APPLICATION FOR REVIEW: DC11/064/HOU

DC11/064



Notice of Review

NOTICE OF REVIEW

UNDER SECTION 43A(8) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED) IN RESPECT OF DECISIONS ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCHEMES OF DELEGATION AND LOCAL REVIEW PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (APPEALS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008

IMPORTANT: Please read and follow the guidance notes provided when completing this form. Failure to supply all the relevant information could invalidate your notice of review.

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Applicant(s)		Agent (if an	y)		
Name Mrs Dorothy Ge	orge	Name	Scott Taylor	*	
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Planning authority		West D	unbartonshire	e Council	
Planning authority's applica	ation reference numb	er 000019	701		
Site address 53 Geils Avenue, Dunbarton, West Dunbartonshire, G82 2QJ					
Description of proposed development Single Storey rear and side extension					
	Date of application 15/3/11 Date of decision (if any) 14/6/11				
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Statement

You must state, in full, why you are seeking a review on your application. Your statement must set out all matters you consider require to be taken into account in determining your review. <u>Note</u>: you may not have a further opportunity to add to your statement of review at a later date. It is therefore essential that you submit with your notice of review, all necessary information and evidence that you rely on and wish the Local Review Body to consider as part of your review.

If the Local Review Body issues a notice requesting further information from any other person or body, you will have a period of 14 days in which to comment on any additional matter which has been raised by that person or body.

State here the reasons for your notice of review and all matters you wish to raise. If necessary, this can be continued or provided in full in a separate document. You may also submit additional documentation with this form.

My main concern with the refusal, is having made quite a number of changes both in ascetic and dimensional value to meet the planning officers requirements, there was never any previous concern shown toward the size and position of the extension; which I understand is the main reason for refusal.
Relating to the reasons for refusal:-
Building Lines. My clients have been very aware of the building lines within the street from the outset. They pointed out on several occasions that the extensions on the houses on adjacent corners of the street, noting that they would like something in keeping with their own house but also a design that reflected similar extensions on Gells Avenue. Unattractive Elevation.
With regards to the statement'a plain and unattractive elevation to that street'. We attempted to create a side elevation that was considerably different to the existing extensions seen round the area (Ref. Sheet; photos of adjacent extensions). Our initial intension was to clad the proposed extension in white render to match the painted stone of the existing house. Our planning officer, Stewart McCallumn advised that the external treatment should endeavour to match the existing with a similar stone. This was taken on board and a stone was found that would both give the side elevation depth and texture and break up the unsightly grey common brick wall that adorned the existing garden to the street side. My client agreed that Stewart's suggestion was more attractive than some of the unsightly dark grey rendered extensions in the surrounding streets. (Ref. Sheet; photos of adjacent extensions). Character and Amenity
In relation to respecting the character and amenity of the surrounding area, we had the discussion with our planning office, quite early on in the process. Stewart mentioned that our original submission had a roof that was quite prominent. We endeavoured to compose a more inconspicuous elevation and roof with his direction; and developed the current proposalhe was happy with the final proposal.
The reasons for refusal came as quite a surprise, as I understood that all issues had been dealt with, and now; we are having to revisit them.
Have you raised any matters which were not before the appointed officer at the time the determination on your application was made?
If yes, you should explain in the box below, why you are raising new material, why it was not raised with the appointed officer before your application was determined and why you consider it should now be considered in your review.

List of documents and evidence

Please provide a list of all supporting documents,	materials and evide	ence which you	wish to submit with
your notice of review and intend to rely on in support	ort of your review.		

1. Photo sheet, showing existing extensions on and around Geils Avenue and Geils Quadrant. 2. Location plan, showing the location of the properties shown on the photo sheet.	

Note. The planning authority will make a copy of the notice of review, the review documents and any notice of the procedure of the review available for inspection at an office of the planning authority until such time as the review is determined. It may also be available on the planning authority website.

Checklist

Please mark the appropriate boxes to confirm you have provided all supporting documents and evidence relevant to your review:

- Full completion of all parts of this form
- Statement of your reasons for requiring a review
- All documents, materials and evidence which you intend to rely on (e.g. plans and drawings or other documents) which are now the subject of this review.

Note. Where the review relates to a further application e.g. renewal of planning permission or modification, variation or removal of a planning condition or where it relates to an application for approval of matters specified in conditions, it is advisable to provide the application reference number, approved plans and decision notice from that earlier consent.

Declaration

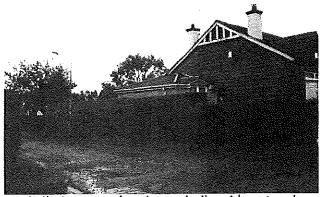
I the applicant/agent [delete as appropriate] hereby serve notice on the planning authority to review the application as set out on this form and in the supporting documents.

Signed	Date	28 / 06 2011
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53 Geils Avenue / Geils Quadrant



54 Gells Avenue, showing a similar side extension to that of the proposed.



66 Geils Avenue, showing a similar side extensions (not sympathetic to the existing)



54 Geils Avenue, showing a similar building line to that of the proposed.



Extension at the end of Geils Quadrant showing a side extensions, same size as the property.

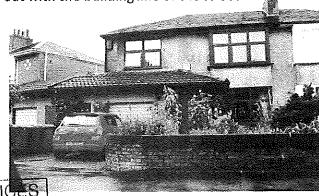


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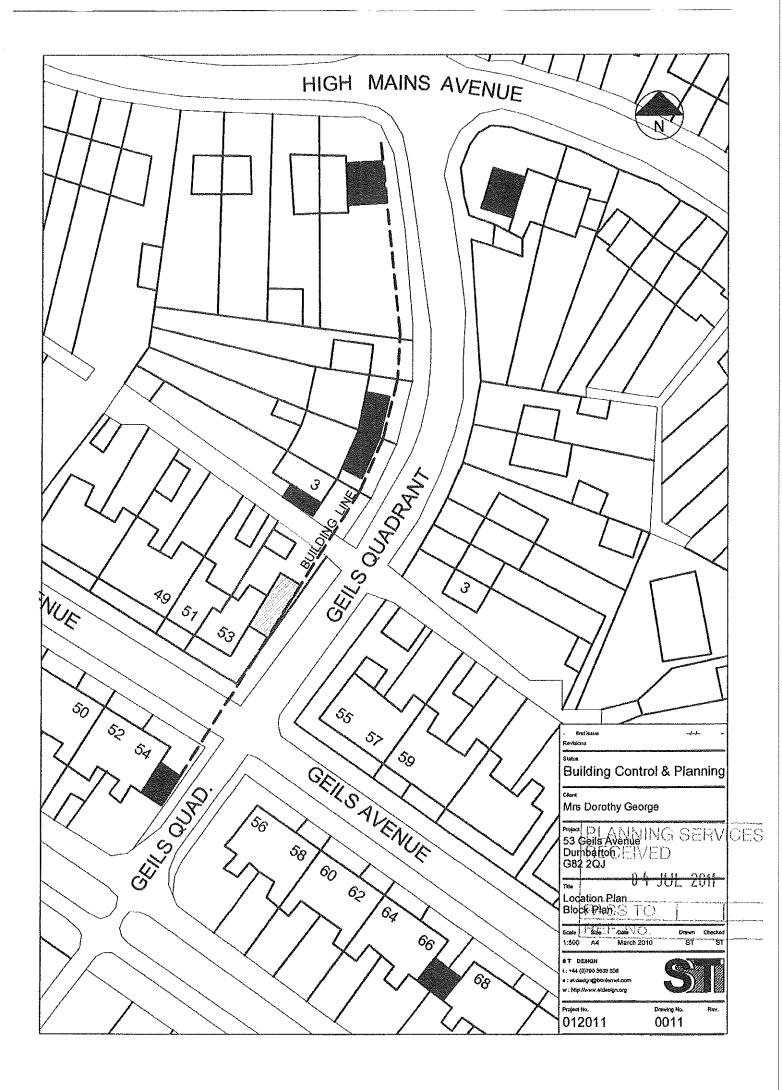
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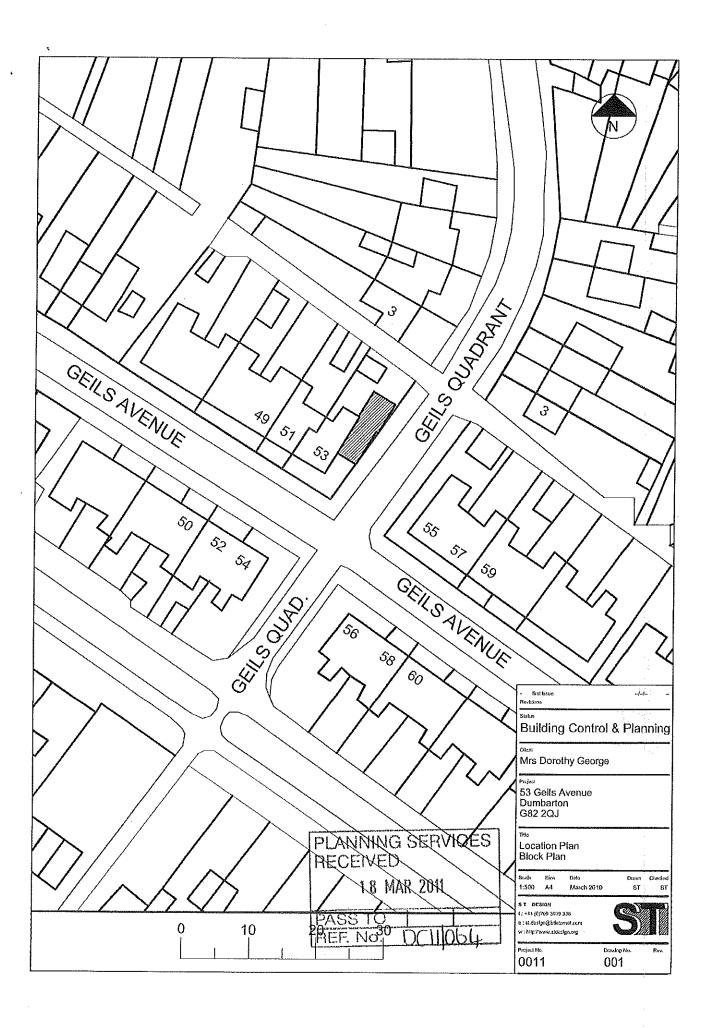
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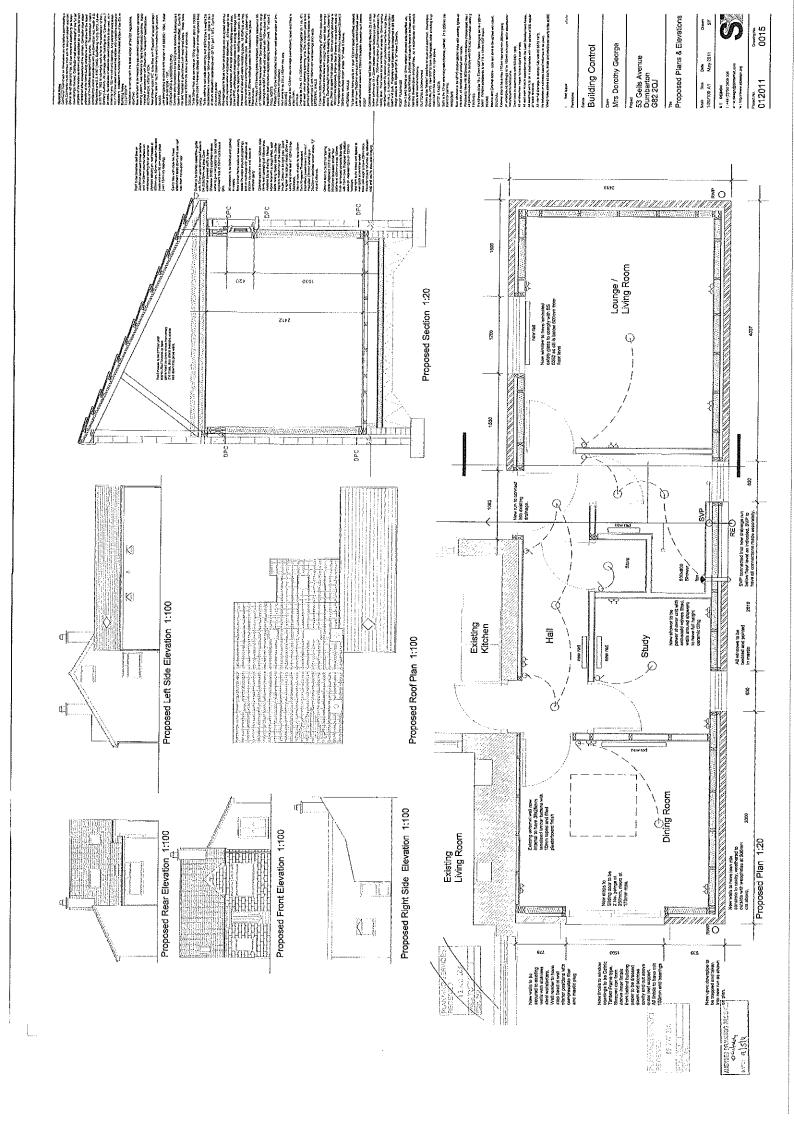
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Have you discussed your proposal with the planning authority? * Yes No				
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If Yes, please mark on your drawings any trees, known protected trees and their canopy spread close to the proposal site and indicate if any are to be cut back or felled.				

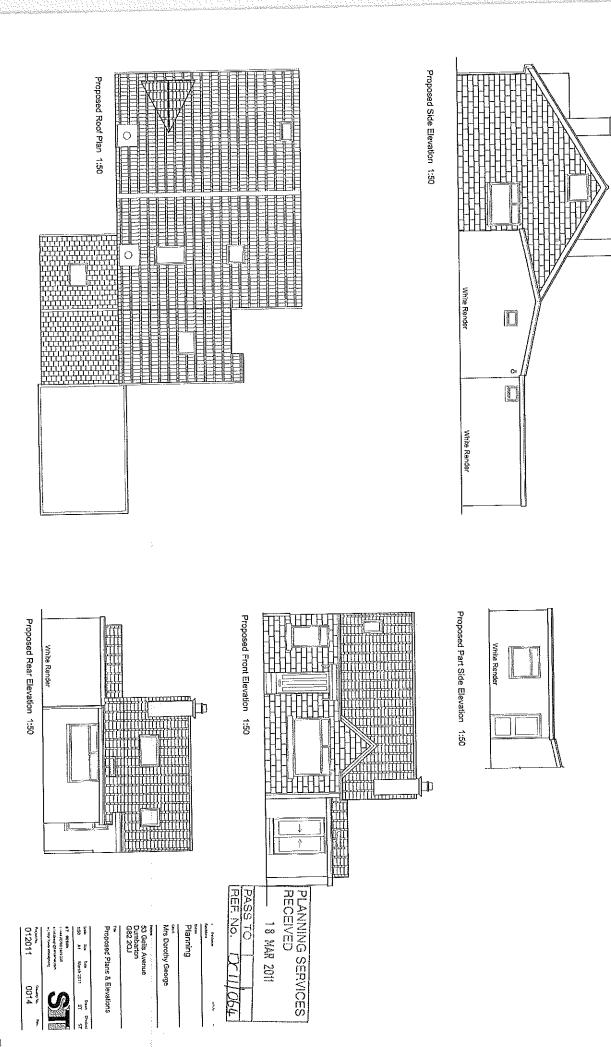
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Is the applicant, or elected member of	the applicant's spouse/partner, either a member of staff within the planning service or an the planning authority? *	Yes 🛭 No
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On behalf of:	Mrs Dorothy George	
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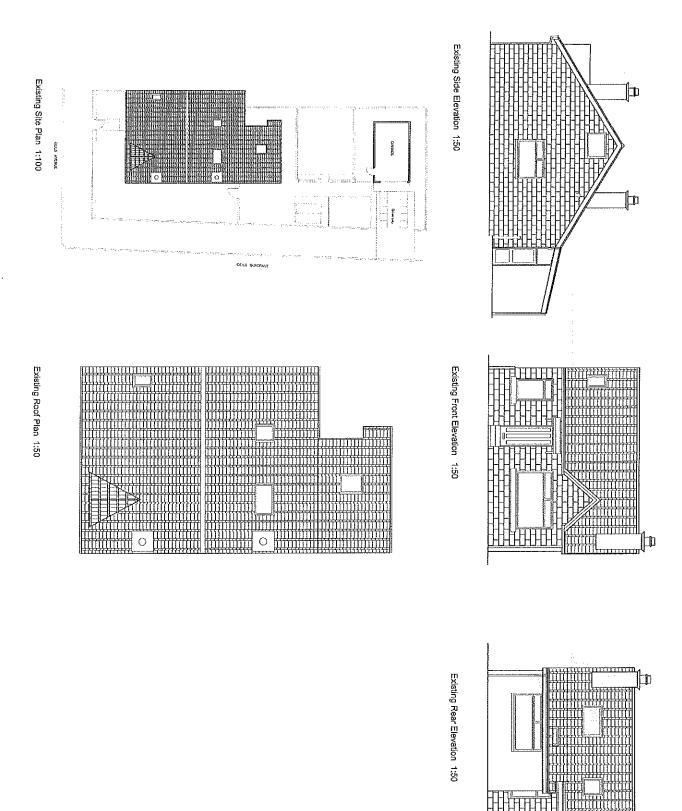
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a) Have you provided a written de	scription of the development to which it relates?. *	☑ Yes ☐ No
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c) Have you provided the name as applicant, the name and address of	nd address of the applicant and, where an agent is acting on behalf of the of that agent.? *	☑ Yes ☐ No
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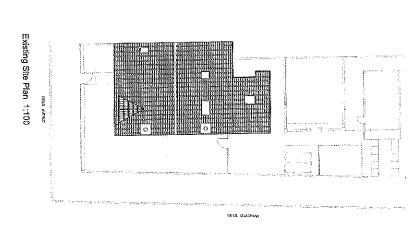
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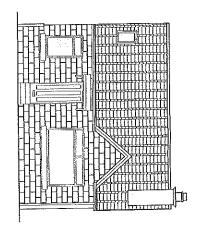
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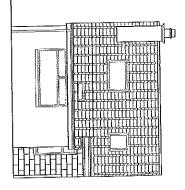


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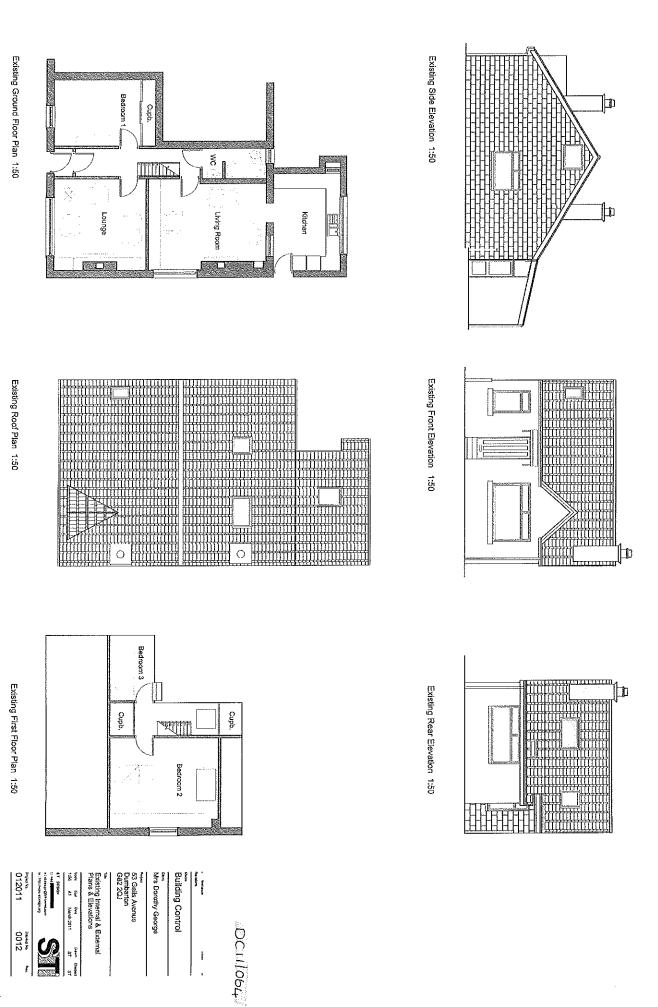
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APPOINTED OFFICER'S DECISION: DC11/064/HOU

Ref No - DC11/064/HOU



Refusal of Planning Consent

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACTS
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT)
(SCOTLAND) ORDERS

Proposal

Single storey rear and side extension

<u>Site</u>

53 Geils Avenue

Dumbarton

West Dunbartonshire

G82 2QJ

Applicant

Mrs Dorothy George

Agent

Scott Taylor

29 St Ninian Place

Stonehouse Lanarkshire M19 9ES

Class of Development

Local Development

Decision Type

Delegated

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL, AS PLANNING AUTHORITY, IN EXERCISE OF THEIR POWERS UNDER THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ACTS AND ORDERS, AND HAVING CONSIDERED YOUR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT, THE PLAN(S) DOCQUETTED AS RELATIVE THERETO AND THE PARTICULARS GIVEN IN THE ABOVE APPLICATION, HEREBY:-

DECISION:

REFUSE PLANNING CONSENT FOR THE REASON(S) CONTAINED

IN THE ACCOMPANYING PAPER(S) APART.

DATED THIS: 14th day of June 2011

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT

AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COUNCIL OFFICES,

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SIGNED ...

for WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

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Reason

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FOR NOTING

Informatives

01. The plans referred to in this consent are Drawing No 001, Drawing No 0012, Drawing No 0013 Rev A and Drawing No 0015 Rev A.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006

RIGHTS OF AGGRIEVED APPLICANTS (DELEGATED DECISIONS)

1. If this decision involves a refusal of planning permission or the granting of permission subject to conditions, and if the applicant is aggrieved by this decision, they may seek a review of this decision with the Local Review Body within 3 months of the date of this notice.

The review may be submitted in writing to:

West Dunbartonshire Council Planning Local Review Body Council Offices Garshake Road Dumbarton G82 3PU

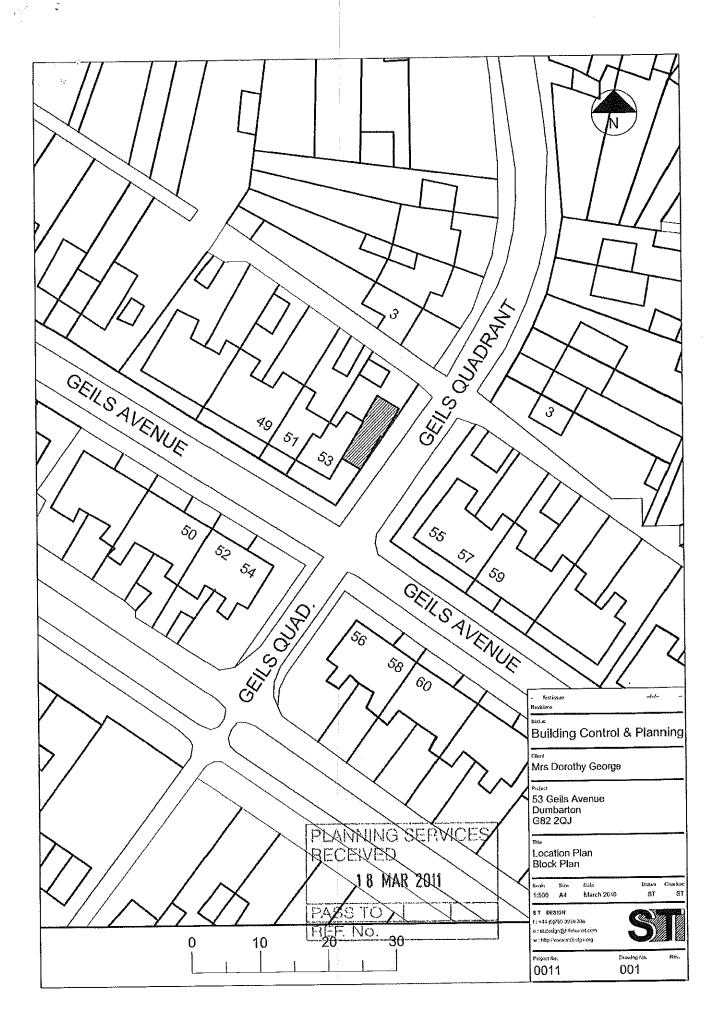
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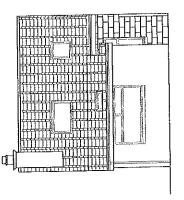
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Review forms can be obtained on request from the above address or can be downloaded from the Council's website:

http://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/building-and-planning/planning-permission/application-forms/appeals-and-reviews/

2. If permission to develop is refused or granted subject to conditions (whether by the Planning Authority or the Scottish Ministers), and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonably beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, he may serve on the Planning Authority a purchase notice requiring the purchase of his/her interest in the land in accordance with Part V of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.





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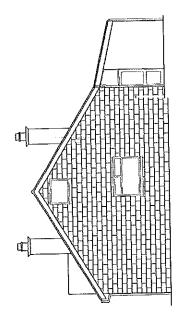
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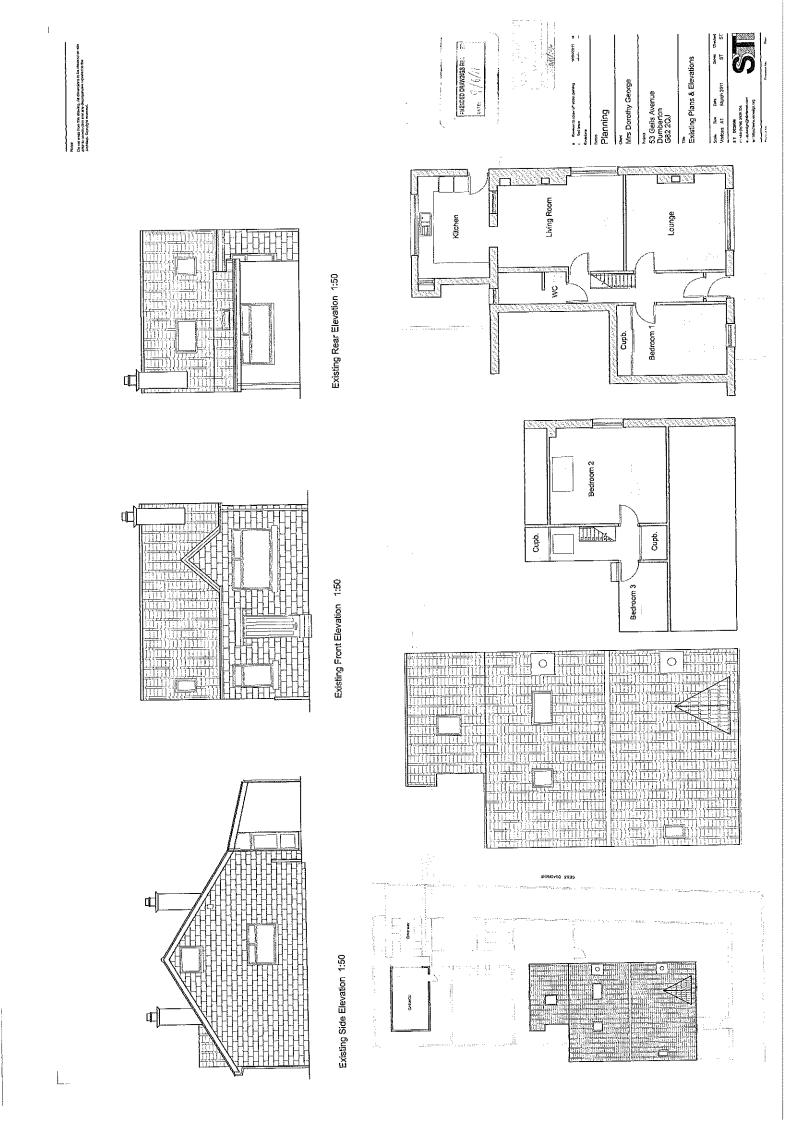
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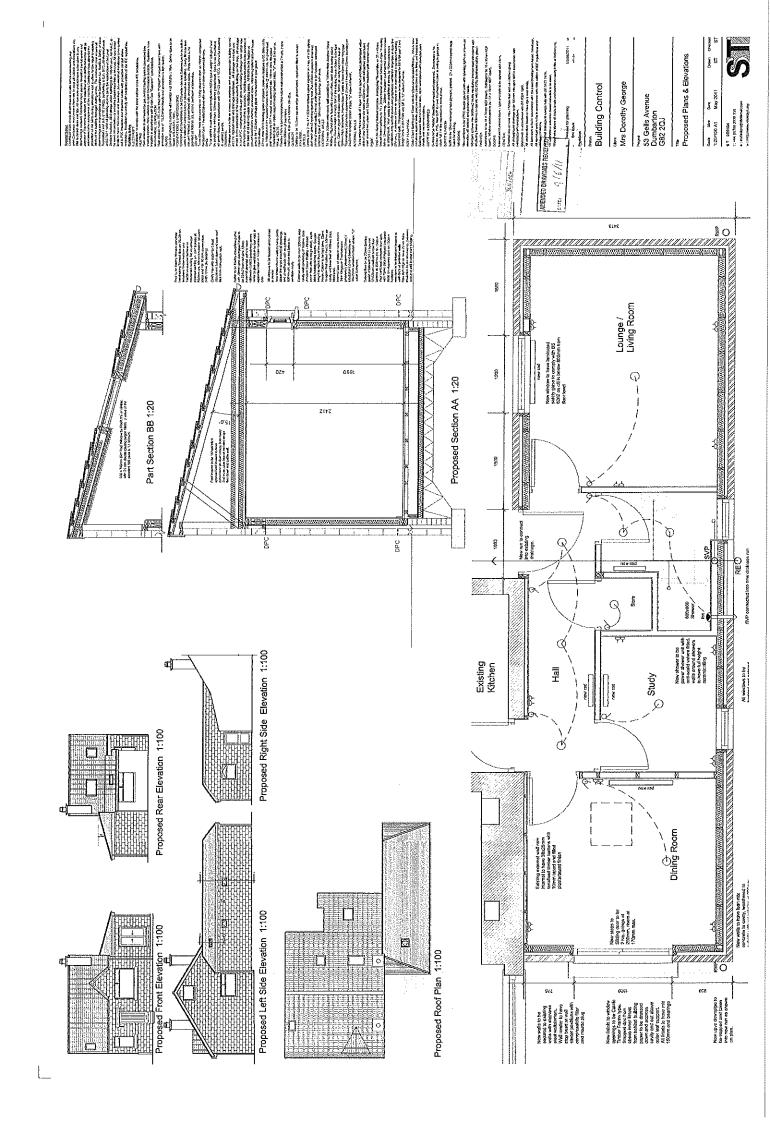
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WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT OF HANDLING (Delegated)

APP NO: DC11/064/HOU

CASE OFFICER: Mr Stewart MacCallum

ADDRESS/SITE: 53 Geils Avenue, Dumbarton, West Dunbartonshire, G82 2QJ

PROPOSAL: Single storey rear and side extension

1. Site Description/Development Details

The application relates to a single storey end terraced property within an established housing area which is characterised by traditional terraced properties. The property is situated on a corner and has a lean-to rear extension and a flat roofed detached garage at the rear, within a reasonably sized rear garden area. The site is bordered by residential properties on all sides

The proposal involves a single storey side extension extending back behind the house. As this is a corner plot, the side of the extension would front the side street. The extension would project 3.21m from the side of the building and would be some 11.21 metres in length (projecting 5.26m beyond the end of the existing rear extension). The original proposal had a mixture of shallow pitched and flat roofs, but a lean-to/monopitch roof has been proposed as an amendment. It would have a white roughcast exterior to match the colour of the whitewashed stone of the existing house. The extension would provide an additional dining room, study and lounge/ living room space.

2.Consultations

West Dunbartonshire Council Roads have no objection.

3. Application Publicity

None.

4. Representations

None.

5. Relevant Policy

West Dunbartonshire Local Plan 2010
Policy GD1 (Development Control)
Policy H5 (Existing Residential Areas)

6. Appraisal

The proposed extension would have no adverse impact upon the privacy or amenity of neighbouring properties, and does not raise any parking or

overdevelopment issues. However, the relationship of the extension to the side street (Geils Quadrant) is of concern.

Although the building line on Geils Quadrant is not consistent, all of the properties are stepped back from the road to some degree. The proposed side extension would however be positioned more or less hard to the edge of the street. Whilst a more modest side extension (such as a conservatory) projecting towards Geils Quadrant might be acceptable, the proposed extension would be over 11m in length with a very plain elevation fronting the street. It is considered that the extension would be of unacceptable appearance in a prominent position forward of the building line, and would not respect the development pattern of the area.

The amendment of the roof design has improved the appearance of the proposal somewhat, and it would be possible to improve it further by altering the fenestration to avoid the near-blank façade which is currently proposed (although this would involve having windows opening directly onto the street). However, even if this change were to be made it would not overcome the concerns about the extension's relationship with the building line.

Overall, the proposal is considered to be of unacceptable design and appearance, and contrary to Policies GD1 and H5 of the adopted local plan.

7. Added Value

None.

8. Recommendation

Refuse planning permission.

9.Reasons

Reason

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RELEVANT POLICIES: DC11/064/HOU

Development Control

4.3 The following policy relates to all new development and applies to the whole of the Plan area.

Policy GD 1 Development Control

All new development is expected to be of a high quality of design and to respect the character and amenity of the area in which it is located. Proposals will be required to:

- be appropriate to the local area in terms of land use, layout and design (including scale, density, massing, height, aspect, effect on daylighting, crime prevention measures and privacy); developers will be required to submit design statements where appropriate;
- be energy efficient, including considering options for microrenewable technologies;
- ensure that landscaping is integral to the overall design, that important landscape features and valuable species and habitats are conserved and where possible enhanced, and that there is an emphasis on native planting;
- ensure that the value of the historic and natural environment is recognised, and is not devalued or threatened by the proposal;
- ensure that open space standards are met;
- assess and address any existing or potential increase in flood risk and/or environmental pollution, provide drainage consistent with Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems design guidance and ensure that suitable remediation measures are undertaken on contaminated sites;
- demonstrate, where appropriate, that the development will not result in a negative impact on the water environment;
- ensure that increases in traffic volumes and adverse impacts on air quality are avoided or minimised by including provision for public transport, pedestrian and cycling access, and considering the need for a Green Travel Plan;
- meet the roads, parking and access requirements of the Council (particularly for disabled people and the emergency services) reflecting national guidance where appropriate;
- consider the availability of infrastructure and the impact on existing community facilities;
- minimise waste, and provide for the storage, segregation and collection of recyclable and compostable material; a Site Waste Management Plan may be required; and
- be consistent with other Local Plan policies.

Reasoned Justification

4.4 Policy GD 1 sets out the criteria which will be used in considering all development proposals and applications for planning permission. The intention of the policy is to ensure that all new development enhances the Plan area and

environmental quality in general. The emphasis on the importance of design reflects a similar emphasis in SPP 1 and the Designing Places document published by the Scottish Government. This emphasis has been continued in more recent policy and advice, and SPP 20 draws together and reinforces the Government's design policy commitment. Achieving better quality design in the built environment and public open space requires design to be given greater importance from the beginning. New development should provide lasting improvements to the built environment, create successful places and promote local distinctiveness. PAN 68 Design Statements provides further advice. Specific design guidelines have been produced for both the Clydebank and Dumbarton Riverside areas and have been approved as Supplementary Planning Guidance. Other Local Plan policies within the following chapters will give more guidance to developers on specific types of development, for example Policy H 4 in relation to new housing. These should be referred to where appropriate, and together with Policy GD 1, will form the first point of reference when considering planning applications.

4.5 Development proposals on sites which have watercourses flowing through them or adjacent to them, or which are at risk from tidal flooding, are likely to be required to be submitted with a Flood Risk Assessment. Further details in relation to flooding and drainage are provided in the flooding and sustainable urban drainage policies in Chapter 13. However, it is considered appropriate to apply Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems to all new developments, whether or not they are currently affected by flooding, in order to address diffuse pollution originating from new developments, as well as controlling site run-off so as not to exacerbate flood risk elsewhere. The Government has endorsed the guidance "Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Design Manual for Scotland and Northern Ireland" published by the Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Scottish Working Party, but further guidance may be appropriate as methods develop. PAN 61 Planning and Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems provides further advice. It should be noted that as at 2009 the Council does not have a policy of adopting SUDS features and the matter of liability and maintenance must be discussed for every development with the Council, to ensure all parties are aware of their responsibilities prior to any construction. The Council requires that any planning applications affecting contaminated land include suitable remediation measures so that the ground is made suitable for the new use, as required by PAN 33 Development of Contaminated Land. Finally, the Water Framework Directive and related regulations require that the physical characteristics of water courses as well as the quality is to be protected – see also paragraphs 13.10 - 13.11.

4.6 The requirement to minimise waste and provide for its storage and collection from new development is in accordance with SPP 10 Planning for Waste Management and PAN 63 Waste Management Planning. A Site Waste Management Plan may be required to minimise waste at source on construction sites through the accurate assessment of the use of materials and the potential for recycling material on or off site.

Development within Existing Residential Areas

6.34 As well as ensuring that new residential development reaches the highest standard, it is also vital that the character and amenity of existing residential areas is protected and enhanced by any new development which is proposed. This is particularly important when, as a matter of policy, development is being actively promoted within the existing built up area.

Policy H5 Development within Existing Residential Areas

The character and amenity of existing residential areas, identified on the Proposals Map, will be safeguarded and where possible enhanced. Development within existing residential areas will be considered against the following criteria:

- the need to reflect the character of the surrounding area in terms of scale, density, design and materials;
- the requirement to avoid over development which would have an adverse effect on local amenity, access and parking or would be out of scale with surrounding buildings;
- the need to retain trees, hedgerows, open space and other natural features:
- extensions to dwellings must complement the character of the existing building, particularly in terms of scale and materials, not dominate in terms of size or height, and not have a significantly adverse affect on neighbouring properties;
- the subdivision of the curtilage of a dwelling for a new house should ensure that the proposed plot can accommodate a house and garden; the new house and garden to be of a scale and character appropriate to the neighbourhood; sufficient garden ground should be retained for the existing house; the privacy of existing properties should not be adversely affected and separate vehicular accesses should be provided;
- with regard to non-residential uses, whether they can be considered ancillary or complementary to the residential area, and would not result in a significant loss of amenity to the surrounding properties. A significant loss of amenity might be expected to occur as a result of increased traffic, noise, vibration, smell, artificial light, litter, hours of operation and general disturbance; and
- the proposal conforms with other Local Plan policies

Reasoned Justification

6.35 This policy seeks to ensure that the character of existing residential areas is protected and that all development proposals within these areas will maintain or enhance their amenity. It is considered that using sympathetic design, avoiding over-development and retaining existing landscape features is the best way of achieving this. It is particularly important that the development of infill and gap sites should not be at the expense of open space which makes an important contribution to the quality of local environments.

6.36 The introduction of small-scale non-residential uses to existing residential areas may be acceptable, but their impact on the residential environment will be the overriding consideration. Policy H 5 indicates the factors which might lead to a loss of amenity in an existing area. However, there may be benefits in encouraging some other suitable uses into existing residential areas, for example nursing homes, children's nurseries and offices, which could provide small-scale local services and employment opportunities.

SUGGESTED CONDITIONS: DC11/064/HOU

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53 Geils Avenue, Dumbarton

Proposed Conditions/Reasons

Condition 1 - The development hereby approved shall commence within a period of 3 years from the date of this decision notice.

Reason

In accordance with the terms of Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended).

- Condition 2 The developer shall submit to the Planning Authority in writing upon the forms specified for the purpose and attached to this decision notice:
 - a) A Notice of Commencement of Development as soon as practicable once it is decided to commence the development hereby approved (which shall be prior to the development commencing);
 - b) A Notice of Completion of Development as soon as practicable once the development has been completed

Reason

In accordance with the terms of Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008.