Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary		
Committee Meeting Date: 26 July 2016	Item Number: 7p	
Application ID: LA04/2016/0973/F		
Proposal: One and a half storey side extension.	Location: 3 Credenhill Wood Dunmurry Belfast BT17 0YZ	
Referral Route: Belfast City Council Employee		
Recommendation:	Approval	
Applicant Name and Address: Robert McCormick 3 Credenhill Wood Dunmurry Belfast BT17 0YZ	Agent Name and Address:	

Executive Summary:

The application seeks planning permission for one and a half storey side extension to a semi-detached dwelling.

The main issues in this case are:

- Impact of the proposal upon the character and appearance of the area; and
- Impact on the residential amenity of neighbours.

The proposal has been assessed against relevant planning policies and guidance including BMAP, SPPS, and the addendum to Planning Policy Statement 7. The proposed extension is considered acceptable and unlikely to adversely impact on the existing built form or private amenity of neighbouring properties.

No objections were received.

Transport NI was consulted, and has no objections.

It is recommended that the application is approved subject to conditions as set out in the report.

Case Officer Report **Site Location Plan Characteristics of the Site and Area** 1.0 **Description of Proposed Development** The proposal is for a one and a half storey side extension. 2.0 Description of Site The site is located as No. 3 Credenhill Wood, a residential area off Upper Dunmurry Lane in south-west Belfast. It consists of a two storey, semi-detached dwelling, finished in white render, with incurtilage parking. Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations 3.0 Site History S/2001/0851/F - 5 The Park, Upper Dunmurry Lane, Belfast. Detached garage & play rooms. Permission granted 10.08.2001 S/1993/0954 - 5 The Park, Upper Dunmurry Lane, Belfast Extension to dwelling Permission granted S/1983/0446 - 6 The Park, Upper Dunmurry Lane, Belfast Extension to dwelling

	Permission granted	
4.0	Policy Framework	
	Belfast Metropolitan Plan 2015	
	Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland (SPPS) Planning Policy	
	Planning Policy Statement 7 (Addendum): Residential Extensions and Alterations.	
5.0	Statutory Consultees Responses	
	None	
6.0	Non Statutory Consultees Responses	
	Transport NI – approval with informatives	
7.0	Representations	
	None	
8.0	Other Material Considerations	
	None	
9.0	Assessment	
9.1	Site History None	
9.2	Consultations Transport NI was consulted on the proposal and offered no objection to the proposal, however, two informatives must be added.	
9.3	BMAP The development is compliant with the area plan, in terms of being development within development limits.	
9.4	SPPS Under the SPPS, the guiding principle in determining planning applications, is that sustainable development should be permitted, having regard to the development plan and all other material considerations, unless the proposed development will cause demonstrable harm to interests of acknowledged importance. The proposal as been set out below and will not adversely impact on residential amenity or the character of the area.	
9.5	The proposal is assessed against PPS7: Policy EXT 1 Residential Extensions and Alterations.	
9.6	Planning permission will be granted for a proposal to extend or alter a residential property where all of the following criteria are met:	
	(a) The scale, massing, design and external materials of the proposal are sympathetic with the built form and appearance of the existing property and will not detract from the appearance and character of the surrounding area. The proposed ground floor extension extends out from the existing gable wall by 2.5m, and is 5m in length; it has a pitched roof which measures 2m from the ridge to the eaves and will sit at an overall height of 6m. The extension is subservient in terms of scale and mass. It is to be finished in render to match the existing dwelling. The proposal therefore is considered to be sympathetic to the built form.	

(b) The proposal does not adversely affect the privacy or amenity of neighbouring residents. The proposal will be adjacent to the blank gable wall of No. 2 Credenhill Wood. The rear elevation of No. 2 is stepped, with the southern corner of the property extending out further than the eastern corner. The southern section which extends further has a window which faces No.3.The proposal will not impact on light to this window given the distance from the common boundary. The boundary between No. 2 and No. 3 is defined by a 1.8m high wooden fence, which is considered to be sufficient screening between the properties. There are no windows proposed on the side of the extension facing No. 2, therefore, privacy and amenity of the neighbours will be retained. (c) The proposal will not cause the unacceptable loss of, or damage to, trees or other landscape features which contribute significantly to local environmental quality; this is the case with this proposal. (d) Sufficient space remains within the curtilage of the property for recreational and domestic purposes including the parking and manoeuvring of vehicles; the extension will encompass part of the incurtilage driveway spaces available. However, there will be sufficient space remaining in the driveway for vehicles to park. 9.7 No objections to the proposal were received 9.8 For the above reasons, I recommend approval for the proposal. **Summary of Recommendation:** Approval with Condition 10.0 11.0 Conditions: 1. Time limits for commencement 12.0 **Notification to Department (if relevant):** N/A

Representations from elected members:

13.0

None

ANNEX		
Date Valid	6th May 2016	
Date First Advertised	3rd June 2016	
Date Last Advertised	10 th June 2016	

Details of Neighbour Notification (all addresses)

The Owner/Occupier,

2 Credenhill Wood Dunmurry Belfast

The Owner/Occupier,

4 Credenhill Wood Dunmurry Belfast

The Owner/Occupier,

5 The Park, Dunmurry, Antrim, BT17 0ER,

The Owner/Occupier,

6 The Park, Dunmurry, Antrim, BT17 0ER,

The Owner/Occupier,

8 Credenhill Park, Dunmurry, Antrim, BT17 0ES,

Date of Last Neighbour Notification	27th May 2016
Date of EIA Determination	N/A
ES Requested	No

Drawing Numbers and Title

Drawing No. 1 Site location map

Drawing No. 2 Proposed block plan

Drawing No. 3 Existing floor plans and elevations

Drawing No. 4 Proposed floor plans and elevations

Notification to Department (if relevant) N/A

Date of Notification to Department:

Response of Department: