APPLICATION NO
APPLICANT
DEVELOPMENT

LOCATION
PARISH
WARD
CASE OFFICER
SUMMARY
RECOMMENDATION
REASONS FOR
REFERENCE TO
COMMITTEE

PA/2023/729
Chris Walters
Planning permission to raise roof height and install first-floor extension, and erect extensions (alterations to previously approved application PA/2020/229)

56 Eastoft Road, Crowle, DN17 4LR
Crowle
Axholme North
Jennifer Ashworth

## Approve with conditions

Objection by Crowle Town Council

## POLICIES

## National Planning Policy Framework:

2: Achieving sustainable development
4: Decision-making
12: Achieving well-designed places
North LincoInshire Local Plan:
DS1: General Requirements
DS5: Residential Extensions
T2: Access to Development
T19: Car parking Provision and Standards
DS14: Foul Sewage and Surface Water Drainage

## North Lincolnshire Core Strategy:

CS1: Spatial Strategy for North Lincolnshire
CS2: Delivering More Sustainable Development
CS3: Development Limits
CS5: Delivering Quality Design in North Lincolnshire

## Housing and Employment Land Allocations DPD:

The site is unallocated and within the development limits of Crowle as shown on the Proposals Map.

## Supplementary Planning Guidance:

SPG1: Design Guidance for House Extensions
New North Lincolnshire Local Plan Submission: The new North Lincolnshire Local Plan was submitted for public examination to the Planning Inspectorate on 11 November 2022. Examination of the Plan has therefore commenced, although public hearing sessions are not anticipated until later in 2023.

The Submitted North Lincolnshire Local Plan can be given some weight as a material planning consideration in the determination of planning applications. The relevant policies concerning this application are:

SS1: Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development
SS2: A Spatial Strategy for North Lincolnshire
SS3: Development Principles
SS11: Development Limits
DM1: General Requirements

## CONSULTATIONS

Highways: No comments or objections.
LLFA Drainage: No comments or objections.

## TOWN COUNCIL

Objects on grounds of perceived intrusion of neighbour's privacy.

## PUBLICITY

The proposal has been advertised by site notice in accordance with Article 15 of the Development Management Procedure Order 2015. Three responses have been received objecting to the proposals on the following grounds:

- Objected to previous application. Daylight has been much reduced by the previous development and further development will vastly reduce privacy and daylight to the bungalow to the rear.
- All surrounding properties are bungalows.
- The planning permission which was passed (PA/2020/229) has not been followed. There should be no windows on the first-floor side elevation. Three windows have been installed which look down on our bungalow losing all our privacy; on the proposed new drawing only two windows are shown.
- On the rear elevation another window has been added which also looks onto the rear properties.
- White UPVC cladding has been added to two of the external walls.
- The plans now show six bedrooms; this is overdevelopment of the property.
- Raising the roof line even further than the inappropriate height that has already taken place in an area surrounded by low build bungalows is completely unacceptable. Further addition to this will add to what is already an eyesore.


## ASSESSMENT

## Planning history

PA/2015/1121: Planning permission for part first-floor, part single-storey extension to rear, raising of roof height and associated external alterations, and alterations to garden levels - refused 10/02/2016

PA/2020/229: Planning permission to erect single-storey front and rear extensions, and raise roof to accommodate a first-floor extension - approved 11/05/2020

PA/1997/1180: Erection of side and rear extension - approved 28/10/1997.

## Proposal and site characteristics

The application site comprises a detached property accessed off Eastoft Road. The surrounding area is largely residential with properties to the north, east and west being detached and semi-detached bungalows. The application site benefits from an earlier permission to raise the height of the existing bungalow to two storeys with alterations to windows and a single-storey extension to the rear.

At the time objections were raised by neighbours due to concerns of overlooking, overshadowing, loss of light and privacy impacts. Permission was subsequently granted (PA/2020/229). The applicant has commenced development and completed the rear part of the works, albeit with additional windows, which are subject to approval as part of this new application. Part of the site has been completed with white UPVC cladding which has been added to protect seal the site from the weather; however, this is not part of the approved design.

This new application seeks to make amendments to the previous application.
A review of previous permission $\mathrm{PA} / 2020 / 229$ shows that the following changes are proposed:

- Front elevation - changes to first-floor and ground-floor windows and doors.
- Rear elevation - changes to first-floor windows: a change from one to two windows; property extended to rear boundary at ground floor only.
- Side elevation (east) - change from 3 small rooflights to 2 larger rooflights on main house and removal of 3 rooflights on rear element; inclusion of 3 first-floor windows and

2 windows to ground floor on rear element; replacement of 1 single window and Introduction of a door and two windows on ground floor of main property.

- Side elevation (west) - change 8 rooflights to 6 rooflights and remove flue.
- Changes to internal layout to create 6 bedrooms (one with en-suite), a dressing area and family bathroom at first floor, and garage space, office/snug, lounge, study, utility and open-plan kitchen/dining/family area at ground floor.

There will be no further raising of the roof height from previously granted permission PA/2020/229.

## The following considerations are relevant to this proposal:

- principle of development
- residential amenity
- design, character and appearance historic environment
- highway safety
- flood risk.


## Principle of development

This proposal relates to an existing residential property in a residential area within the development limits of Crowle. The site benefits from an earlier planning permission for the majority of the works proposed. The principle of development is therefore considered acceptable.

## Residential amenity

Saved policy DS5 of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan (2003) is concerned with residential extensions. It states that planning applications for residential extensions and the erection of garages, outbuildings, walls and other structures will be allowed providing that the proposal does not unreasonably reduce sunlight or daylight, or result in overshadowing, overbearing impact or loss of privacy to adjacent dwellings. The proposals should also be sympathetic in design, scale and materials to the existing dwelling and its neighbours.

Policies DS5 and CS5 are both concerned with visual amenity, the former stating that proposals should be sympathetic in design, scale and materials. Both seek to improve the quality of design across North Lincolnshire.

The site is within an existing residential area. The plots in this location are mixed in size, the application site having a standard size garden in relation to the size of the property. Whilst on site it is apparent that the garden space has been extended and includes land to the rear of the adjacent property, number 58.

Permission was granted under previous application PA/2020/229 to erect single-storey front and rear extensions, and raise the roof to accommodate a first-floor extension. This would be the fall-back position should this current application not be considered appropriate. This
assessment will therefore consider the changes proposed when assessed against application PA/2020/229.

Comments raised by members of the local community relating to loss of light and overshadowing were assessed by the officer as part of the previous application. This application seeks to retain the same overall height as was granted permission under PA/2020/229.

The matters to be considered as part of this application are:

- Front elevation - changes to first-floor and ground-floor windows and doors

The proposed changes are not considered to lead to any issues of overlooking, overshadowing or privacy impacts given their location on the front elevation facing the public highway and are therefore considered acceptable.

- Rear elevation - changes to first-floor windows: a change from one to two windows; property extended to rear boundary at ground floor only

Previous application PA/2020/229 granted permission for a large 3-pane window serving a bedroom; this application seeks two smaller 2-pane windows to serve two bedrooms. The proposed changes are not considered to lead to any additional issues of overlooking, overshadowing or privacy impacts above and beyond the consented position and are therefore considered acceptable. The windows are set back within the site a sufficient distance ( 25 m ) from the rear windows of existing properties in order to prevent unacceptable overlooking to and from these properties.

- Side elevation (east) - change from 3 small rooflights to 2 larger rooflights on main house and removal of 3 rooflights on rear element; inclusion of 3 first-floor windows and 2 windows to ground floor on rear element; replacement of 1 single window and Introduction of a door and two windows on ground floor of main property

The proposed rooflights are considered acceptable. The case officer has considered the concerns raised in relation to the first-floor windows and it is considered that there is the potential for significant overlooking of the neighbouring property to the east from these windows. As such it is recommended that the proposed first-floor windows should be obscure glazed and non-opening. Following discussions with the applicant, the proposed plans have been updated to reflect this. These windows are close to the adjacent property (number 58) and whilst this property is within the applicant's ownership, it may not be in the future. Whilst on site it is clear that the two properties' boundaries had been altered, a 1.8 m ( 6 ft ) fence being erected very close along the western boundary of number 58. The ground-floor windows of number 58 are visible over the fence. There is only 13 m between the proposed first-floor windows and windows on the side elevation of number 58. Were the windows to be transparent and opening this would lead to concerns of overlooking and privacy impacts. A condition is therefore recommended to secure the obscure glazing of the three first-floor windows in the east elevation and to ensure that they remain obscure glazed in the future. The case officer has spoken with the agent who has updated the plans to reflect this change. The plans have also been updated to include the third smaller window on this elevation which was missing from the originally submitted plans.

- Side elevation (west) - change 8 rooflights to 6 rooflights and remove flue

The proposed changes are not considered to lead to any issues of overlooking, overshadowing or privacy impacts and are therefore considered acceptable. The proposed changes result in a reduction in the number of rooflights, 5 of which serve non-habitable rooms (en suite, dressing room and rood void) and 1 of which serves a bedroom. Due to being within in a sloping roof with a relatively shallow pitch, the rooflights will direct views up rather that out and down into neighbouring properties.

- Changes to internal layout to create 6 bedrooms (one with en-suite), a dressing area and family bathroom at first floor, and garage space, office/snug, lounge, study, utility and open-plan kitchen/dining/family area at ground floor

Comments have been raised in relation to 6 bedrooms being considered overdevelopment. The size of the first-floor accommodation has not altered when compared with previous permission PA/2020/229. Planning permission is not required for internal alterations to this property. The proposed layout is therefore considered suitable.

The council's Highways officer has not raised concerns regarding the increased number of bedrooms proposed to serve the dwelling. The dwelling is served by a large parking area to the front and a driveway to the side (following the moving of the party boundary) as such the additional 2 bedrooms will not result in additional on-street parking.

The ground floor rear extension has been extended to the rear boundary of the site. The single-storey nature of this extension and the fact that the roof is hipped away from the neighbouring property to the rear means that no unacceptable loss of light or overbearing impact will result.

The applicant has confirmed within the application form that the proposed materials would match those existing. Part of the works have been completed on site and the roof tiles are different, being a dark grey flat tile compared to a red Roman ridge tile. It is important that the materials used in the completed extension match those of the extension yet to be constructed and a condition is recommended to secure this.

Subject to the recommended conditions, it is considered that the proposed development will not result in any significant additional amenity impacts above and beyond the existing consented position. It is therefore considered that the proposal would align with policies DS5 and CS5.

## Flood risk

Policy DS16 of the local plan, which relates to flood risk, states that development will not be permitted within floodplains where it would:
(i) increase the number of people or buildings at risk; or
(ii) impede the flow of floodwater; or
(iii) impede access for the future maintenance of watercourses; or
(iv) reduce the storage capacity of the floodplain; or
(v) increase the risk of flooding elsewhere; or
(vi) undermine the integrity of existing flood defences unless adequate protection or mitigation measures are undertaken.

Policy CS19 of the Core Strategy notes that the council will support development proposals that avoid areas of current or future flood risk and which do not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere.

The LLFA Drainage team have considered the proposals and do not have any comments or objections to the proposed development. Other than the small single-storey extension to the rear, the footprint and form of the development will not alter from the existing consented position and as such there will be no significant change to the permeability of the site or the generation of surface water.

## Highways

Policy T2 of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan states that all development should be served by a satisfactory access. Policy T19 of the local plan is concerned with parking provision as well as general safety and is also considered relevant.

The proposed development will not affect the access to the site or parking provision therein. The council's Highways department has raised no objection to the application. It is considered that there will be no/limited changes to the movement of vehicles to and from the site. Therefore, the proposal will not be harmful to highway safety in the area.

It is therefore considered that the scheme is in accordance with policies T2 and T19 of the local plan.

## Conclusion

The proposed development seeks to make amendments to previously approved PA/2020/229. This could have been achieved through a section 73 application; however, a new full application has been submitted. The proposed changes are not considered to have an unacceptable impact on the character or appearance of the area, the amenity of neighbouring properties, or highway safety. On this basis the application should be supported.

## RECOMMENDATION Grant permission subject to the following conditions:

## 1.

The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

Site Location Plan - 023/010
Proposed Plans and Elevations - 023-01 rev. 01
Existing Plans and Proposed Site Plan - 023-01 rev.01.
Reason
For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.
2.

The materials and finishes of the extensions not yet constructed shall match those of the rear extensions that form part of this application in colour and texture. No UPVC, plastic or other cladding shall be used on the external walls of the building.

## Reason

To ensure that the building is in keeping with its surroundings in the interests of visual amenity, in accordance with policy DS1 of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan.

## 4.

Before the extension is first occupied the three first-floor windows in the eastern side elevation shall be non-opening and obscure glazed to a minimum of Privacy Level 3 in accordance with the Pilkington Scale of Obscuration and shall be retained in that condition thereafter.

Reason
To protect the living conditions presently enjoyed by the occupants of adjoining properties in accordance with policy DS5 of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan.

## Informative

In determining this application, the council, as local planning authority, has taken account of the guidance in paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework in order to seek to secure sustainable development that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area.

## PA/2023/729 Proposed layout (not to scale)




Floor Plan


## PA/2023/729 Proposed elevations (not to scale)



