

Speaker - Thomas Freaney (Supports)

Planning & Rights of Way Panel – Tuesday, 8th March 2022

Planning Application – 21/01711/FUL – 7 Willis Road

This application has been referred to panel, because of concerns over the impact on amenity and over-development.

However, the Planning Officer is satisfied that the development is acceptable taking into account all Development Plans & Policies.

The Appeal Inspector previously considered the larger refused extension would NOT adversely harm the residential amenity of the neighbouring occupiers. Surely a much smaller proposal will be even less so.

I find negative comments by the ward councillors and some neighbours to be biased, prejudice and difficult to comprehend.

The National Planning Policy Framework

Para 126 states: *...the creation of better places in which to live, helps to make developments acceptable in communities.*

Para 130 states: *Planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments optimise the potential of the site.*

Whilst the application seeks to extend the property, this is merely above an existing single storey footprint, part of which is already a 1st floor loft space. The proposal makes better use of this available space to create improved living conditions for the occupiers as per the NPPF.

The improvements considerably outweigh any biased or prejudiced reason for refusal.

I respectfully ask the committee to support this application today.

Thank You.