Application Ref: NP/13/0401

Application Type Full

Grid Ref:

SN12620141

Applicant

Mr Gary Meads

Agent

Proposal

Single storey lounge extension to front and single storey

bedroom extension to rear of property

Site Location

15, Upper Hill Park, Tenby, Pembrokeshire, SA70 8JE

Case Officer

Ceri Porter

Summary

This application is being reported to the Development Management Committee for consideration as the recommendation for refusal is contrary to the views expressed by Tenby Town Council that raises no objections to this proposal.

Planning permission is sought to extensions to the front and rear of 15 Upper Hill Park. Whilst the rear extension is in general acceptable and identical to that approved in 2007, the proposed front extension would disrupt the visual rhythm of the building line of this part of Upper Park Hill and consequently appear prominent and incongruous within the streetscene. As such the proposal is recommended for refusal

Consultee Response

Tenby Civic Society: We felt the front extension would break the frontage line of the row of houses, which form an important feature of the street scene. It would set a rather unfortunate precedent for other front extensions which could make for a higgldy-piggldy street scene, notable for its consistent and rhythmic frontages.

The rear extension has no such problems. Side or further rear extensions might substitute more happily for those proposed at the front, bearing in mind light and outlook issues for adjoining neighbours, particularly uphill.

PCC - Transportation & Environment: Conditional Consent Ecologist - Pembrokeshire County Council: Standard Advice

Tenby Town Council: Approve

PCNPA Tree & Landscape Officer: No adverse comment

Public Response

The application has been appropriately publicised. 3 no. representations have been received. Both raise concerns regarding the current uniform layout of the estate and would appear prominent. Concern is also raised regarding the drainage problems in the area that may be exacerbated by the proposal.

Policies considered

Please note that these policies can be viewed on the Policies page Pembrokeshire Coast National Park website - http://www.pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk/default.asp?PID=549

LDP Policy 01 - National Park Purposes and Duty

LDP Policy 02 - Tenby Local Service and Tourism Centre

LDP Policy 08 - Special Qualities

LDP Policy 15 - Conservation of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park

LDP Policy 29 - Sustainable Design

LDP Policy 30 - Amenity

PPW5 Chapter 04 - Planning for Sustainability

SPG05 - Sustainable Design

TAN 12 - Design

Officer's Appraisal

Background

15 Upper Hill Park, Tenby is a detached bungalow that forms part of a row of almost identical bungalows that have a standard building line with their gable elevations facing the road. The bungalows are set back from the road with open plan gardens to the front.

The road rises from south to north.

An application for a rear extension, identical to that forming part of this current proposal, was approved under reference NP/07/139.

History

NP/07/139 – Extension – Approved May 2007

Constraints

- Biodiversity Issue
- Coal Standing Advice Area
- LDP centre
- Recreation Character Area

Current Proposal

The proposal seeks permission to extend the existing bungalow to the front and rear at full height and width. The rear extension would measure 4.2m deep whilst the proposed front extension would measure 3.3m deep. All materials are to match those existing.

Key Issues

The application raises the following planning matters:-

- Visual Amenity; and,
- Neighbour Amenity

Visual Amenity

Policy 15 of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Local Development Plan (LDP) seeks the conservation of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park with criteria 'a' and 'b' resisting development that would cause significant visual intrusion and/or, that would be insensitively and unsympathetically sited within the landscape. Policy 30 of the LDP seeks to avoid development that is of an incompatible scale with its surroundings (criterion 'b') or is visually intrusive (criterion 'd').

This section of Upper Hill Park comprises of bungalows with the same building line, set back from the road with open plan gardens and this results in a pleasing visual rhythm to the streetscene.

The proposed 3.3m deep extension to the front elevation would disrupt this rhythm and consequently appear incongruous within the streetscene. Contrary to the comments of Tenby Town Council there are no numerous similar developments in the immediate vicinity.

The proposed extension to the rear is however identical to that approved in 2007.

Neighbour Amenity:

Policy 30 of the LDP refers to 'amenity' in general with criteria 'a' and 'b; seeking to avoid incompatible development and significant adverse impact upon the amenity enjoyed by neighbouring properties.

Given the layout, orientation and changes in levels, the proposed extensions would have limited impact on the amenity and privacy enjoyed by neighbouring properties.

Comments have been made regarding the impact upon drainage in the vicinity. Whilst the drawings show the proposal in respect of the existing drains and connections, comments of Welsh Water should be sought.

Other Material Considerations:

The application site is identified by the Coal Authority as a Standing Advice area where the Coal Authority is not be consulted on Householder applications, and where the standing advice of the Coal Authority will be issued by the National Park Authority as an informative.

Conclusion

Whilst the rear extension is in general acceptable and identical to that approved in 2007, the proposed front extension would disrupt the visual rhythm of the building line of this part of Upper Park Hill and consequently appear prominent and incongruous within the streetscene. As such the proposal is recommended for refusal

Recommendation

Refuse for the following reason:-

The proposed front extension by reason of its prominent location within an otherwise matching building line would represent an incongruous addition to the host dwelling and appear out of keeping with the surrounding area; failing to protect the special qualities of the National Park. As such the proposal is considered contrary to policies 8(b)(c), 15(a)(b)(d), 29(a), 30(b) and 30(d) of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Local Development Plan (Adopted: September 2010).

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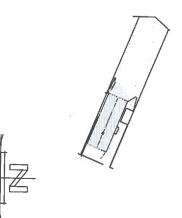


location plan.

Site Layout & Location Plan.

Single Storey Lounge Extension to Front & Single Storey Bedroom Extension to Rear of 15 Upperhill Park, Tenby.

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site layout.

