amenity, biodiversity and green infrastructure. B) Development proposals should not adversely impact on the amenity, daylight and sunlight of adjacent properties and open space. C) Development will be required to ensure that the design safeguards the satisfactory re-development of any adjoining sites which have development potential. In the case of proposals for major development sites, the Council will expect developers to prepare master plans and design codes and to agree these with

the Council before developing detailed designs. D) Development proposals should make sufficient provision for well designed internal and external storage space for general, recycling and organic waste, with suitable access for collection. External bins should be located and screened to avoid nuisance and adverse visual impacts to occupiers and neighbours.

Policy DMHB 12 (Streets and Public Realm) states - A) Development should be well integrated with the surrounding area and accessible. It should: i) improve legibility and promote routes and wayfinding between the development and local amenities; ii) ensure public realm design takes account of the established townscape character and quality of the surrounding area; iii) include landscaping treatment that is suitable for the location, serves a purpose, contributes to local green infrastructure, the appearance of the area and ease of movement through the space; iv) provide safe and direct pedestrian and cycle movement through the space; v) incorporate appropriate and robust hard landscaping, using good quality materials, undertaken to a high standard; vi) where appropriate, include the installation of public art; and vii) deliver proposals which incorporate the principles of inclusive design. Proposals for gated developments will be resisted. B) Public realm improvements will be sought from developments located close to transport interchanges and community facilities to ensure easy access between different transport modes and into local community facilities.

Policy DMHD 1: Alterations and Extensions to Residential Dwellings states -A) Planning applications relating to alterations and extensions of dwellings will be required to ensure that: i) there is no adverse cumulative impact of the proposal on the character, appearance or quality of the existing street or wider area; ii) a satisfactory relationship with adjacent dwellings is achieved; iii) new extensions appear subordinate to the main dwelling in their floor area, width, depth and height; iv) new extensions respect the design of the original house and be of matching materials; v) there is no unacceptable loss of outlook to neighbouring occupiers; vi) adequate garden space is retained; vii) adequate off-street parking is retained, as set out in Table 1: Parking Standards in Appendix C; viii) trees, hedges and other landscaping features are retained; and ix) all extensions in Conservation Areas and Areas of Special Local Character, and to Listed and Locally Listed Buildings, are designed in keeping with the original house, in terms of layout, scale, proportions, roof form, window pattern, detailed design and materials.

With regards to front extensions, Policy DMHD 1 states that:

- i) alterations and extensions to the front of a house must be minor and not alter the overall appearance of the house or dominate the character of the street. Front extensions extending across the entire frontage will be refused;
- ii) porches should be subordinate in scale and individually designed to respect the character and features of the original building; pastiche features will not be supported; and
- iii) notwithstanding the above, at least 25% of the front garden must be retained.

With regards to rear extensions, Policy DMHD 1 states that:

- i) single storey rear extensions on terraced or semi-detached houses with a plot width of 5 metres or less should not exceed 3.3 metres in depth or 3.6 metres where the plot width is 5 metres or more; ii) single storey rear extensions to detached houses with a plot width of 5 metres or more should not exceed 4.0 metres in depth; iii) flat roofed single storey extensions should not exceed 3.0 metres in height and any pitched or sloping roofs should not exceed 3.4 metres in height, measured from ground level; iv) in Conservation Areas and Areas of Special Local Character, flat roofed single storey extensions will be expected to be finished with a parapet; v) balconies or access to flat roofs which result in loss of privacy to nearby dwellings or gardens will not be permitted; vi) two storey extensions should not extend into an area provided by a 45-degree line of sight drawn from the centre

of the nearest ground or first floor habitable room window of an adjacent property and should not contain windows or other openings that overlook other houses at a distance of less than 21 metres; vii) flat roofed two storey extensions will not be acceptable unless the design is in keeping with the particular character of the existing house; viii) pitched roofs on extensions should be of a similar pitch and materials to that of the original roof and subordinate to it in design. Large crown roofs on detached houses will not be supported; and ix) full width two storey rear extensions are not considered acceptable in designated areas or as extensions to Listed Buildings or Locally Listed Buildings.

With regard to side extensions, Policy DMHD 1 of the Hillingdon Local Plan: Part Two - Development Management Policies (2020) states that: i) side extensions should not exceed half the width of the original property; ii) extensions to corner plots should ensure that the openness of the area is maintained and the return building line is not exceeded; iii) garages should reflect the size guidelines set out in Appendix C Parking standards; iv) two storey side extensions should be set in a minimum of 1 metre from the side boundary or in the case of properties in the Copse Wood and Gatehill Estates, at least 1.5 metres, but more if on a wider than average plot, in order to maintain adequate visual separation and views between houses; v) two storey side extensions to detached and semi-detached properties should be set back a minimum of 1 metre behind the main front elevation; vi) where hip to gable roof extensions exist, a two storey side extension will not be supported; and vii) in Conservation Areas, single storey side extensions may be required to be set back.

Policy D3 of the London Plan (2021) requires that development proposals should enhance local context by delivering buildings and spaces that positively respond to local distinctiveness through their layout, orientation, scale, appearance and shape, with due regard to existing and emerging street hierarchy, building types, forms and proportions.

The existing rear conservatory would be removed and a 3.38metres deep single storey rear extension is proposed that would be sited 40cm gap to the shared boundary with No.37. Hedging and 2metre high fencing along the shared boundary would partially screen the single storey rear extension which is 2.6metres in height. The single storey rear extension is considered to broadly accord with the aims of Policies DMHB 11 and DMHD1.

The two storey side extension would be not be set back from the front elevation and would have a maximum width of 4.94metres and extend the length of the dwelling to finish flush with the existing rear elevation. The first floor element would however be set back from the front elevation and to the side. It would be characterised with a large side crown roof set down from the main ridge, which is at odds with the hipped roof of the original dwelling.

The original dwelling is noted to have a width of 6.55metres whereas the extended dwelling would be 11.3metres wide. The proposal would therefore far exceeding half the width of the existing dwelling as set out in Policy DMHD1. The side extension incorporates a single storey wrap-around on the front and side elevation with a hipped roof requiring removal of the two prominent chimneys on the east elevation. The roof of the two storey side/rear extension would be set down from the main ridge. However the proposal would only retain a small gap 40cm gap to the boundary with Westcote Rise where the side elevation would be particularly prominent in the street scene.

Materials are proposed to match the existing dwelling, which is supported, however this would not outweigh the harm to the character and appearance of the dwelling. The property is part of a planned development, characterised by semi-detached dwellings with a notable prevailing uniformity of design, materials and space between and around the

properties and a common building line. These positive attributes add a distinctive character to the locality.

The site is on a corner plot and the extension would be very prominent when viewed from the street, in particular, on the approach from Westcote Rise, where the front, side and rear of the property are very conspicuous. The side extension would be positioned 40cm from the boundary with the pavement. Whilst the two storey side extension is set back at first floor level from the front and side elevation, the length of the proposal would stretch a considerable distance along the road and would thus appear as a visually dominant and intrusive feature in the street-scene and would detract from the sense of open space that exists between the dwelling and the highway.

The visual impact of the side extension is further exacerbated by its awkward and out of character crown roof. The development would appear insubordinate, visually incongruous and would fail to harmonise with the architectural composition of the original dwelling. As such, it is considered that the development would fail to maintain the character and appearance of the dwelling, resulting in a negative impact on the visual amenities of the site and the surrounding area.

The proposal, therefore, conflicts, with Policy BE1 of the Hillingdon Local Plan: Part One - Strategic Policies (November 2012), Policies DMHB 11, DMHB 12 and DMHD 1 of the Hillingdon Local plan - Part Two (2020) and Policy D3 of the London plan (2021).

Neighbour amenity:

Policy DMHB 11 of the Hillingdon Local Plan: Part Two - Development Management Policies (2020) seeks to ensure that development proposals do not adversely impact on the amenity, daylight and sunlight of adjacent properties and open space. The supporting text for this policy states that the Council will expect new development proposals to carefully consider layout and massing in order to ensure development does not result in an increased sense of enclosure and loss of outlook.

The two storey element would be erected to the side of the property and away from the neighbour No.37. No impact on residential amenity. The single storey is considered on balance acceptable due to the gap retained to the shared boundary, its suitable height and limited projection beyond the neighbours rear elevation. A separation distance in excess of 60metres would be provided between the rear elevation and the dwellings to the west on Orchard Close which would ensure no loss of privacy or overlooking. Overall, the proposal is not considered to impact on neighbouring residential amenity.

The provision of residential amenity space for the application site:

Policy DMHB 18 of the Hillingdon Local Plan: Part Two - Development Management Policies (2020) requires all new residential development to provide good quality and useable private amenity space. In accordance with Table 5.3 houses with four-bedrooms or more are required to have at least 100 square metres of private outdoor amenity space.

A private rear garden of 118sq.metres would be retained which represents sufficient outdoor private amenity space.

Living/amenity standards:.

Policy D6 of the London Plan (2021) states that housing development should be of high quality design and provide adequately sized rooms.

Policy DMHB 16 of the Hillingdon Local Plan: Part Two - Development Management Policies (2020) states that all housing development should have an adequate provision of

internal space in order to provide an appropriate living environment.

Policy DMHB 17 of the Hillingdon Local Plan: Part Two - Development Management Policies (2020) requires all new residential development should take account of the Residential Density Matrix contained in Table 5.3. Developments will be expected to meet habitable rooms standards.

It is considered that all the proposed habitable rooms, and those altered by the extensions, would maintain an adequate outlook and source of natural light and would be of an adequate size, therefore complying with the housing quality and living/amenity standards.

Car parking:

Policy DMT 6 of the Hillingdon Local Plan: Part Two - Development Management Policies (2020) seeks to ensure that all development is in accordance with the car parking standards set out in Appendix C.

Parking provision would be unchanged and sufficient off-street parking would be provided within the site.

Conclusion:

The application is recommended for refusal.

## **6. RECOMMENDATION**

**REFUSAL for the following reasons:**

### **1 NON2 Non Standard reason for refusal**

The development proposal, by reason of its size, scale, height, depth, roof form and design, would result in a bulky, insubordinate, incongruous, dominant, and cramped form of development in this visually prominent location that would fail to harmonise with the architectural composition of the original dwelling, and in this open prominent position, would result in the closing of an important gap characteristic to the area, to the detriment of the character, appearance and visual amenities of the street scene and surrounding area. For these reasons, the development proposal would conflict with Policy BE1 of the Hillingdon Local Plan: Part One Strategic Policies (2012) and Policies DMHB 11, DMHB 12 and DMHD 1 of the Hillingdon Local Plan: Part Two - Development Management Policies (2020), Policy D3 of the London Plan (2021) and Section 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

## **INFORMATIVES**

- 1** In dealing with the application the Council has implemented the requirement in the National Planning Policy Framework to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way. We have made available detailed advice in the form of our statutory policies from the Local Plan Part 1, Local Plan Part 2, Supplementary Planning Documents, Planning Briefs and other informal written guidance, as well as offering a full pre-application advice service.

We have however been unable to seek solutions to problems arising from the application as the principal of the proposal is clearly contrary to our statutory policies and negotiation could not overcome the reasons for refusal.

## **Standard Informatives**

- 1 The decision to REFUSE planning permission has been taken having regard to all relevant planning legislation, regulations, guidance, circulars and Council policies, including The Human Rights Act (1998) (HRA 1998) which makes it unlawful for the Council to act incompatibly with Convention rights, specifically Article 6 (right to a fair hearing); Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life); Article 1 of the First Protocol (protection of property) and Article 14 (prohibition of discrimination).
- 2 The decision to REFUSE planning permission has been taken having regard to the policies and proposals in the Hillingdon Local Plan Part 1 (2012) and Part 2 (2020) set out below, including Supplementary Planning Guidance, and to all relevant material considerations, including The London Plan - The Spatial Development Strategy for London consolidated with alterations since 2011 (2016) and national guidance..

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