

North York Moors National Park Authority

Delegated decision report

Application reference number: NYM/2021/0379/FL

Development description: alterations, enlargement of existing single storey rear extension, construction of additional single storey extension with balcony above and catslide dormer window together with construction of workshop following demolition of existing garage, siting of oil tank and bin store with associated screening and landscaping works

Site address: The Cottage, Sneaton Hall, Sneaton Lane, Sneaton

Parish: Sneaton

Case officer: Miss Kelsey Blain

Applicant: Mr Ahsen Bhatti

The Cottage, Sneaton Hall, Sneaton Lane, Sneaton, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO22 5HP,

Agent:

Director of Planning's Recommendation

Approval subject to the following:

Conditions

Condition number	Condition code	Condition text												
1	TIME01	<p>Standard Three Year Commencement Date</p> <p>The development hereby permitted shall be commenced before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.</p>												
2	PLAN01	<p>Strict Accordance With the Documentation Submitted or Minor Variations - Document No.s Specified</p> <p>The development hereby permitted shall not be carried out other than in strict accordance with the following documents:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Document Description</th> <th>Document No.</th> <th>Date Received</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Amended Plan</td> <td></td> <td>14 February 2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Screening Details</td> <td></td> <td>16 November 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shed Details</td> <td></td> <td>23 February 2022</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>or in accordance with any minor variation thereof that may be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.</p>	Document Description	Document No.	Date Received	Amended Plan		14 February 2022	Screening Details		16 November 2021	Shed Details		23 February 2022
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3	MATS40	<p>Detailed Plans of Window Frames Required</p> <p>Notwithstanding the approved plans, no work shall commence on the installation of any replacement or new windows (and glazing if included) in the development hereby approved until detailed plans showing the constructional details of all window frames to be used in the development have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Such plans should indicate, on a scale of not less than 1:20, the longitudinal and cross sectional detailing including means of opening. The window frames shall be installed in accordance with the approved details and shall be maintained in that condition in perpetuity unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.</p>												
4	MATS03	<p>Stonework to Match</p> <p>All new stonework used in the development hereby permitted shall match that of the existing building including the colour and</p>												

		texture of the stone and the method of coursing and pointing unless otherwise agreed with the Local Planning Authority.
5	GACS00	No external lighting shall be installed in the development hereby permitted without first obtaining planning permission from the Local Planning Authority.
6	MATS72	Black Coloured Rainwater Goods The rainwater goods utilised in the development hereby permitted shall be coloured black and shall thereafter be so maintained in that condition in perpetuity unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.
7	MATS70	Guttering Fixed by Gutter Spikes The guttering to the development hereby permitted shall be directly fixed to the stonework by means of gutter spikes with no fascia boarding being utilised in the development and shall thereafter be so maintained in that condition in perpetuity unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reasons for conditions

Reason number	Reason code	Reason text
1	TIME01	To ensure compliance with Sections 91 to 94 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended.
2	PLAN01	For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure that the details of the development comply with the provisions of NYM Strategic Policy A and NYM Strategic Policy C, which seek to conserve and enhance the special qualities of the NYM National Park.
3	MATS02	For the avoidance of doubt and in order to comply with the provisions of NYM Strategic Policy A and NYM Strategic Policy C which seek to ensure that the appearance of the development is compatible with the character of the locality and that the special qualities of the National Park are safeguarded.
4	MATS02	For the avoidance of doubt and in order to comply with the provisions of NYM Strategic Policy A and NYM Strategic Policy C which seek to ensure that the appearance of the development is compatible with the character of the locality

		and that the special qualities of the National Park are safeguarded.
5	GACS00	In order to comply with the provisions of NYM Strategic Policy A which seeks to ensure that new development does not detract from the quality of life of local residents and in accordance with Local Plan Policy ENV4 which seeks to protect dark night skies.
6	MATS02	For the avoidance of doubt and in order to comply with the provisions of NYM Strategic Policy A and NYM Strategic Policy C which seek to ensure that the appearance of the development is compatible with the character of the locality and that the special qualities of the National Park are safeguarded.
7	MATS02	For the avoidance of doubt and in order to comply with the provisions of NYM Strategic Policy A and NYM Strategic Policy C which seek to ensure that the appearance of the development is compatible with the character of the locality and that the special qualities of the National Park are safeguarded.

Informatives

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1	MISCINF01	<p>Bats</p> <p>All bats and their roosts are fully protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000) and are further protected under Regulation 39(1) of the Conservation (Natural Habitats etc.) Regulations 1994. Should any bats or evidence of bats be found prior to or during development, work must stop immediately and Natural England contacted on 0300 060 3900 for further advice. This is a legal requirement under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and applies to whoever carries out the work. All contractors on site should be made aware of this requirement and given information to contact Natural England or the Bat Conservation Trust national helpline on 0845 1300 228.</p>
2	MISCINF12	<p>Birds</p> <p>Under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), wild birds are protected from being killed, injured or captured, while their nests and eggs are protected from being</p>

		<p>damaged, destroyed or taken. In addition, certain species such as the Barn Owl are included in Schedule 1 of the Act and are protected against disturbance while nesting and when they have dependent young. Offences against birds listed in Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act are subject to special penalties. An up-to-date list of the species in Schedule 1 is available from Natural England http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/regulation/wildlife/species/speciallyprotectedbirds.aspx. Further information on wildlife legislation relating to birds can be found at www.rspb.org.uk/images/WBATL_tcm9-132998.pdf.</p> <p>If advice is needed please contact the National Park Authority's Conservation Department on 01439 772700 or conservation@northyorkmoors.org.uk.</p>
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Consultation responses

Parish

No objections.

Third party responses

None.

Publicity expiry

Advertisement/site notice expiry date: 25 February 2022

Photo showing front elevation of The Cottage, Sneaton Hall, Sneaton.



Photo showing the rear elevation of The Cottage, Sneaton Hall, Sneaton.



Background

The Cottage originally formed part of the curtilage of Sneaton Hall which is a Grade II Listed Building. This range of buildings at the rear of the Hall was converted in the 1980's into residential units. The cottages are accessed directly from the main road with amenity space for each unit at the rear.

Planning permission and Listed Building Consent were granted in 2016 to sub-divide an existing dwelling to create an additional unit of accommodation to provide a holiday cottage, along with internal alterations. Planning permission was granted in 2020 to allow the holiday accommodation to be rented out as either a holiday let or used as part of the main dwelling as a single residential unit.

The property has seen a number of unsympathetic alterations including the installation of uPVC windows and the construction of a number of flat roof rear extensions along the rear range of cottages.

This application seeks planning permission for the enlargement of the existing single storey rear extension with the construction of a balcony above, together with the partial demolition of the existing garage, siting of oil tank and bin store with associated screening and the erection of a timber shed.

Main issues

The relevant policies contained within the North York Moors Local Plan to consider in relation to this application are Strategic Policy C (Design), Strategic Policy I (The Historic Environment) and Policy CO17 (Householder Development).

Strategic Policy C seeks to maintain and enhance the distinctive character of the National Park by requiring that developments are of a high quality design and incorporate good quality materials and do not have an adverse impact upon the amenities of adjoining occupiers. Furthermore, the scale, height, massing and form of the proposal should be compatible with surrounding buildings.

Strategic Policy I states that all developments affecting the historic environment should make a positive contribution to the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of the National Park through the conservation and, where appropriate enhancement of the historic environment.

Policy CO17 states that development within the domestic curtilage of dwellings should take full account of the character of the local area and the special qualities of the National Park and will be permitted where among other things, the scale, height, form, position and design of the new development do not detract from the character and form of the original dwelling or its setting in the landscape.

Despite being a curtilage listed property, The Cottage has seen a number of unsympathetic alterations that have detracted from the character and appearance of the main house. This application proposes to slightly extend an existing modern extension and provide a first floor balcony above. The Authority's Building Conservation team raised no objections to the principle of the balcony provided the glazed balustrade was amended to timber. The land to the rear of The Cottage consists

of shared amenity space with no clear subdivision or boundary treatments to provide privacy to the individual units, which are currently overlooked by windows within the range of cottages and the 9 no. apartments within Sneaton Hall. As such, it is not felt that the construction of a balcony at this site would have any additional negative impact upon the amenity levels of neighbouring occupiers.

The application originally proposed the installation of replacement windows, a new dormer window with Juliet balcony and a porch to serve the existing holiday accommodation, however, following negotiations with Officers these proposals were omitted from the scheme.

An existing stone garage would be demolished with the drystone wall to the north retained to mark the historic subdivision of the plot. An oil tank and bin store would be erected in its place and largely concealed by stone walls to match the existing. A modest timber shed would be erected to the south of the site for domestic storage.

Due to the previous alterations to the property, it is not felt that the above proposals would detract from the character or appearance of the main house. The proposed extension would increase the property's total habitable floorspace by 7% and would therefore comply with the limits set within NYM Policy CO17.

For the reasons outlined above, this application is recommended for approval.

Pre-commencement conditions

N/A

Explanation of how the Authority has worked positively with the applicant/agent

The Authority's Officers have appraised the scheme against the Development Plan and other material considerations and recommended changes to the proposal including the omission of the Juliet balcony and porch, so as to deliver sustainable development.