## Application Ref: NP/12/0101

**Application Type** 

Full

Grid Ref:

SN05873900

Applicant Agent

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Proposal

Alterations & Extensions, replacement dormer windows

and new rooflights

Site Location

Vine Cottage, Goat Street, Newport, Pembrokeshire,

**SA42 0PT** 

**Case Officer** 

**Brian Canning** 

#### **Summary**

The proposal involves the demolition of a single storey rear lean-to extension and construction of a kitchen/dining room extension, and a front porch. The rear extension will be overtly modern in design which is aimed at complementing the traditional cottage structure with modern sustainable materials. The front porch will be more traditional in appearance with a slate roof, rendered walls and painted timber windows and door. Whilst incorporating modern features and materials in the rear extension, the proposed developments do not impact adversely on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area, and consequently it is considered that there are no in-principle planning or design objections. Approval is therefore recommended.

The application is placed before the Development Management Committee as the recommendation to approve is contrary to the views expressed by the Newport Town Council.

## Consultee Response

**Newport Town Council:** Objecting - Recommend rejection as consider porch will be visually obtrusive and inappropriate in the context of this street, and rear extension appears insensitive to the rest of the building

Dyfed Archaeological Trust: No objectio

## Public Response

No third party consultee responses received to date.

## Policies considered

LDP Policy 01 - National Park Purposes and Duty

LDP Policy 08 - Special Qualities

LDP Policy 15 - Conservation of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park

LDP Policy 29 - Sustainable Design

LDP Policy 30 - Amenity

PPW4 Chapter 04 - Planning for Sustainability

TAN 12 - Design

TAN 22 - Planning for Sustainable Buildings

#### Officer's Appraisal

**Background & Description** 

The application site is a semi-detached traditional cottage located on the north side of Goat Street, Newport, and is within the Newport Conservation Area. The cottage is predominantly constructed in stone, with the exception of the rear lean to kitchen/utility room and side garage, which are more modern additions with roughcast render finish. The roof of the cottage is finished in man-made slate, with doors and windows painted timber. The front of the property has a generally pleasing traditional appearance, with the rear of the property not readily visible from any public vantage point.

**Current proposal** 

The proposal involves the demolition of the modern rear lean-to extension and its replacement with a lean-to kitchen/dining room extension measuring 7.3m x 4.3m x 3.4m high, and construction of a saddle roofed front porch measuring 1.9m x 1.1m x 2.8m high. The kitchen/dining room extension is proposed to be a lightweight modern structure with a timber frame and external horizontal timber boarding. The roof will be finished in colour coat standing seam sheeting, grey in colour to match the existing roof. The front porch will be constructed in more traditional materials, with rendered blockwork walling, slate roof and painted timber door and windows.

The proposed rear extension will replace a modern addition to the cottage of no particular aesthetic quality, and the use of modern sustainable materials will represent a pleasing contrast to the rear elevation of the cottage. The front porch will create a draft lobby into the cottage, and the use of a more traditional design and materials will complement the existing character of the front elevation of the property in this visually more prominent position.

Whilst the comments of Newport Town Council are noted, it is considered that the proposed development has been appropriately designed using modern sustainable materials where possible. The character and appearance of the Conservation Area will not be adversely affected, nor will the amenity of the neighbouring property be compromised. An 'Energy, Water and Drainage Efficiency Questionnaire has been submitted as part of the application, which indicates that all mandatory requirements will be completed as part of the renovation and development of the property, and this will be conditioned accordingly.

A Bat Survey has also been submitted which recorded bat activity within the gable end of the cottage, but the conclusion of the Report was that the works, which are mostly limited to the rear of the property, will not impact on the roost or access points. In these circumstances, it is considered that a bat licence would not likely be necessary, but it is recommended that initial works to

demolish the rear extension are carried out using the precautionary principle and that contractors are made aware of the potential presence of bats.

#### **Recommendation**

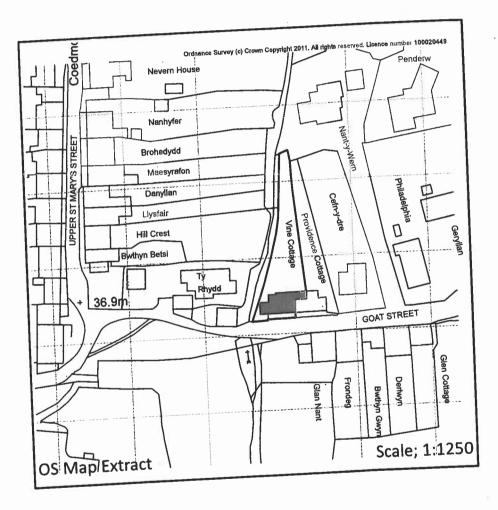
That power be delegated to the Chief Executive(National Park Office)/Director of Park Direction and Planning/Head of Development Management to grant planning permission for this development, subject to appropriate conditions and subject to no valid planning objections (which cannot be overcome by condition).

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