88 WELLINGTON STREET

Two-storey side and rear extensions with a new front porch. Sub-division into two 2-bed flats over two floors, each with their own garden.

1. Officer Recommendation:

SUPPORTS and has a RESPONSE:

• Subject to no objection from the County Highways Officer.

2. Key Issues:

• Impact on Neighbouring Amenity

The scheme is the same in footprint and scale as the recently approved scheme (P24/S0043/HH) other than a small rear extension which extends the property to the same building line as the neighbouring property. There have also been some minor alterations to the fenestrations. Therefore, it is considered that the impact on neighbouring amenity would be acceptable.

• Parking and Access

The proposed car parking arrangements will be as approved by the County Highways Officer under the previous scheme. The number of parking spaces (1 per 2 bedroom dwelling) accords OCC's parking standards¹. The application should be subject to no objection from the County Highways Officer.

• Design

The design is the same as the approved scheme and therefore considered acceptable.

• Quality of living environment for future occupiers

The application will provide for 2x two-bed (three person) two-storey flats.

- Flat 1 = 73sqm internal space, and 106sqm external amenity space.
- Flat 2 = 72.5sqm internal space, and 68sqm external amenity space.

Both flats will provide more than 70sqm internal floorspace as required by the Government's technical housing standards², and exceed the minimum private amenity space as required by the Design Guide³. Bin storage has been provided for both flats.

Overall, it is considered that the quality of living for future occupiers would be acceptable.

¹ <u>https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/roads-and-transport-policies-and-plans/PARKINGS.PDF</u>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1012976/16051 9_Nationally_Described_Space_Standard.pdf

³ <u>https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/SAV/Space-and-layout</u> 2.html#gsc.tab=0

3. Planning History:

SODC Ref	Description	TTC Decision	SODC Decision
P24/S0043/HH - Amendment No.1	Two-storey side and rear extensions to create a 4-bed family dwelling. (As amended by plans received 27 February 2024 showing the new vehicular access omitted and an alteration to the design and scale of the proposed extensions)	Supports	Granted 15/03/2024

4. Risk Appraisal

Dependent on the Town Council's recommendation to SODC is it likely that there would be a contrary decision by SODC? If so then a councillor should be nominated at the meeting to represent the views of the Town Council at the planning committee.

5. Policies Relevant to the Application

The following policies are of particular relevance when considering this application.

Thame Neighbourhood Plan

Thame Neight	Thame Neighbourhood Plan		
H6	Design new development to be of high quality		
GA6	New development to provide parking on site for occupants and visitors		
ESDQ13	New dwellings: code for sustainable homes		
ESDQ15	Developers must demonstrate in a Design and Access Statement how their proposed development reinforces Thame's character		
ESDQ16	Development must relate well to its site and its surroundings		
ESDQ17	Development must make a positive contribution towards the distinctive character of the town as a whole		
ESDQ18	New development must contribute to local character by creating a sense of place appropriate to its location		
ESDQ19	The Design and Access Statement and accompanying drawings must provide sufficient detail for proposals to be properly understood		
ESDQ20	Building style must be appropriate to the historic context		
ESDQ27	Design in the 'forgotten' elements from the start of the design process		
ESDQ28	Provide good quality private outdoor space		
ESDQ29	Design car parking so that it fits in with the character of the proposed development		
SODC Local Plan 2035 Policies			
DES1	Delivering high quality development		
DES2	Enhancing local character		
DES3	Design and access statements		
DES5	Outdoor amenity space		
DES6	Residential amenity		
DES7	Efficient use of resources		
DES8	Promoting sustainable design		
EP3	Waste collection and recycling		
H3	Housing in the towns of Henley-on-Thames, Thame, and Wallingford		
H12	Self-build and custom housing		
H16	Backland and infill development and redevelopment		
H20	Extensions to dwellings		
INF1	Infrastructure provision		
STRAT1	The overall strategy		
TH1	The strategy for Thame		
TRANS5	Consideration of development proposals		