

Officer Report

Application Number:	HGY/2023/2122
Application Type:	Full planning permission
Address:	63 Florence Road, Hornsey, London, N4 4DJ
Proposal:	Replacement of flat roof covering, front and side entrance door to match existing
Case Officer:	Sabelle Adjagboni
Valid Date:	04/08/2023
Applicant:	Ms Regina Szmajda
Agent:	Mr Matt Peters

RECOMMENDATION

Approve with Conditions

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND LOCATION DETAILS

Proposed development

This is an application to restore the flat roof covering and allow to cut out and renew lead flashing to match existing. The application also includes the replacement of the front entrance and side doors in styles that match the existing.

Site and Surroundings

The application site is a three-storey terrace house comprising of 3 self-contained flats and located at roughly at the centre of Florence Road closer to the west. The proposal relates to the ground floor flat and main entrance.

The site is in the Stroud Green conservation area but does not have listed building status.

Relevant Planning and Enforcement history

There is no recent planning history in relation to the site.

Records show that the property was converted into three self-contained flats in 1982.

Consultation response

No responses were received following consultation on the application.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIONS

The application has been publicised by way of a site notice erected in the vicinity of the site and 24 letters to neighbours. No representations were received.

MATERIAL PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The main planning considerations raised by the proposed development is:

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

Design and appearance

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.

The existing doors and flat roof are proposed to be replaced to enhance their functionality and allow better insulation for the residents. The proposed replacement doors at the front and side, as well as the proposed replacement flat roof, would largely retain the design, style, method of opening and appearance of the existing and can therefore be considered to be a like for like replacement maintaining the material, and design. Hence, the proposal would not be out of keeping with the prevailing character of the property and area.

On balance, the proposals would not adversely affect the appearance of the terrace or the wider street scene.

As such, in design terms, the proposal is considered acceptable in line with the above policies.

Impact on the character and appearance of the conservation area

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 considered. 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 entrance door and the flat roof being replaced on the front elevations will be like for like and will therefore not change the existing frontage of the conservation area. Likewise, the replacement side door proposed will also be in keeping with the existing and will not be visible from the conservation area. Therefore, the new side door would not negatively impact the appearance of the conservation area.

As such, in heritage terms, the proposal is considered in line with the above policies.

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 offers no amendments to the existing scale of the building and would not introduce new door openings but only relates to the replacement of existing door. Similarly, the height and size of the new flat will remain the same as the existing. As such, the development would not affect the residential amenity of neighbours and would not result in a loss of privacy.

As such, the proposal is acceptable in amenity terms, in line with the above policies.

Conclusion

The proposal would contribute to better insulation and improved appearance to this property and is considered acceptable.

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

CIL APPLICABLE

The increase in internal floor area would not exceed 100 sq.m. and therefore the proposal is not liable for the Mayoral or Haringey's CIL charge.

RECOMMENDATION

GRANT PERMISSION

Registered No. HGY/2023/2122

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.

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.