

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL CASTELL-NEDD PORT TALBOT**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
PROCEDURE)(WALES) ORDER 2012**

APPROVAL OF FULL PLANNING PERMISSION

Name and address of the applicant

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DATE REGISTERED: 13 April 2021

APPLICATION NO: P2021/0265

LOCATION: 19 Gelligron Road, Pontardawe, SA8 4LU

PROPOSAL: Two-storey and single storey side extensions to include integral garage. Works include the creation of a hard standing and the demolition of the existing forecourt wall to provide access.

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL as the Local Planning Authority in pursuance of its power under the above mentioned Act and Order hereby **GRANTS PLANNING PERMISSION** for the development as described above to be carried out in accordance with the application and the plans submitted therewith, subject to compliance with the following conditions:

Conditions:-

Time Limit Conditions

- 1 The development shall begin no later than five years from the date of this decision.

Reason:

To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

List of Approved Plans

- 2 The development shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and documents:

- Proposed Ground Floor Plan, drawing no. SM/2021/02/A, dated June 2021.
- Proposed First Floor Plan, drawing no. SM/2021/03/A, dated June 2021.
- Proposed Elevations, drawing no. SM/2021/05/C, dated November 2021.
- Proposed Block Plan, drawing no. SM/2021/10/A, dated July 2021.
- Hardstanding Construction Details, received 30th July 2021.

Reason:

In the interests of clarity.

Action Conditions

- 3 The driveway and parking area forward of the garage as shown on the plans hereby approved shall be constructed prior to the first use of the extensions hereby approved. It shall be hard surfaced in porous asphalt or permeable block paving or a provision must be made to direct run-off water from the hard standing to a permeable or porous area within the curtilage of the dwelling house to a maximum gradient of no greater than 1 in 9 and no less than 1 in 150. The driveway shall be drained so that no surface water (including roof and yard) flows out onto the public highway or vice versa and must be maintained to ensure it complies with the above requirements. The surface water shall not drain directly or indirectly into the highway drainage network.

Reason:

In the interest of highway and pedestrian safety and to ensure the development complies with Policy TR2 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 4 Prior to any development taking place on the extensions hereby approved, a dropped kerb shall be provided across the access to the site.

Reason:

In the interest of highway and pedestrian safety and to ensure the development complies with Policy TR2 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

Regulatory Conditions

- 5 The materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the development hereby permitted shall match those referenced within drawing no. 'SM/2021/05/C'.

Reason:

In the interest of the visual amenity of the area and to ensure the development complies with Policy BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 6 The garage hereby approved shall not be converted to residential use unless a scheme for replacement car parking has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be implemented prior to the commencement of any conversion works and shall provide for one additional car parking space for each space lost by any conversion works.

Reason:

To ensure that adequate car parking provision is maintained within the curtilage of the dwelling in the interest of highway safety, and to ensure compliance with Policies TR2 and BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 7 The garage door installed on the principal elevation of the integral garage hereby approved shall be of a roller shutter type, and shall be retained as such thereafter.

Reason:

In the interest of highway and pedestrian safety and to ensure compliance with Policy TR2 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 8 The integral garage hereby approved shall be constructed with the minimum internal dimensions of 6m x 3m, as suggested by Manual for Streets, and shall be retained as such thereafter.

Reason:

In the interest of highway and pedestrian safety and to ensure compliance with Policy TR2 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 9 Notwithstanding the details submitted the existing boundary wall fronting the property shall be retained and the land fronting the main dwelling retained as garden area where no vehicles shall be permitted to park. Parking shall be limited to the garage and the parking space fronting the garage hereby approved. A minimum of two off street car parking spaces shall be retained and maintained within the curtilage of the property thereafter.

Reason:

In the interests of highway and pedestrian safety and Policy TR2 of the Local Development Plan as the use of the garden area outside of the drive and garage for off street parking would result in vehicular movements to the detriment of Highway and Pedestrian safety

Informatives:

1 The proposed development lies within an area that has defined by the Coal Authority as containing potential hazards arising from former coal mining activity. These hazards can include: mine entries (shafts and adits); shallow coal workings; geological features (fissures and break lines); mine gas and previous surface mining sites. Although such hazards are seldom readily visible, they can often be present and problems can occur in the future, particularly as a result of development taking place. It is recommended that information outlining how the former mining activities affect the proposed development, along with any mitigation measures required (for example the need for gas protection measures within the foundations), be submitted alongside any subsequent application for Building Regulations approval (if relevant). Any form of development over or within the influencing distance of a mine entry can be dangerous and raises significant safety and engineering risks and exposes all parties to potential financial liabilities. As a general precautionary principle, the Coal Authority considers that the building over or within the influencing distance of a mine entry should wherever possible be avoided. In exceptional circumstance where this is unavoidable, expert advice must be sought to ensure that a suitable engineering design is developed and agreed with regulatory bodies

which takes into account of all the relevant safety and environmental risk factors, including gas and mine-water. Your attention is drawn to the Coal Authority Policy in relation to new development and mine entries available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-on-or-within-the-influencing-distance-of-mine-entries> Any intrusive activities which disturb or enter any coal seams, coal mine workings or coal mine entries (shafts and adits) requires a Coal Authority Permit. Such activities could include site investigation boreholes, digging of foundations, piling activities, other ground works and any subsequent treatment of coal mine workings and coal mine entries for ground stability purposes. Failure to obtain a Coal Authority Permit for such activities is trespass, with the potential for court action. Property specific summary information on past, current and future coal mining activity can be obtained from: www.groundstability.com or a similar service provider. If any of the coal mining features are unexpectedly encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Coal Authority on 0345 762 6848. Further information is available on the Coal Authority website at: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority

2 For the construction of a vehicular crossing over the footway, you should contact the Senior Highways Inspector Mr Aled Jones Port Talbot County Borough Council at The Quays, Brunel Way, Baglan Energy Park, Neath, SA112GG (Tel: 01639 686407 or 686344). If you propose to do the work yourself you should contact the above prior to commencing any works within the highway in order to arrange the necessary indemnity and specification for the works.

Reason for granting planning permission.

The proposal represents an appropriate form of development that would have no unacceptable impact on the amenities of the neighbouring residents or the visual amenity of the area. Whilst it is acknowledged that there may be a degree of impact in regards to visibility, the ability to enter and leave the site in a forward gear, the absence of a turning facility, it is considered that given how the existing parking provision has been operating for the past 10 years, the extent of the impact would not be sufficient to justify a negative officer's recommendation on highway and pedestrian safety grounds in this particular instance. However, a number of conditions have been attached to this consent in order to alleviate any potential highway and pedestrian safety concerns which are within the Local Planning Authority's control. Accordingly, provided the conditions attached to this decision are implemented and adhered to, the proposal would be in accordance with Policies BE1 (Design) and TR2 (Design and Access of New Development) of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

Signed:



Ceri Morris – Head of Planning & Public Protection

Date: 18 November 2021

IMPORTANT:

(1) Please note that for all decisions issued after 16th March 2016 for outline or full planning permission, a revised decision notice will be issued whenever a subsequent consent is given, for example providing details of any Reserved Matters approvals (outline applications only) and/or approval of conditions (including on Reserved Matters). This will ensure that the current status of the conditions applied to a consent is clear. Accordingly you are advised to visit www.npt.gov.uk/planning to view the application documentation to see if this is the current version, or whether it has been superseded by a more up-to-date revision of this Decision Notice. For Reserved Matters approvals the revised Decision Notice will only be shown under the Outline approval.

(2) Please note that this consent is specific to the plans and particulars approved as part of the application. Any departure from the approved plans will constitute unauthorised development and may be liable to enforcement action. You (or any subsequent developer) should advise the Council of any actual or proposed variations from the approved plans immediately so that you can be advised how to best resolve the matter.

(3) In addition, any conditions that the Council has imposed on this consent will be listed above and should be read carefully. It is your (or any subsequent developers) responsibility to ensure that the terms of all conditions are met in full at the appropriate time (as outlined in the specific condition). Please note that any works carried out without compliance with the conditions attached to this approval will be entirely at the risk of the persons involved and may result in formal action being taken by the Local Planning Authority.

(4) The developer should have regard to Sections 4, 7, 8 and 8A of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 and to the British Standards Institution's Code of Practice for "Design of buildings and their approaches to meet the needs of disabled people" (BS 8300:2009+A1:2010).

(5) From 1st October 2012 it has been an offence to install a public sewer or lateral drain without having an adoption agreement in place. From the 1st October 2012 the vast majority of all existing private sewers and lateral drains which link with the public sewer network were transferred to Welsh Water. For further details on how this will affect your development please contact: Welsh Water Developer Services, PO Box 3146, Cardiff, CF30 0EH. Telephone No. 0800 9172652 or email: developer.services@dwrcymru.com.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The applicant's attention is drawn to the notes below.

- (1) If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the Local Planning Authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Welsh Government under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
- (2) You can also appeal to the Welsh Government against a decision to refuse permission or grant subject to conditions in respect of applications made for :- Listed Building or Conservation Area Consent; Consent under a Tree Preservation Order; Advertisement Consent.
- (3) You can also appeal If your application for a Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Lawful Proposed Use is partly or wholly refused or is granted differently from what you asked for (under Section 195/196) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
- (4) If you are aggrieved of the LPAs decision, the following deadlines apply for appeals to be submitted to the Welsh Government (from the date of the Council's decision):-

(1) Planning Permission (with the exception of Minor Commercial and Householder applications – see below)	Within 6 Months
(2) Householder Appeal see endnote i	Within 12 weeks
(3) Minor Commercial Appeal see endnote i	Within 12 weeks
(4) Listed Building or Conservation Area Consent appeals	Within 6 months
(5) Tree Preservation Order (TPO) Consent	Within 28 days
(6) Advertisement Consent	Within 8 weeks
(7) Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing (Section 191) or Proposed (Section 192) Use or Development	Within 6 months
(8) Hazardous Substances Consent	Within 6 months
- (5) Appeals must be made on a form which is obtainable from the Planning Inspectorate, Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ – Tel 0303 444 5940, or online at www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs .
- (6) The Welsh Government has power to allow a longer period for the giving of notice of appeal but they will not normally be prepared to exercise this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.
- (7) The Welsh Government is not required to entertain an appeal if it appears to them that permission for the proposed development could not have been granted having regard to the statutory requirements to the provisions of the development order, and to any directions given under the Order. They do not in practice refuse to entertain appeals solely because the decision of the Local Planning Authority was based on a direction given by them.
- (8) If permission to develop land is refused or granted subject to conditions, whether by the Local Planning Authority or by the Welsh Government, and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonable beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonable beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, he may serve on the County Borough Council, in which the land is situated, as the case may be, a **purchase notice** requiring that Council purchase his interest in the land in

accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Making an Appeal

- (9) Please note that for all applications received by the LPA after 5th May 2017, it is now a requirement that any appeal made to the Planning Inspectorate (other than Householder and Minor Commercial Appeals, and appeals against refusal to grant advertisement consent) must be accompanied by all the information and evidence you intend to rely upon (a **“full statement of case”**). You must also send a copy of the notice of appeal and full statement of case to the LPA.
- (10) In addition, for ‘planning appeals’ an amendment to an application following notice of appeal may only be made to correct an error.
- (11) Additional details and information on making an appeal to the Welsh Government is available from the Planning Inspectorate at the above address and website. The relevant documents are entitled “making your planning appeal” and “planning appeals Public Local Inquiries”.
- (12) Further correspondence regarding this application should bear the reference number quoted on the top of the decision notice.

THIS NOTICE RELATES ONLY TO A PLANNING DECISION AND DOES NOT RELATE TO OTHER LEGISLATION INCLUDING ANY LEGISLATION UNDER:

- BUILDING REGULATIONS – Please contact buildingcontrol@npt.gov.uk or 01639 686820 to discuss all aspects of the service that is offered by Building Control
- HIGHWAY LEGISLATION

IF PLANNING CONSENT HAS BEEN GRANTED IT IS ADVISABLE TO ESTABLISH WHETHER ANY OTHER FORM OF CONSENT IS REQUIRED AND TO OBTAIN SUCH CONSENT BEFORE COMMENCING DEVELOPMENT

ⁱ Please see the [Town and Country Planning \(Referred Applications and Appeals Procedure\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2017](#) for appeal procedures and for full definitions of:

- *“householder application”* (essentially an application for the enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse, or development within the curtilage of such a dwellinghouse, or change of use to enlarge the curtilage of a dwelling house)
- *“householder appeal”* means an appeal in relation to a householder application, but excludes an appeal against conditions on the grant of planning permission; or an appeal which is accompanied by an enforcement or listed building consent appeal.
- *“minor commercial application”* (essentially relates to existing buildings of no more than 250 square metres gross external floor space at ground floor level, currently in use for any of the purposes set out in Schedule 1A to The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2015 which is an application for change of use from Class A1 to A2 or A3; or Class A2 to A3); or the carrying out of building or other operations to a shop front.
- *“minor commercial appeal”* means an appeal in relation to a minor commercial application but excludes an appeal against conditions on the grant of planning permission; or an appeal which is accompanied by an enforcement or listed building consent appeal.