Reigate & Banstead BOROUGH COUNCIL Banstead   Horley   Redhill   Reigate		TO:		PLANNING COMMITTEE	
		DATE:		19 December 2012	
		REPORT OF:		HEAD OF POLICY, DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY	
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APPLICATION NUMBER:		12/01878/HHOLD	VALID:	29 October 2012	
APPLICANT:	Mr & M	rs Davies	AGENT:	Mr Richard Davis	
LOCATION:	2 MALMSTONE AVENUE, MERSTHAM				
DESCRIPTION:	Proposed single storey side extension to provide ground floor ensuite bedroom accommodation for disabled access use.				
DRAWING NUMBERS: Lo		cation Plan, Block Plan, 2M.A12-01, 02			

This application is referred to Committee in accordance with the Constitution as one of the applicants is a Council employee.

## **SUMMARY**

The proposal is for a "wraparound" front/side single storey pitched roofed extension to this semi-detached house, identical to that for which planning permission was granted in April 2004, ref: 04/00490/F. That permission was not implemented and expired in April 2009.

The extension in design terms blends well with the existing building and demonstrates appropriate subsidiarity to it and would have no adverse or significant impact on local character or neighbouring residential amenities and hence is acceptable.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Planning permission is **GRANTED** subject to conditions.

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#### **Consultations:**

<u>Highway Authority</u>: The County Highway Authority has undertaken an assessment in terms of the likely net additional traffic generation, access arrangements and parking provision and are satisfied that the application would not have a material impact on the safety and operation of the adjoining public highway. The County Highway Authority therefore has no highway requirements.

#### Representations:

Letters were sent to neighbouring properties on 1 November 2012 and a site notice was posted 6 November 2012. There have been no responses.

# 1.0 Site and Character Appraisal

- 1.1 This full application relates to a semi-detached two storey dwellinghouse with front monopitched roofed porch on the south side of Malmstone Road, on a bend where that road joins Brook Road. Site area is 0.022ha. A rear conservatory is under construction as permitted development. The adjoining property to the south, 96 Brook Road, has a single storey flat-roofed north side extension and rear extension for which permission were granted in 1975.
- 1.2 The site is within a predominantly residential neighbourhood consisting of similar pairs of two storey semi-detached dwellings. The Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance "Local Distinctiveness Design Guide" identifies the area as one of 1960s Modern Estates.

## 2.0 Added Value

2.1 Improvements secured at the pre-application stage: the applicant did not approach the Council for pre-application advice therefore the opportunity to secure improvements did not arise.

#### 3.0 Relevant Planning and Enforcement History

3.1 04/00490/F Single storey side extension

Granted 21 April 2004 (Not implemented)

## 4.0 Proposal and Design Approach

4.1 It is proposed to erect a single storey pitched roofed extension to the south side of the existing house and wrapping around the house to envelop part of the front elevation. External materials, of facing brickwork and roof tiles would match the existing. A front (north facing) window and roof lights in the front roof slope would serve a bedroom, a rear window a bathroom. The flank (west) wall facing 96 Brook Road would be blank and would be 0.45m

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from the common boundary. The proposal is the same as that for which permission was granted on 21 April 2004 under application no. 04/00490/F: this permission expired on 21 April 2009.

- 4.2 Circular 01/06 confirms that a design and access statement should illustrate the process that has led to the development proposal, and justify the proposal in a structured way, by demonstrating the steps taken to appraise the context of the proposed development. It expects applicants to follow a four-stage design process comprising:
  - Assessment;
  - Involvement;
  - Evaluation; and
  - Design.
- 4.3 Evidence of the applicant's design approach is set out below:

Assessment	The statement does not include an assessment of loc character	
	No site features worthy of retention were identified.	
Involvement	No community consultation took place.	
Evaluation	The statement does not include any evidence of other development options being considered: the proposal is as per that for which permission was granted in 2004.	
Design	The statement does not explain why the proposal was chosen	

# **5.0** Policy Context

5.1 Designation

Urban area

5.2 The South East Plan 2009

London Fringe LF5

5.3 Reigate & Banstead Borough Local Plan 2005

Housing Ho9, Ho13, Ho16

5.4 Other Material Considerations

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Planning Policy Statements/Guidance National Planning Policy

Framework (NPPF) (especially

section 7)

Supplementary Planning Guidance Householder Extensions and

Alterations

Other Human Rights Act 1998

# 6.0 Assessment

- 6.1 The main issues to consider are:
  - Design appraisal
  - Impact on local character
  - Neighbour amenity

# Design appraisal

6.2 The proposed extension would be well integrated with the parent building, being of materials to match existing, appropriately subsidiary and featuring a similarly pitched roof. The proposal would thus be in accord with policies Ho9, Ho13 and Ho16.

# Impact on local character

6.3 The proposal would be clearly apparent on this bend in the road and, seen from some angles, would appear to project into the street scene. However its front wall would come no farther forward than that of the existing porch and any impact is further diluted by the presence next door of the flat roofed side extension which is of starker appearance. The extension therefore would have no harmful impact on the character or appearance and in that respect would comply with policies Ho9, Ho13 and Ho16.

### Neighbour amenity

6.4 The proposed extension is to the side facing 96 Brook Road, the only property likely to be affected. There would be no new windows to create any potential for overlooking and there is none in any case in the flank wall of the extension at no. 96. The extension's roof would be hipped, sloping away from the boundary, and because of this and the angling of one house to the other there would be no overbearing effect. There would be a change in relationship between the buildings but this would be acceptable. The proposal therefore complies with policy Ho9.

## **CONDITIONS**

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

#### Reason:

To comply with Section 91(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 (1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

- 2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: Site Plan, Block Plan, Drawing No. 2M.A12-02. Reason:
  - In accordance with "Greater Flexibility for Planning Permissions Guidance" (DCLG) 2010.
- 3. The materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the extension hereby permitted shall match those used in the existing building. Reason:

To ensure that the development hereby permitted is only constructed using the appropriate external facing materials or suitable alternatives in the interest of the visual amenities of the area with regard to Reigate and Banstead Borough Local Plan 2005 policies Ho9 and Ho13.

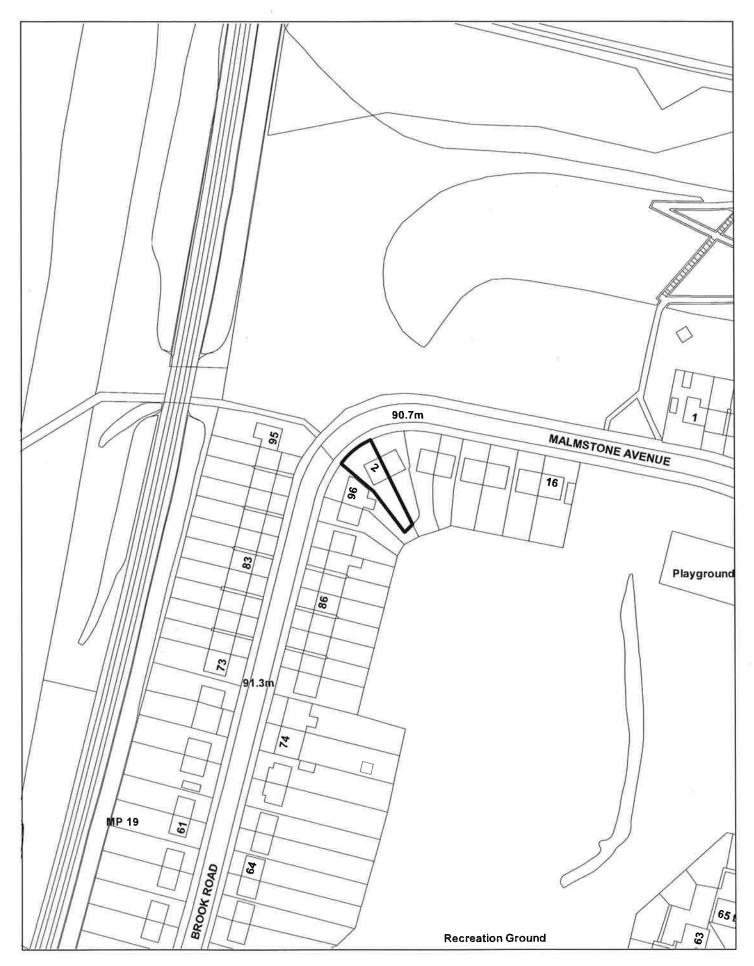
#### **INFORMATIVES**

1. Your attention is drawn to the safety benefits of installing sprinkler systems as an integral part of new development. Further information is available at <a href="https://www.firesprinklers.info">www.firesprinklers.info</a>.

#### **REASON FOR PERMISSION**

The development hereby permitted has been assessed against development plan policies LF5, Ho9, Ho13, Ho16 and material considerations, including third party representations. It has been concluded that the development is in accordance with the development plan and there are no material considerations that justify refusal in the public interest.

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