

Officer's Report

Application Number	HGY/2023/0628
Type	Householder planning permission
Location	88 Russell Avenue, Wood Green, London, N22 6PS
Proposal	Loft conversion including the installation of 3 x conservation area rooflights to the rear roof slope.
Case Officer	Zara Seelig
Valid Date	03/03/2023
Applicant	Mr and Mrs McAllister
Agent	Mrs K Cowan

RECOMMENDATION

Approve with Conditions

Site Description

The site is a two storey mid terraced dwelling situated on the Southern side of Russell Avenue. The site is located within the Noel Park Conservation Area, it is not a listed building.

Description of Development

Skylight loft conversion including three conservation area skylights to the rear roof slope.

The application has been amended, removing the roof lights originally proposed on the front roof slope.

Relevant Planning and Enforcement History

None.

Local Representations

The application has been publicised by way of a site notice and 3 neighbour consultation letters.

No of individual responses: none

Objecting: 0

Supporting: 0

Neither: 0

The following local groups/societies were consulted:

- None

The following issues were raised in representations that are material to the determination of the application and are addressed in the next section of this report:

- None

The following issues raised are not material planning considerations:

- None

Material Planning Considerations

The main planning considerations raised by the proposed development are:

1. Design and appearance;
2. Impact on the character and appearance of the conservation area; and
3. Impact on neighbouring amenity.

Design and Appearance and Impact on the Character and Appearance of the Conservation Area

DPD Policy DM12 'Housing Design and Quality' states that extensions or alterations to residential buildings, including roof extensions will be required to be of a high, site specific, and sensitive design quality, and respect and/ or complement the form, setting, period, architectural characteristics, detailing of the original building, including external features such as chimneys, and porches. High quality matching or complementary materials should be used appropriately and sensitively in relation to the context. DPD Policy DM1 'Delivering High Quality Design' requires development proposals to relate positively to their locality, while Local Plan (2017) Policy SP11 requires the highest standard of design that respects local context and character and historic significance, which is equally supported by London Plan (2021) Policy D6.

London Plan Policy HC1 seeks to ensure that development proposals affecting heritage assets and their settings, should conserve their significance. This policy applies to designated and non-designated heritage assets. Local Plan Policy SP12 and DPD Policy DM9 set out the Council's approach to the management, conservation and enhancement of the Borough's historic environment.

DPD Policy DM9 states that proposals affecting a designated or non-designated heritage asset will be assessed against the significance of the asset and its setting, and the impact of the proposals on that significance; setting out a range of issues which will be taken into account. In relation to extensions or alterations to residential buildings, including roof extensions, Policy DM9 requires proposals to be of a high, site specific, and sensitive design quality, which respect and/ or complement the form, setting, period, architectural characteristics, detailing of the original buildings, including external features such as chimneys, and porches. The policy also requires the use of high-quality matching or complementary materials, in order to be sensitive to context.

The proposal would be acceptable in terms of design, the only external alteration would be the addition of three skylights to the rear roofslope. There are many other examples of rooflights to the rear roofscopes within the street, the proposal would not be visible within the street scene and so the proposal would not appear out of character. The Noel Park CA Appraisal & Management Plan says that front roof lights are not considered acceptable. Due to this, the proposal was amended from that submitted, that included 2 x front rooflights and 2 x rear rooflights. Russell Avenue was outside the Article 4 until recently (2020) which explains why do you find examples of front rooflights there, however, the Article 4 was extended to Russell Avenue to prevent any further erosion of the character of the street. The amendments made overcome this concern and now the rooflights are situated on the rear roofslope. A condition will be added to ensure the rooflights will be of conservation style.

Impact on Neighbouring Amenity

London Plan Policy D6 outlines that design must not be detrimental to the amenity of surrounding housing, in specific stating that proposals should provide sufficient daylight and sunlight to surrounding housing that is appropriate for its context, while also minimising overshadowing. London Plan Policy D14 requires development proposals to reduce, manage and mitigate noise impacts.

DPD Policy DM1 'Delivering High Quality Design' states that development proposals must ensure a high standard of privacy and amenity for a development's users and neighbours. Specifically, proposals are required to provide appropriate sunlight, daylight and aspects to adjacent buildings and land, and to provide an appropriate amount of privacy to neighbouring properties to avoid overlooking and loss of privacy and detriment to amenity of neighbouring resident.

The proposal would largely be internal works, the proposed rooflights are not considered to cause adverse impacts on neighbouring properties. The proposal is not considered to adversely impact the amenities of these neighbouring properties by reason of overbearingness, loss of daylight/sunlight or loss of privacy and the proposal complies with London Plan Policy D6 and DPD Policy DM1.

Conclusion

The proposal is considered acceptable in terms of design, impact on the character and appearance of the conservation area and impact on neighbouring amenity and does comply with relevant planning policy.

All other relevant policies and considerations, including equalities, have been taken into account. Planning permission should be granted for the reasons set out above. The details of the decision are set out in the RECOMMENDATION.

Recommendation

Grant Permission with condition(s):

Conditions:

- 1 The development to which this permission relates must be begun no later than three years from the date of this decision notice, failing which the permission shall be of no effect.

Reason: This condition is imposed by virtue of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and to prevent the accumulation of unimplemented planning permissions.

- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in complete accordance with the approved plans and drawings listed in this decision notice, other than where those details are altered pursuant to the conditions of this planning permission.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

- 3 The external materials to be used for the proposed development shall match in colour, size, shape and texture those of the existing building.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory appearance for the proposed development, to safeguard the visual amenity of neighbouring properties and the appearance of the locality consistent with Policy D3 of the London Plan 2021, Policy SP11 of the Haringey Local Plan 2017 and Policy DM1 of The Development Management DPD 2017.

- 4 The proposed rooflight(s) hereby approved shall be 'Conservation style', flush with the roof plane in which they are installed, and shall be maintained as such for the lifespan of the development.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory appearance and to preserve the character and appearance of the conservation area.

Informatives:

- **INFORMATIVE: Land Ownership**
The applicant is advised that this planning permission does not convey the right to enter onto or build on land not within his ownership.
- **INFORMATIVE: Hours of Construction Work**
The applicant is advised that under the Control of Pollution Act 1974, construction work which will be audible at the site boundary will be restricted to the following hours:-
8.00am - 6.00pm Monday to Friday
8.00am - 1.00pm Saturday
and not at all on Sundays and Bank Holidays.
- **INFORMATIVE: Party Wall Act**
The applicant's attention is drawn to the Party Wall Act 1996 which sets out requirements for notice to be given to relevant adjoining owners of intended works on a shared wall, on a boundary or if excavations are to be carried out near a neighbouring building.