Application Ref: NP/11/206

Application Type Full

Grid Ref:

Applicant

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Agent

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Proposal

Two storey and single storey rear extensions and

provision of roof to outdoor swimming pool

Site Location

Pwll Farm, Newport, Pembrokeshire, SA42 0LX

Summary

This is a full application for two and single storey extensions, plus the provision of a roof for an existing swimming pool at Pwll Farm, Newport. The existing house has previously been extended with single storey extensions to the side and rear, beyond which lies an open air swimming pool. The size and design of the proposed two storey rear extension, further single storey side and rear extensions, plus the provision of a roof to cover the swimming pool are considered to have both a detrimental impact on the special qualities of the National Park, the Historic Landscape, and the host dwelling. The application is therefore recommended for refusal.

The application is brought before the Development Management Committee because the Community Council supports the scheme which is contrary to your officer's recommendation for refusal.

Consultee Response

Nevern Community Council: No objection

Environment Agency: No objection

Public Response

The application has been advertised. No comments have been received.

Policies considered

LDP Policy 01 - National Park purposes and duty

LDP Policy 07 - Countryside

LDP Policy 08 - Special Qualities

LDP Policy 09 - Light Pollution

LDP Policy 13 - Historic Landscapes Parks and Gardens

LDP Policy 15 - Conservation of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park

LDP Policy 29 - Sustainable Design

LDP Policy 30 - Amenity

LDP Policy 32 - Surface Water Drainage

LDP Policy 34 - Flooding and Coastal Inundation

LDP Policy 52 - Sustainable Transport

LDP Policy 53 - Impacts on traffic

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PPW4 Chapter 05 - Conserving and Improving Natural Heritage and the Coast

PPW4 Chapter 06 - Conserving the Historic Environment

PPW4 Chapter 08 - Transport

PPW4 Chapter 12 - Infrastructure and Services

PPW4 Chapter 13 - Minimising and Managing Environmental Risks and Pollution

SPG06 - Landscape Character Assessment Study, June 2009

SPG09 - Building Extensions

TAN 06 - Planning for Sustainable Rural Communities

TAN 12 - Design

TAN 15 - Development and Flood Risk

TAN 22 - Planning for Sustainable Buildings

Officer's Appraisal

Background

This is a full application for a two and further single storey extensions, plus the covering of the existing outdoor swimming pool at Pwll Farm, Newport. The house lies in the open countryside to the east of Newport, and is a detached traditional double-fronted dwelling that has existing single storey extensions to the rear and north. Within the extensive gardens of the property there is a detached garage to the north of the dwelling, and an outdoor swimming pool to the north-west. Access to the property is from a private drive to the north that links onto the A487(T) road. The drive is also a public footpath which goes past the house and over the stream that borders the south of the garden. The site is within the Newport and Carningli Historic Landscape.

Current Proposal

The current application seeks to extend the house by the provision of a rear two storey and further single storey extensions, plus the provision of a roof to the existing outdoor swimming pool. The host dwelling is of a traditional double fronted design, with subservient single storey extensions to the side and rear. The proposal seeks the provision of a two storey rear extension, with further single storey extensions beyond this, wrapping round both to provide a link to the swimming pool. These extensions would be of a contemporary design. The single storey element would be constructed of mainly glazing, ie aluminium double glazed units under a sedum flat roof. The two storey element would be constructed of rough cast render under a natural slate roof. The pool's enclosure would be constructed of either an aluminium or timber portal frame with glazed roof.

The application has been supported with the following information:-

- An Energy, Water and Drainage Efficiency Questionnaire; and
- A Transport Statement.

Key Issues

This application raises the following planning matters:-

- Impact of the proposal on the National Park;
- Impact of the proposal on the Historic Landscape;
- Amenity matters;
- · Flooding matters;
- Public Rights of Way matters; and
- Sustainability matters.

The host dwelling is a traditional farmhouse, double-fronted with single storey rear and side extensions. These existing extensions are proportionate to the host dwelling, being subservient to it in both size and design. Both national and local policy highlight the need to promote or reinforce traditional and local distinctiveness in National Parks. Unlike the existing extensions, the scale of the proposed ones dominates the host dwelling. The character of the existing building and its extensions is traditional: the proposed extensions have been designed in a contemporary style that is at odds with the traditional character of the host dwelling. In addition, the amount of glazing, both to the pool and the single storey rear extensions would result in a building that forms a visually intrusive addition to this rural landscape. In total, the proposed extensions dominate the host dwelling in both size and design, resulting in a building that is at odds with the special qualities of both the National Park and the Historic Landscape. Although the applicant considers that the extensions are a modest increase to the host dwelling, it is not felt that this is the case, and as a result refusal is recommended.

The swimming pool lies just over 20m from a converted barn that lies in an elevated position to the north-west of the site. The pool is already in existence, and its use has therefore been accepted. The proposal to enclose it would therefore increase use of the pool, but due to the distances involved and the elevated position of the converted barn, it is not felt that the covering of the pool raises any greater loss of amenity than currently exists.

To the southern boundary of the property lies a stream. Part of the site lies within Flood Zone C2, as defined by TAN 15 – Development and Flood Risk. As a result the Environment Agency was asked to comment on the proposals. It has no objection to the application subject to the following being addressed:-

- The development should be of a flood resistant design;
- Surface water should not discharge directly to the watercourse, and sustainable drainage systems must be utilised;
- Construction should not impact on the flood plain.

These matters could be dealt with by condition if permission were to be recommended.

The site is crossed by a public right of way, which runs along the property's drive and then goes over the stream. The proposed development would be clearly visible from this right of way, although it does not physically impact on the line of the footpath. The visual impact of the proposal has been discussed

above, and conditions and informatives could protect the right of way from any potential blockages during construction.

The application was supported with an Energy, Water and Drainage Efficiency questionnaire in accordance with Policy 29 of the Local Development Plan. On the basis of the information provided by the applicant, the Authority's Building Projects Officer has raised no objection to the proposal in terms of its sustainability.

Conclusion

The size and design of the proposed extensions to this traditional dwelling are at odds with its traditional design and proportions, resulting in a building that is dominated by large contemporary extensions. As a result the proposal is considered to harm the special qualities of the National Park and the Historic Landscape, and refusal is therefore recommended.

Recommendation

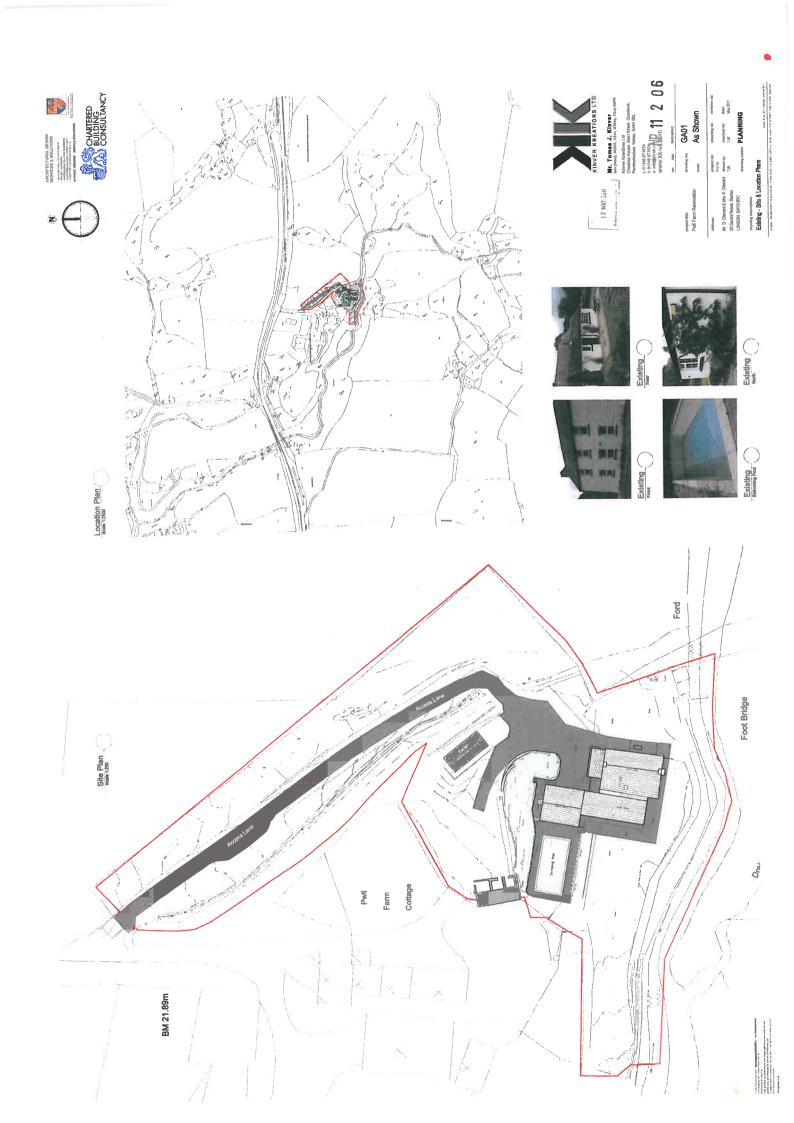
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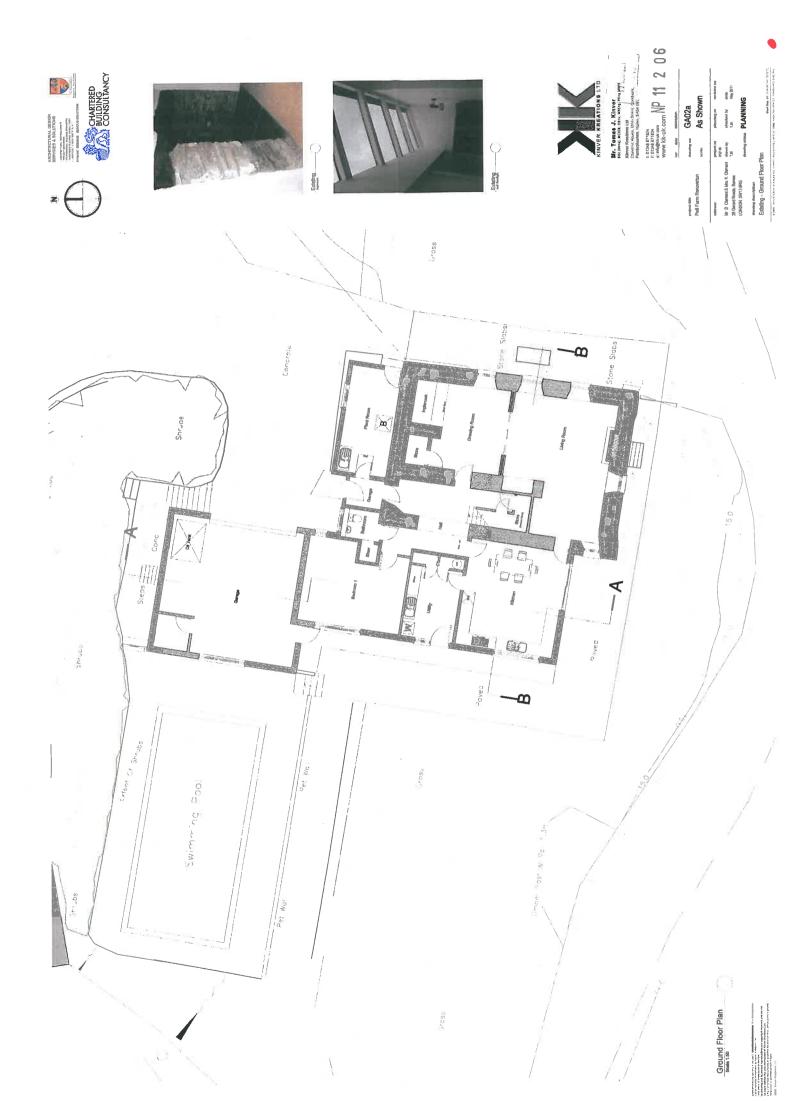
Policy 1 of the Local Development Plan for the Pembrokeshire National Park Authority requires development to be compatible with the conservation or enhancement of the natural beauty of the Park. Policy 8 of the Local Development Plan for the Pembrokeshire National Park Authority requires, amongst other things, development to ensure that the sense of remoteness and tranquillity of the Park is not lost and that the pattern and diversity of landscape and historic environment is protected and enhanced. Policy 13 of the Local Development Plan for the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park seeks to protect Historic Landscapes. Policy 15 of the Local Development Plan for the Pembrokeshire National Park Authority states that development that adversely affects the qualities and special character of the National Park will not be permitted. The proposal by reason of the extensive amount of extensions and their contemporary design, and their resulting visual intrusion and change in the character and appearance of the host building and the area, is considered harmful to the qualities and special character of the National Park and the Historic Landscape. The proposal is, therefore, considered contrary to both national and local policies and detrimental to the special qualities of the National Park and the Historic Landscape.

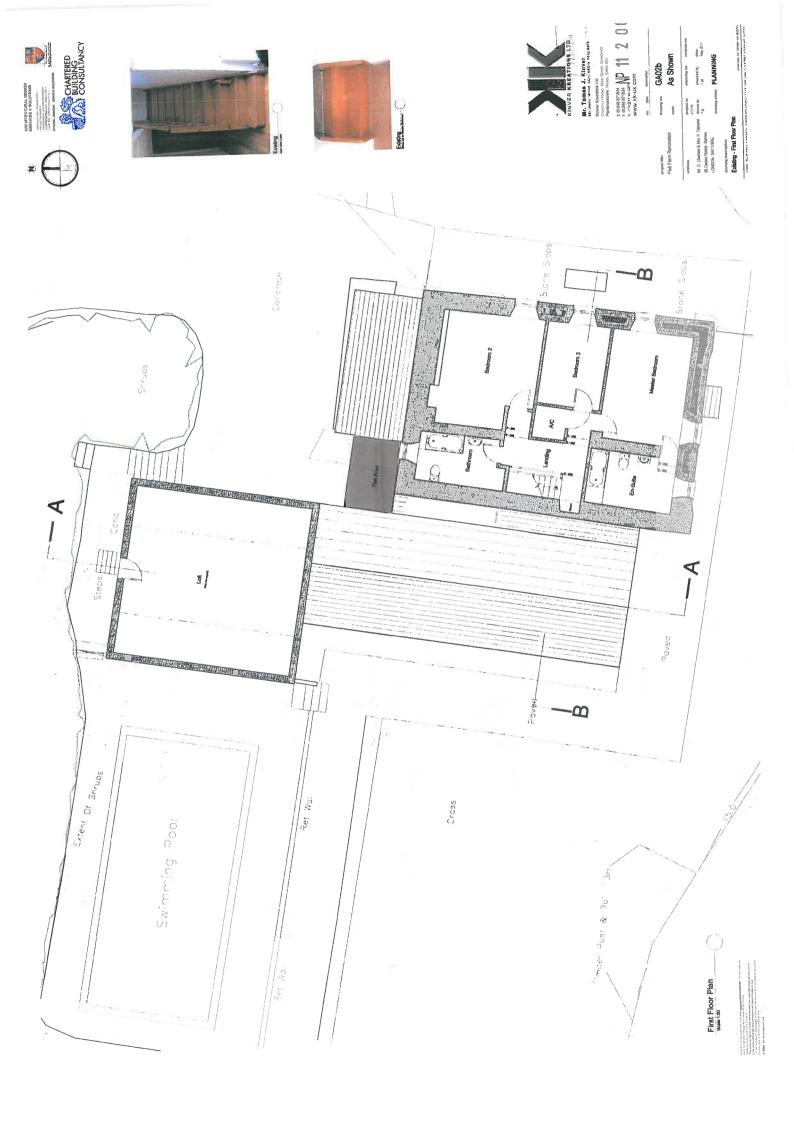
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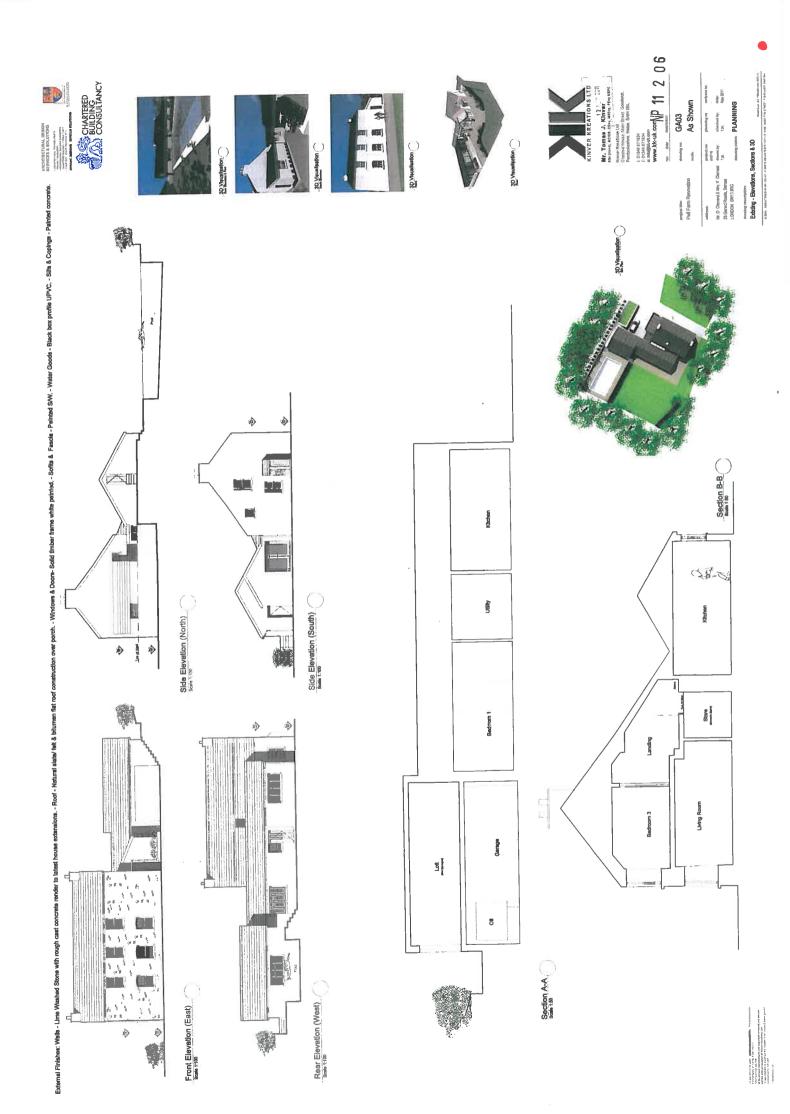
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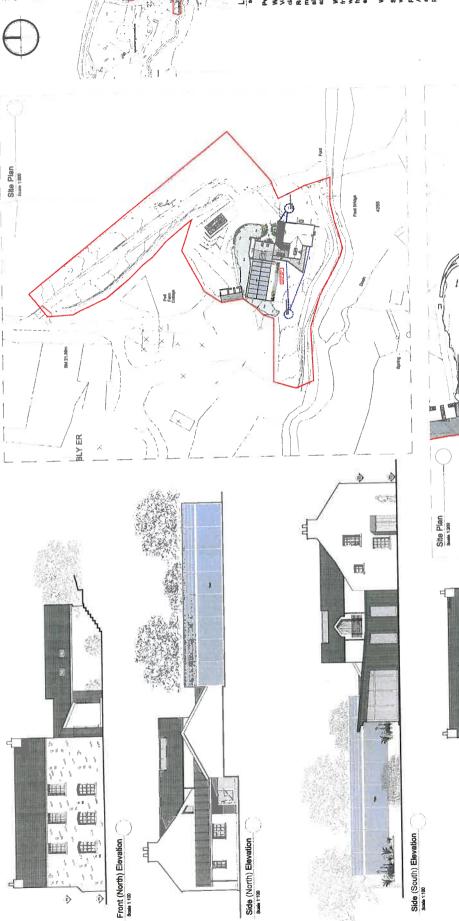
- GA01 Existing site and location plans (received 12th May 2011);
- GA03 Existing Elevations, Sections & 3D (received 12th May 2011);
- GA02A (received 12th May 2011);
- GA02B (received 12th May 2011);
- GA01 (received 20th May 2011);
- GA02 (received 12th May 2011);
- GA03 (received 12th May 2011).

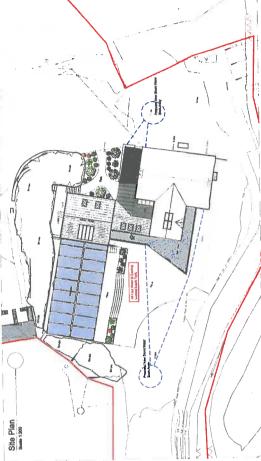












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